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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council, which has been arranged for **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. To be held at 7.30pm for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. Due to the current government coronavirus response, the parish council will be meeting online using Zoom.us. Meeting ID: 687 728 5966.

David Brough – Clerk to Harrold Parish Council

## AGENDA

1. **Public Open Forum (15 minutes):** This council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting.
  - **During the Public Open Forum:** Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda; items not on the agenda can be carried forward for a response at a later date. Any questions not presented to the council far enough in advance of the meeting may be noted and responded to at a later time.
  - **After the Public Open Forum:** Members of the public are asked to respect the fact that this is a meeting to conduct council business and interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.
2. **To receive apologies for absence and introductions**
3. **Disclosure of Interest** – members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any items on the Agenda.
4. **Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests**
5. **Approval of Minutes** from the Parish Council meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
6. **Clerk's report:**
  - Items sat with Bedford BC Highways:
    - Resolving the flooding of the zebra crossing – additional gulleys are planned to be installed. The poor state of the pavement by the Fish bar – works order has been raised and the clerk has been continuing to chase.
    - Change to parking signage where additional parking restrictions have been put in place around The Green – clerk has chased.

- Resolving bridge traffic lights issue/resurfacing bridge/relocating. New traffic light system design being created. Install now expected in early January – clerk has chased for actual date.
- New bollard – corner of Orchard Lane/High St. Approved and works order raised.

Items sat with Street Ranger:

- Installing dog bag dispensers – on hold for social distancing reasons
- Fixing broken bollards on The Green – additional bollards need fixing

#### 7. Correspondence (requiring council attention):

- *Multiple parishioners emailed with concern following the recent flash flooding and river flooding in Harrold. Clerk facilitated a meeting between the Bedford BC Senior Flood Risk Officer and parishioners. Item added to agenda to discuss further.*
- *Parishioner called in relation to the new bollard to be added to the corner of Orchard Lane; States that this will stop his business operating as the grain trucks won't be able to turn the junction.*

#### 8. Finance Report

- Approval for requests for monthly payments and noting of income, P&L variance and balances.

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Gross	Income
18 December 2020	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	2,492.29	
04 January 2021	Payroll: Red Shoes		90.00	
13 January 2021	Membership: BATPC Annual	BATPC Annual Fee	359.00	
13 January 2021	Project: HPFA Pavilion	Inv5: Tim Freeman	24,000.00	
13 January 2021	Other: External Audit	Mazars	720.00	
			<b>27,661.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>

#### 2020/21 - Balance Sheet - At January 2021

##### Accounts

Natwest Current Account	24,343
Natwest Bonus Saver	75,259
<b>TOTAL at Bank</b>	<b>99,603</b>
Funds allocated	70,816
General Reserve (estimated)	28,786
<b>TOTAL Funds</b>	<b>99,603</b>

#### 9. Precept for 2021/22

To agree the budget and precept for 2021/22 following receipt of the tax base from Bedford BC Finance.

#### 10. Planning applications

##### New

- APPLICATION NO: 20/03024/FUL Full Planning Application  
PROPOSAL: Extension of existing garage to form gym.  
LOCATION : Riverbank Carlton Road Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DS

- For noting only. The following appeal has been withdrawn by the appellant and no further action will be taken by the Planning Inspectorate:

APPEAL BY: Catesby Promotions Limited - Ed Barrett

PROPOSAL : Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and outline planning permission for residential development of up to 90 dwellings...

PLANNING NO: 19/00842/MAO INSPECTORATE NO: APP/K0235/W/19/3234032

LOCATION : Land Adjacent Harrold Lake Odell Road Harrold Bedfordshire

“The appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the failure of the Borough Council to determine the application is to be re-determined following a High Court challenge to the Inspector’s decision on the appeal. This does not necessarily mean that the Inspector will reach a different overall decision. A Public Inquiry will be held as a virtual meeting commencing at 10:00am on 20.04.2021 over multiple days.”

#### **11. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange**

The crime report for 1<sup>st</sup> December to 29<sup>th</sup> December showed four “Assaults” on Peach’s Close and one “Fear of provocation or violence” on the High St.

Community Priority: The North Rural Community Policing team have intimated that the current priority (focus) that targets “burglary” will be updated to another priority shortly, based on reduced burglary crime in comparison to 2019.

#### **12. Flooding in Harrold**

To discuss the recent flash flooding and river flooding in Harrold over the Christmas period and consider if any action is needed from the parish council.

#### **13. Borough Councillor’s report for Harrold Ward**

To be distributed to councillors prior to the meeting and made available on the parish council website.

#### **14. Streetlights**

To approve the final quote to upgrade the parish council owned streetlights to LED. Three quotes were provided and the council requested to tailor the quote from Zeta Group for approval.

#### **15. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- To receive a progress update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, including a proposal from the Steering Group to submit the final version of the plan (and supporting documents) for independent examination and onwards for a village referendum to formally adopt the plan (expected May 2021 at the earliest).

#### **16. Grant request: The Bridge magazine**

To consider the grant request from The Bridge magazine for £500 to cover printing costs. Full application circulated to councillors.

#### **17. HPFA Pavilion**

To receive a progress update on the pavilion refurbishment being undertaken by the HPFA (Harrold Playing Field Association) with financial support from the parish council.

#### **18. Noting of items for future agendas – no decisions can be taken**

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 10th February 2021 via Zoom**