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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

- Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chairman), J Peverell, J Calver, P Pedersen, J Robinson, R Barrett, B Muller, H Paston, S Reger, G Green, G Turner.  
D Brough (Clerk).  
**Apologies accepted:** Cllrs A Littlemore (Work), E Thompson (Family).  
**Absent:** None.  
Borough Councillor Alison Foster (Could not attend due to a conflicting appointment).
- Public Open Forum:** 27 parishioners were present; McCann Homes had 4 representatives (including planning consultants).
  - Presentation from McCann Homes in relation to a proposed housing development in Harrold**  
Proposal put forward for 19 units (1, 2 and 3 bed houses), none above two storeys, to include 6 affordable units, a 4.8m wide entrance road (plus footpath), 50 parking spaces within the development, and a new playground with the same surface area as the current one. Village benefits presented, included: receipt of CIL funds, an extension to the Harrold Centre car park, a storage building for the Centre, and 12 spaces on offer (in addition to the other 50) for Brook Lane residents.
  - Receipt of a petition from a member of the public against the proposed development**  
A petition was received with 450 signatures against the proposed development.
  - Any other members of the public**  
6 parishioners addressed the meeting, whose concerns included:  
Access constraints especially at peak times, lack of village benefits, inability to stop indiscriminate parking in the 12 spaces offered to Brook Lane residents, loss of remaining green space, road safety for playground users, lack of supporting infrastructure, lack of proven need, future expansion to the north west, impact on nature, flood risk, parking constraints within the development, and alterations to the brook (confirmed not to affect it).
- Disclosure of Interest** – None.
- Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests** – None.

5. **Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.  
**Resolved** to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

6. **Clerk's report:**

Items sat with Bedford BC Highways:

- Resolving the flooding of the zebra crossing. Fixes to the poor state of the pavement by the Fish bar. Other carriage way works. **Complete**.

Other:

- Lychgate latch has broken – **Complete**. At councillor's request, requesting a carpenter to give a view on the state of the lych gate.
- Church Walk/The Green road sweeping booked for 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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

- *Email requesting growth be cut back from the stone wall by the bridge (complete) and resisting the introduction of CCTV to the village.* Shared with councillors.
- *Four emails sent via Harrold Centre Committee from residents requesting they don't sell land in relation to access for the proposed development by McCann Homes.* Noted.
- *Email requesting the Little Odell speed sign be placed further down the road towards the fire station, but thankful for the time it has been at Little Odell junction.* Clerk to action.

8. **Finance Report**

- The following payments were approved, and income and balances noted.

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Gross	Income
12 October 2021	Electricity: Street EON	Qtrly payment	347.18	
18 October 2021	Other: Various	MORELOCK SIGNS - Speed Sign	3,048.00	
18 October 2021	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	2,367.02	
22 October 2021	Electricity: Buttermarket EON	EON	52.82	
04 November 2021	Other: Various	Lych gate latch	30.15	
04 November 2021	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Riches Skips	268.00	
04 November 2021	Other: Various	Address sign for defib	11.68	
10 November 2021	Other: Insurance	Ecclesiastical 3 year LTA insurance	3,186.43	
			<b>11,547.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**2021/22 - Balance Sheet - At Nov 2021**

Accounts

Natwest Current Account	74,473
Natwest Bonus Saver	11,665
<b>TOTAL at Bank</b>	<b>86,138</b>
Funds allocated	59,921
VAT Refund due	-2,226
General Reserve (estimated)	28,442
<b>TOTAL Funds</b>	<b>86,138</b>

9. **Planning applications and enforcement**

APPLICATION NO: 21/02912/LBC Listed Building Consent Application

PROPOSAL: Removal of mono pitch roof and construction of pitched roof together with associated random stonework wall to reinstate historical form of pitched roof to outbuilding to west side of farmhouse LOCATION : Harrold Lodge Farm Lavendon Road Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7EF

**Resolved** not to object.

APPLICATION NO: 21/02134/LBC Listed Building Consent Application  
PROPOSAL: Replacement windows  
LOCATION : 23 Brook Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BW  
**Resolved** not to object.

APPLICATION NO: 21/02840/FUL Full Planning Application  
PROPOSAL: Single storey side garage extension, raise ground level and erect boundary fence  
LOCATION : 12 Harewelle Way Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DY  
**Resolved** not to object.

#### 10. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

*Crime report for Oct 2021 shared with the council. Noted.*

#### 11. CCTV

*Proposal from Cllr Calver (Rolled from September meeting): To discuss the need for CCTV in Harrold.*

**Resolved** that Cllr Paston will approach the borough council for advice on implementing CCTV before the item is placed back on the agenda.

#### 12. Saxon House End parking

*To revisit the below item from the September meeting; £1200 resident contribution was not reached: "Install a new bay of grasscrete for one car to a line that means the Openreach inspection chamber remains unaffected (Residents putting forward £1200 of the £1700 cost). **Resolved** to approve, subject to receipt of the £1200 contribution. If the contribution is not received then item to be brought back to the council."*

**Resolved** to run the new hedge along the edge of the grass area to restrict vehicles being parked on the grass, and not to implement an area of grasscrete.

Previously approved and not being revisited:

- **"Remove the existing low wooden fencing** starting outside the flats and going round to the straight section by the houses/where the current hedge starts. **Resolved** to approve."
- **"Plant shrubbery/hedging up to the inspection cover** – choice of plant to be chosen by Working Group (Quote c.£1600) **Resolved** to approve up to £1600 using volunteers from the council for the labour (Cllrs Turner, Barrett, Robinson)."

#### 13. Section 19 Flood Report

*To receive the borough council Section 19 Flood Report:*

*As the Lead Local Flood Authority, the borough council has duties under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to investigate a flood event. This investigative report has now been released and covers the flood events (river and surface flooding) from the 23rd December to 26th December 2020 when parts of the borough experienced widespread and exceptional flooding to a level not reached since the Easter flooding of 1998. The purpose of the investigation is to identify the reported impacts and likely causes of flooding, develop informed actions to reduce the risk of flooding in affected locations and/or increase the preparedness of communities for future flood events.*

Report noted and available in the Communications section of the parish council website.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up on report actions with the borough council, starting with a site meeting.

#### 14. Road Safety fund

*To determine whether to apply to the Road Safety Fund:*

*"The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), have announced the opening of their Road Safety Funds for community groups and partners to bid into, to try and reduce the number of people harmed on roads. This is the second round of bids available for this fund in this financial year. This year, the (OPCC) is encouraging applications from projects and organisations that are more about an intelligence-driven approach. This will help give the public education around not driving whilst under the influence, not using mobile phones whilst driving, wearing*

*seat belts as well as speeding.” Action:* To submit a retrospective application for the new Speed Indication Device.

**15. Gritting pavements**

*To decide whether to continue with the gritting of the High St pavements, based on the effectiveness of previous years.*

**Resolved** to continue with pavement gritting. Edit: Contractor is no longer able to provide this service.

**16. Speeding in Harrold**

- *Monthly item to discuss speeding in Harrold, and to note the data from the Speed Indication Devices. No new data taken from speed signs this month.*
- *Review article from Cllr Muller summarising speed data recorded in Harrold. Article to be placed on the parish council Facebook page and in the next The Bridge magazine.*

**17. Borough Councillor’s report for Harrold Ward**

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

**18. Neighbourhood Development Plan update**

Next steps: Referendum date is set for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Steering Group met to create a flyer encouraging residents to vote – these will be delivered to every house – also planned a drop-in session for residents under the Buttermarket on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 8th December 2021 (Harrold Centre)**