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MINUTES

Minutes of the parish council meeting held 11th August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

- Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chairman), J Peverell, J Calver, G Turner, P Pedersen, J Robinson, A Littlemore.
D Brough (Clerk), Borough Councillor Alison Foster.
Apologies accepted: Cllrs E Thompson (Away), B Muller.
Absent: Cllrs H Paston, S Reger, R Barrett.
- Public Open Forum:** Four members of the public were in attendance:
 - Two members of the public addressed the council to object to the Saxon House End parking proposal, which is currently in a consultation period. Also requested to know if a permit parking scheme was possible (Clerk raised with BBC Highways)
 - A third raised that the cyclist/horse rider crossing button on the main bridge was not giving enough time to cross (Clerk raised with BBC Highways)
- Cooption to fill the Casual Vacancy**
Resolved to coopt Gaby Green to the council (Proposed: R Tickle, Seconded: P Pedersen).
- Disclosure of Interest** – None.
- Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests** – None.
- Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 14th July 2021.
Resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
- Clerk's report:**
Actions from the previous meeting:
 - Added Harrold to BBC Highways' list for average speed cameras
 - Two further quotes sought for felling of diseased oak tree on Lower Green
 - Saxon House End parking consultation initiated
 - Church clock quarter chime mechanism repaired – Ward fund monies received
 - Two picnic benches for Harewelle Way playground have been purchased – awaiting deliveryItems sat with Bedford BC Highways:
 - Resolving the flooding of the zebra crossing – additional gullies are planned to be installed. The poor state of the pavement by the Fish bar – works order has been raised

and is expected to be carried out in the new financial year, although a temporary fix has been carried out.

- 20mph speed limit extension towards New Road – Highways are not prioritising this.

Items sat with Street Ranger:

- Fixing broken bollards on The Green – expected to be complete by the time of the meeting.

Other:

- Streetlights: Upgrade is in progress. Western Power are required to attend to switch over the electrical connection before some of the new lights can be switched on, and old lanterns removed.

8. Correspondence (requiring council attention):

- *Four parishioners have so far responded to the Saxon House End parking consultation.*
Noted.

9. Finance Report

- The following payments were approved:

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Gross	Income
14 July 2021	Cemetary Income:			445.00
19 July 2021	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	2,201.47	
28 July 2021	Other: Various	Annual ICO fee	35.00	
28 July 2021	Other: Various	Street Ranger bags	26.00	
02 August 2021	Electricity: Buttermarket EON		14.06	
04 August 2021	Other: Various	Woodberry - picnic benches	426.00	
04 August 2021	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Riches Skips	268.00	
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11 August 2021	Church Clock: Clock Repair	Final payment: Smiths of Derby	1,237.86	
			4,476.39	445.00

- Council received the outcome of the external audit by Mazars: no Major or Minor issues raised.

10. Planning applications and enforcement

- *To consider a response to the Issues and Options consultation for the borough council's Local Plan 2040.*

Resolved to put forward a response supporting option 2a from the Development Strategy, in favour of growth adjacent to the existing urban area in Bedford rather than the other options, which included disjointed development either along the A6 or A1. Cllr Robinson to write the full response. Clerk will then share this with other local parish councils requesting they align in the option choice to provide unity and strength in the response.

New

APPLICATION NO: 21/02101/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application

PROPOSAL: Copper Beech (T1) - 1.5m to 2m crown reduction, going easier on the top; crown raise to 5.2m; and 15% crown thin

LOCATION : 49 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BH

Resolved not to object.

Previous applications where HPC commented or objected

- APPLICATION NO: 21/01610/S73A Retrospective planning permission Application
PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension with abutment roof light (Development already carried out)
LOCATION : 21 Wood Road Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BS
HPC: Objected. Bedford BC: Awaiting decision.
- **Amended plans:** APPLICATION NO: 21/00442/FUL Full Planning Application
PROPOSAL: Erection of residential apartment building comprising 2 two-bed dwellings and 1 one-bed dwelling; and associated car parking and landscaping
LOCATION : Land To The Rear Of 72 High Street Harrold Bedfordshire
HPC: Previously objected (Material choice/overshadowing).

HPC: Removed previous objection and requested a “condition” on materials. Bedford BC: Awaiting decision – confirmed they will not consult HPC on materials

- *APPLICATION NO: 21/00574/FUL Full Planning Application*
PROPOSAL: Replacement windows, re-roofing, and demolish and re-build side wall.
LOCATION : 1 Brook Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BW
HPC: Objected (UPVC windows in Conservation Area). Bedford BC: Granted
- *APPLICATION NO: 21/00628/FUL Full Planning Application*
PROPOSAL: Replacement windows and doors, re-roofing, demolish and re-build side wall, conversion of attached two storey side storage area into habitable space, and external alterations.
LOCATION : 3 Brook Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BW
HPC: Objected, Bedford BC: Granted

11. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

Crime report for July 2021 shared with the council. No actions.

12. Lower Green maintenance

- *To review the levels of anti-social behaviour at the Lower Green and to note police activity/progress.*
Noted that the police have recently interviewed those responsible for multiple instances of ASB and trespass during the summer.
- *To agree a council response to a resident of the Lower Green in relation to: 1) a request for a double depth, hawthorn hedge, protected temporarily by a wire fence, down to the water’s edge, 2) a request to move the life saving equipment away from the resident’s fence (Full email request shared with councillors).*
Resolved not to allow any hedge to be planted at the Lower Green.
Resolved not to move the life-saving equipment. Cllr Littlemore requested an agenda item for the next meeting for the purchase of an additional life ring, to be placed higher up the bank away from the water level during flooding.

13. Speeding in Harrold

Monthly item to discuss speeding in Harrold, and to note the data from the Speed Indication Devices.

Cllr Muller was not present to discuss the speed data.

14. New Speed Sign (VAS)

Proposal from Cllr Calver (Rolled from June/July 2021 meetings):

- *To consider the purchase of an additional VAS from Morelock signs at £2,795 (solar). Separate column will be required if solar panel is chosen.*
Item to be rolled to the next meeting.

15. Borough Councillor’s report for Harrold Ward

Distributed to councillors prior to the meeting and made available on the parish council website.

16. Neighbourhood Development Plan update

- *To note progress on the plan, which is currently with the Independent Examiner following the completion of the Regulation 16 (Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012) consultation.*

Noted that the plan was still with the examiner. The examiner has reached out for further information and amendments to the plan on three occasions; these requests, and the provided information, can be found on the parish council’s website.

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

None

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