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**Minutes of the Harrold Parish Council meeting
held 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre**

Present: Cllrs Robert Tickle (Chairman), John Calver, Bob Muller, Geoff Turner, Sebastian Reger, Heather Paston, Richard Barrett, Jonathan Robinson, Pat Pedersen, Dina Malick.

In attendance: David Brough (Clerk), Borough Councillor Alison Foster.

Public Open Forum: No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies accepted:** Cllrs Eddie Thompson (Unwell), Jayne Peverell (Away).

Absent: Gaby Green.

2. **Disclosure of Interest:** None.

3. **Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests:** None.

4. **Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 14th December 2022
Resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. **Clerk's report on actions:**

- . Memorial trees: Planting of two Hall Close, one Meadway, and two trees at Mowhills is planned for January (BBC schedule). Three of those trees will be memorials.
- . Bench maintenance booked to start in the Spring.
- . New Lower Green bin has been ordered.
- . HPFA Pavilion defibrillator cabinet has been ordered. Awaiting delivery date.
- . New Road streetlights LED upgrade has been requested. Awaiting lantern delivery date.

6. **Correspondence (new items requiring council attention):**

- . No new items requiring council attention.

7. Finance Report

- The following payments were approved and income noted. Balances noted as below:

Invoice Date	Payment	Payee	Details	Gross	Income
12 December 2022	Grass: In Trim	In Trim		648.00	
12 December 2022	Payroll: Red Shoes	Red Shoes	Qtrly payment	93.60	
12 December 2022	Other: Various	G Turner	Expenses: Xmas tree decorations	245.87	
12 December 2022	Rural grant - Lych gate	BBC			3,000.00
16 December 2022	Staff costs	Multiple		3,960.04	
19 December 2022	Other: Various	Community Heartbeat Trust	HPFA Defib cabinet	660.00	
19 December 2022	Other: Various	Kingfisher Direct	Lower Green bin	1,367.40	
21 December 2022	Project: New trees	Falon Nameplates	Memorial plaques	411.60	
22 December 2022	Electricity: Buttermarket EON	EON		36.72	
29 December 2022	Other: Various	ClerksCouncilsDirect	Freedom certificate	111.18	
30 December 2022	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Riches Skips		280.00	
30 December 2022	Office: Supplies	Natwest	Bank charges	8.40	
03 January 2023	Other: Various	J Robinson	Expenses: Lych gate barriers	35.76	
				7,858.57	3,000.00

Balance Sheet - At Jan 2023

Accounts	£
Natwest Current Account	79,943
Natwest Bonus Saver	0
TOTAL at Bank	79,943
Remainder of budget	12,018
Playground reserve	30,000
Flood channel reserve	7,455
VAT Refund due	-5,129
Grants expected	0
General Reserve (estimated)	35,599
TOTAL Funds	79,943

8. Budget/Precept 2023/24

To agree the budget and set the precept for 2023/24.

A lengthy and involved debate occurred in relation to the budget that represented mixed feelings between increasing the precept to accrue for the replacement of parish council assets in the future (taking into account a 10% inflation rate) versus the impact of increasing the precept on personal finances during an energy crisis. The parish council maintains a number of playgrounds and play equipment, listed monuments, and street furniture. The following proposals were put forward:

- Cllr Turner: A 7.1% increase in Band D council tax increasing the asset replacement accrual and the full grants budget. **Motion was not carried.**
- Cllr Reger: A 0% change in Band D council tax by reducing the budget for grants to organisations. **Motion was not carried.**
- Cllr Calver: A 3.0% increase in Band D council tax by merging the grants budget with the Harrold Centre grant budget. An increase in the precept from £86,577 to £89,173. **Motion carried.** Full budget breakdown available on request.

9. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

Recorded Date	Offence	Street	Area
14/12/2022	MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS	Eagle Way	Harrold
09/12/2022	THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	Priory Close	Harrold

No actions recorded.

10. Planning applications and enforcement

- Planning applications received since the last meeting – includes any received after the agenda is issued up to the date of the meeting:

APPLICATION NO: 23/00053/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Removal of existing lean-to rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension, removal of porch and replacement with two storey front extension LOCATION : 51 Orchard Lane Harrold
Resolved not to comment/object to this application.

11. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward

Report distributed to councillors and available on request.

12. Noting of any further items for future agendas – no decisions can be taken

- Councillors to advise if an agenda item is needed for the King's Coronation in May 2023.
- Cllr Calver: Christmas lights for the roof of the Buttermarket.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 8th February 2023 (Harrold Centre)**