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MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

- 1. Public forum (Names always withheld for Data Protection)**
No members of the public were in attendance.
- 2. Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chair), J Peverell, J Calver, E Thompson, B Muller, D Brough (Clerk), R Barrett, F Ross, G Turner, A Bryce, P Pedersen.
Apologies: S Reger (Work), H Paston (Family commitments)
Absent: A Foster (Borough Cllr).
- 3. Disclosure of Interest** – Cllr Muller declared a personal interest in item 9.5 (20/02555/TPO).
- 4. Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests** – None.
- 5. Approval of Minutes** from the Parish Council meeting held 14th October 2020.
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 – additional gulleys are planned to be installed. No date has been provided yet.
 - The poor state of the pavement by the Fish bar – works order has been raised.
 - Additional single yellow line on the High St, double yellows on a small narrow section of The Green and removal of a High St bus bay following the public consultation – lines have been completed and changes to the signage are still awaited – clerk has chased.
 - Extending the 20mph speed limit towards Lavendon – requested by parish council, but Highways are not prioritising.
 - Resolving bridge traffic lights issue/resurfacing bridge. New traffic light system design being created. Install expected in early January 2021.Items sat with Street Ranger:
 - Varnishing Lower Green bins and fixing broken bollards on The Green
 - Installing dog bag dispensers – on hold for social distancing reasonsItems sat with 3rd parties:
 - Streetlight upgrade: EON, Zeta Group and Andy Muskett Ltd have quoted. Clerk tailoring the quotes for a council decision and investigating a Salix government-backed loan.

Other items:

- Bench on the High St was struck by a vehicle and damaged. Driver has reimbursed the parish council and the bench has been repaired and reinstated.
- Clerk met Bedford BC Rights of Way team and Taylor Wimpey at footpath near Harewelle Way playground. TW have agreed to install a short section of wooden fence along the brook (steep drop). Now complete.

7. Correspondence (requiring council attention):

- *Parishioner emailed again requesting the cemetery be tidied.* Clerk met the parishioner at the cemetery to discuss the works but has been waiting for the Street Ranger to complete his normal work before he has availability.

8. Finance Report

- The following payments were approved. Income and balances were noted. Variance analysis was discussed; there were no material differences between actual spending and the budget.

Ref #	Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Gross	Income
Trans109	15 October 2020	Plants & Trees: Memorial Wreath	RBL Wreath	50.00	
Trans111	19 October 2020	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	2,357.03	
Trans112	19 October 2020	Other: Various	Fusion Fabrications: Bench repair	504.00	
Trans113	20 October 2020	Other: Various	Leaflet printing: White Hart Press	85.00	
Trans114	21 October 2020	Cemetery Income:			168.00
Trans115	04 November 2020	Electricity: Buttermarket EON	EON	47.11	
Trans116	05 November 2020	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Riches Skips	268.00	
Trans117	11 November 2020	Other: Various	Xmas Tree base: Postcrete	51.00	
Trans118	11 November 2020	Project: HPFA Pavilion	Inv2: Tim Freeman	9,600.00	
Trans119	11 November 2020	Other: Various	Memorial Wall plaque glue	5.60	
				12,967.74	168.00

Accounts

Natwest Current Account	76,528	
Natwest Bonus Saver	75,259	
Bucks Building Society	0	CLOSED
TOTAL at Bank	151,788	
Funds allocated	129,573	
General Reserve (estimated)	22,215	
TOTAL Funds	151,788	

9. Planning applications

New

- *APPLICATION NO: 20/02297/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application*
PROPOSAL: T1 - Purple Plum - Remove to ground level. T2 - Copper Beech - Crown Lift to 4m inside the garden only. T3 - Weeping Willow -Remove to ground level.
LOCATION : 1 Hall Close Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DU
Resolved not to object.
- *APPLICATION NO: 20/02397/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application*
PROPOSAL: Reduce Beech Trees by 50%, fell 8 Beech trees to ground level, crown reduce lime tree by 30% and remove dead wood.
LOCATION : 4 Hall Close Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DU

Resolved to object on the basis that no report has been submitted to show that trees to be felled are causing any issues. A previous tree in this section was removed, but on the basis of an investigatory report showing it was the cause of structural issues to a nearby building.

- *APPLICATION NO: 20/02443/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application*
PROPOSAL: x2 Ash, x1 Lime - re pollard. x1 Ash and x1 Horse Chestnut - Crown reduce by 30%
LOCATION : 135 - 137 Odell Road Odell Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7AP
Resolved not to object.
- *APPLICATION NO: 20/02205/FUL Full Planning Application*
PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension and alterations
LOCATION : 123 Odell Road Odell Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7AP
Resolved not to object.
- *APPLICATION NO: 20/02555/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application*
PROPOSAL: T1 Copper Beech - Crown Reduce by up to 3 metres, Some Crown Thinning (5%) and Crown Lift as necessary over
LOCATION : 49 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BH
Resolved not to object (Cllr Muller did not vote).

10. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

Crime report for October 2020 showed: 1 Harassment, 1 Fear or provocation of violence.
No actions recorded.

11. Orchard Lane bollard

Proposal from Cllr Calver:

- *To install a Manchester bollard on the corner of the pavement where Orchard Lane meets the High St, where large vehicles are reported to have mounted the pavement when going round the corner. Bedford BC have confirmed there is room and estimate a cost of under £500. If the parish council requests it, then approval from the Highways manager will be required along with confirmation that the nearby landowner, who uses large farm machinery, has been consulted (Cllr Tickle has met with the landowner).*

Resolved to request Bedford BC to install a bollard in this location – cost to be met by the parish council.

12. Valuation of monuments

To consider a quote from Robinson & Hall for £950 to value the cost of rebuilding the parish council's listed monuments (War Memorial, Buttermarket, Lockup), and the Lych gate, for insurance purposes. Attempts to source additional quotes have not been forthcoming during this period.

Resolved to approve this quote, but to first enquire if the underwriter can carry out the survey at no cost.

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.

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14. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive a progress update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

- The final consultation on the draft neighbourhood plan is now complete, and the analysis of responses is being carried out. Residents received a paper survey through the door (freepost return) or could complete the survey electronically through the parish council website (Survey Monkey).

- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are still considering how to amend the plan due to one of the three sites being withdrawn by the landowner (Land at Priory Farm). The Steering Group are taking advice from Bedford BC and consultants about how to treat this potential reallocation of dwellings, as Harrold is still expected to allocate land for 25 dwellings in total, in line with the Local Plan 2030. Once this has been researched further the Steering Group will return with proposed next steps.
- The plan will then be updated with the revised approach, and incorporate any relevant feedback from the consultation. Once finalised, it will be submitted to the Bedford BC for official examination. The final step would then normally be a village referendum to formally accept the plan – unfortunately this is not allowed to happen until at least May 2021 due to government Covid restrictions.

15. 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.

The clerk was shown around the pavilion by HPFA, and can report good progress; new roof timbers have been installed and various internal wall alterations have been made, including the creation of the wheelchair-accessible toilet. The parish council has received and approved the first two invoices.

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

The dog bin on Church Walk is in need of maintenance. The clerk will raise this with Bedford BC.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th December 2020 via Zoom