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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

1. **Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chairman), J Calver, P Pedersen, B Muller, S Reger, G Turner, A Littlemore, G Green, J Robinson, R Barrett,  
**Apologies accepted:** Cllrs E Thompson (Unwell), J Peverell (Unwell).  
**In attendance:** Borough Councillor Alison Foster, D Brough (Clerk).  
**Absent:** Cllr H Paston.
2. **Public Open Forum (15 minutes):** No members of the public were present.
3. **Disclosure of Interest:** None.
4. **Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests:** None.
5. **Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.  
**Resolved** to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
6. **Clerk's report:**
  - New trees: working with BBC Tree Officer to plant new trees in Harrold, based off the parish council's decision on locations.
  - Environment Agency flood camera at the bridge is now operational but restricted access to the Flood Group/Parish Council.
  - Lych gate at St Peter's church may need repairing. Clerk met 4x4 Joinery on site to discuss works and a quote is imminent. Also to reach out to Oakgate Joinery for a quote.
  - BBC Executive Committee meeting (5<sup>th</sup> Jan) have resolved to "make" the Neighbourhood Development Plan following the referendum in November.
  - McCann Homes proposed development (Land off Brook Lane): Harrold Centre Committee decided not to agree to the sale of land for access, following the parish council's decision at the December meeting not to provide support.
7. **Correspondence (requiring council attention):**
  - None requiring council attention.
8. **Finance Report**
  - The following payments were approved and income and balances noted.

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Method	Gross	Income
13 December 2021	Grass: In Trim		S/O	552.00	
13 December 2021	Bottle Bank: Income	Bedford BC	DPC		266.29
20 December 2021	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	DPC	2,512.81	
21 December 2021	Electricity: Buttermarket EON	EON	D/D	65.45	
21 December 2021	Bottle Bank: 50% share to HCC	Harrold Centre	DPC	399.44	
12 January 2022	Payroll: Red Shoes		DPC	90.00	
12 January 2022	Other: Various	Hickford - Flood Camera column	DPC	650.00	
				<u>4,269.70</u>	<u>266.29</u>

## 2021/22 - Balance Sheet - At Jan 2022

### Accounts

Natwest Current Account	61,364
Natwest Bonus Saver	11,665
<b>TOTAL at Bank</b>	<b>73,028</b>
Funds allocated	46,442
VAT Refund due	-2,843
General Reserve (estimated)	29,429
<b>TOTAL Funds</b>	<b>73,028</b>

- To agree the budget and precept for 2022/23

**Resolved** to set the precept at £86,577 and adopt the budget that leads to this precept figure; an increase from the previous year, where a precept of £81,128 was set. A Band D property will see an annual council tax attributable to the parish council of £124.09, up from £120.10 from the prior year – a 3.3% rise. Increase mainly relates to an accrual for the future replacement of parish council assets: playgrounds, lych gate, outdoor gym, skatepark, buttermarket, lockup, standpipes, streetlights, war memorial and others.

## 9. Planning applications and enforcement

*APPLICATION NO: 21/03309/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application*

*PROPOSAL: T1 - Beech - Crown Reduce the southern side of the large Beech tree in the rear garden by 2-3 metres (to previous pruning) and remove any deadwood, in order to prevent the canopy from developing further over the building.*

*LOCATION : 10 Hall Close Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DU*

**Resolved** not to object.

*APPLICATION NO: 21/03260/S73A Retrospective planning permission Application*

*PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (development already commenced)*

*LOCATION : Riverbank Carlton Road Harrold MK43 7DS*

**Resolved** to submit the following comment: Request that a sympathetic palette of materials be used, in line with the original planning application, due to the proximity of the Grade 2 listed bridge.

## 10. Skate ramp resurfacing

*To approve a quote for £680 from King Ramps for resurfacing the black ramp at the skate park. Work is budgeted for and requires redoing approximately every 3 years.*

**Resolved** to accept this quote.

**11. Annual church clock service contract**

*To approve a continuation of the church clock service contract from Smiths of Derby. Clock servicing in 2022, 2023, 2024, all for £569 for 3 years. Or annually at £205, subject to fluctuation.*

**Resolved** to accept the 3-year quote.

**12. Standing item: Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Working Group**

*Cllrs Tickle, Pedersen, Peverell, Calver.*

Working group to meet shortly to make a plan for the Jubilee. Update expected at the February meeting.

**13. Standing item: Lower Green Working Group**

*To assess the current condition of the area, with a view to working up proposals for the ongoing and future maintenance and/or improvements at the Lower Green.*

*Cllrs Tickle, Pedersen, Green, Robinson, Barrett, Turner, Littlemore.*

Working group due to meet shortly with a proposal for the council.

**Action:** Clerk to share extent of the brook maintenance covered by the Street Ranger.

**14. Standing item: Speeding in Harrold**

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

No data for sharing. Agenda item to remain each month for whenever data is available.

Action: Clerk to ask BBC Highways when speed strips will be laid for a decision as to the next

**15. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward**

Report distributed to councillors and made available on the parish council website. Available on request.

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

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 9th February 2022 (Harrold Centre)**