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MINUTES

Minutes of the parish council meeting held 13th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

- 1. Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chairman), J Peverell, J Calver, P Pedersen, J Robinson, E Thompson, R Barrett, B Muller.
D Brough (Clerk).
Apologies accepted: Cllrs A Littlemore (Work), H Paston (Unwell), S Reger (Work), G Green (Unwell), G Turner (Work).
Absent: None.
Borough Councillor Alison Foster (Could not attend due to a conflict with a BBC meeting).
- 2. Public Open Forum (15 minutes):** Five members of the public were present, but nobody addressed the council.
- 3. Disclosure of Interest –** None.
- 4. Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests –** None.
- 5. Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 8th September 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 – additional gullies are planned to be installed. Fixes to the poor state of the pavement by the Fish bar. Works planned for 25th to 29th October 9am to 3.30pm (Road closure).Other:
 - Streetlights: Upgrade is complete.
 - Lychgate latch has broken – new one ordered.
 - Church Walk/The Green road sweeping booked for 5th November.
- 7. Correspondence (requiring council attention):**
 - Email to request for assistance in clearing the path of ivy by the Fire HQ and clearing of a ditch in Odell.* Clerk has asked the Street Ranger to quote for trimming a section of 10-20 metres of the path, and spoken to Odell Parish Council about the ditch, who are planning a site visit.
 - Multiple emails requesting assistance with verge parking on a grass verge owned by the borough council in Eagle Way, which has stopped the borough council grass cutters in the*

past. Current request for bollards on the verge. Clerk has requested advice from BBC Highways.

8. Finance Report

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

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Gross	Income
02 September 2021	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Riches Skips	268.00	
06 September 2021	Staff costs	Pension	166.70	
06 September 2021	Bottle Bank: Income			
08 September 2021	Payroll: Red Shoes		90.00	
13 September 2021	Grass: In Trim		552.00	
13 September 2021	Precept Income	Second half		40,564.00
16 September 2021	Cemetery Income:			30.00
17 September 2021	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	2,354.81	
21 September 2021	Electricity: Buttermarket EON		49.40	
24 September 2021	Other: Various	Street Ranger broom	13.49	
05 October 2021	Cemetery Income:			168.00
13 October 2021	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Riches Skips	268.00	
13 October 2021	Other: Various	Lych gate latch	30.15	
13 October 2021	Other: Various	JRB Enterprise - Dog bags	204.00	
13 October 2021	Plants & Trees: Memorial Wreath	RBL Wreaths	35.98	
			6,295.00	40,762.00

2021/22 - Balance Sheet - At Oct 2021

Accounts

Natwest Current Account	84,744
Natwest Bonus Saver	11,665
TOTAL at Bank	96,409
Funds allocated	30,257
VAT Refund due	-2,000
General Reserve (estimated)	68,152
TOTAL Funds	96,409

9. Planning applications and enforcement

No new applications.

10. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

Crime report for Sep 2021 shared with the council. Priority meetings attended by Cllr Pedersen and the Clerk have returned a new priority of Speeding for the North Rural Community Policing Team to focus on.

11. CCTV

Proposal from Cllr Calver: To discuss the need for CCTV in Harrold.

Action: Roll item to the next meeting where more councillors might be present.

12. Lower Green Working Group

Working Group created in September 2021 for the Lower Green to assess the current condition of the area, with a view to working up proposals for the ongoing and future maintenance and/or improvements to the area.

To agree an approach and outline for a Terms of Reference for the group.

Cllr Barrett to send out a poll to find a suitable time for the working group to meet.

The **Terms of Reference** will contain the following responsibilities:

- To prepare a set of proposals to bring to full council in relation to maintenance and improvements to the Lower Green in Harrold.
- Where there is no consistent agreement to the proposals, all will be presented, with clarification over who – or how many – councillors supported each.
- Proposals are to consider, but not limited to, the following areas:
 - Tidiness of the Lower Green
 - Maintenance and related costs
 - Balancing the protection of residents versus the amenity of the area to the public
 - Safety considerations
 - Environmental considerations
 - Anti-social behaviour (including BBQs and noise)
- Cllr Tickle to take notes and bring proposals forward to full council

13. Speeding in Harrold

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

Cllr Muller talked through the speed data, which is available on request. Cllr Muller may write a summary of the data for a future The Bridge article.

14. New Speed Sign (VAS)

Proposal from Cllr Calver (Rolled from June/July/August/September 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.*

Resolved to purchase an additional VAS without solar panels. Cllr Calver will charge this sign.

15. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward

No report provided – Borough Councillor Foster was not able to attend this meeting due to a conflict with a BBC meeting.

16. Neighbourhood Development Plan update

- The plan has now been approved by the borough council for the referendum, following the Independent Examiner assessment.
- Next steps: Referendum date is set for Thursday 18th November 2021. Steering Group is to meet to create and distribute a flyer encouraging residents to vote, and arrange for a drop-in session for residents under the Buttermarket.

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

None.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th November 2021 (Harrold Centre)