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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

- 1. Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chairman), J Peverell, J Calver, P Pedersen, B Muller, S Reger, G Turner, E Thompson.  
**Apologies accepted:** Cllrs A Littlemore (Work), G Green (Unwell), J Robinson (Childcare), R Barrett (Work), H Paston (Childcare).  
**In attendance:** Borough Councillor Alison Foster, D Brough (Clerk), and two parishioners.  
**Absent:** None.
- 2. Public Open Forum:**
  - Parishioner addressed the council in relation to item 13 (Youth Club Grant Request), explaining the proposal and answering questions from councillors.
- 3. Disclosure of Interest:** None.
- 4. Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests:** None.
- 5. Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.  
**Resolved** to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 6. Clerk's report:**
  - New trees: three locations for new trees requires permission from BBC Highways. Permission not given for tree by New Road. Clerk working with BBC Tree Officer to form a planting plan with BBC.
  - Lower Green oak removal: The diseased oak on the Lower Green has now been felled.
  - Remaining resurfacing works on the road at The Green have now been completed.
  - Flood Group is now operational, following training. Additional Flood Sacks purchased from Calendar funds have been received.
  - Site meeting with John Molyneux (Chief Officer managing the Resilience Team) arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> December to agree how to take forward the actions from the S19 Flood Report.
  - Column for flood camera at the bridge has been installed. Camera company preparing for camera install.
  - Gritting of pavements: Contractor has confirmed he no longer provides this service. Lack of service to be publicised, along with reminder of locations of salt bins.

## 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           |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------|-----------------|
| 05 November 2021 | Staff costs                   | Salaries & PAYE  | D/D    | 2,365.35        |
| 08 November 2021 | Other: Various                | Clarke's Outdoor Services - Clearance by bridge and post for Green | DPC    | 200.00          |
| 09 November 2021 | Other: Various                | Bespoke Media - Flyers for NDP                                     | DPC    | 100.00          |
| 11 November 2021 | Grass: In Trim                |  | S/O    | 552.00          |
| 15 November 2021 | Other: Various                | Delivery of NDP flyers   | DPC    | 100.00          |
| 24 November 2021 | Electricity: Buttermarket EON | EON  | D/D    | 59.19           |
| 29 November 2021 | Other: Various                | Flood Group - water tubs   | DPC    | 165.00          |
| 29 November 2021 | Other: Various                | Flood Group - Flood sacks Aspli                                    | DPC    | 588.96          |
| 29 November 2021 | Other: Various                | Len Worrall - Buttermarket Electrics EICR and repair               | DPC    | 467.00          |
| 29 November 2021 | Harrold Centre Room Hire      | Meeting room hire 2021 To Date                                     | DPC    | 288.00          |
| 08 December 2021 | Plants & Trees: Lower Green   | Heritage Arb. Lower Green oak.                                     | DPC    | 2,160.00        |
| 08 December 2021 | Training: Cllrs               | Norfolk PTS - 3 councillors induction                              | DPC    | 150.00          |
|                  |                               |  |        | <u>7,195.50</u> |

### 2021/22 - Balance Sheet - At Dec 2021

#### Accounts

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Natwest Current Account     | 67,222        |
| Natwest Bonus Saver         | 11,665        |
| <b>TOTAL at Bank</b>        | <b>78,887</b> |
| Funds allocated             | 52,685        |
| VAT Refund due              | -2,685        |
| General Reserve (estimated) | 28,887        |
| <b>TOTAL Funds</b>          | <b>78,887</b> |

## 9. Planning applications and enforcement

APPLICATION NO: 21/02845/FUL Full Planning Application PROPOSAL: Demolition of outbuildings and conservatory. Erection of one and two storey front, side and rear extensions and external alterations.

LOCATION : 137 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7ED

**Resolved** not to object.

APPLICATION NO: 21/02911/FUL Full Planning Application PROPOSAL: Removal of mono pitch roof and construction of pitched roof together with associated random stonework wall to reinstate historical form of pitched roof to outbuilding to west side of farmhouse

LOCATION : Harrold Lodge Farm Lavendon Road Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7EF

**Resolved** not to object.

APPLICATION NO: 21/03066/FUL Full Planning Application PROPOSAL: First floor pitched roof rear extensions to replace existing flat roofs, render boards and smooth render to exterior, re-roof garage with a pitched roof, solar panels to the South facing slope, electric car charging point and a deep boar type ground source heat exchange unit.

LOCATION : 57 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BH

**Resolved** not to object, but to comment:

- The impact on the character of the area: the choice of materials should be sympathetic with the area
- Requests timber windows and doors rather than UPVC

## 10. McCann Homes development (Land off Brook lane, Harrold)

*Proposal from Cllr Tickle: The parish council does not support McCann Homes' development proposal for the land belonging to the Harrold Centre and the fields behind, and proposes to request the Harrold Centre trustees not to provide access for this purpose.*

**Motion carried** due to: a perceived lack of community benefit, lack of community support, unsuitable access, and the loss of green space in the centre of the village.

#### **11. McCann Homes development (Land off Brook lane, Harrold)**

*Proposal from Cllr Robinson:*

- *To form a working group with the Harrold Centre trustees for the purposes of discussing the development of the land behind the Harrold Centre and specifically how any proceeds from any sale of the land would be used for the benefit of the village.*
- *To seek professional advice where necessary so the trustees and the parish council can understand how the structure of any deal to sell the land may look (not withstanding that any such support for an application is a separate matter) to allow an informed decision to be made by the parish council based on all the facts, rather than making any decision in haste.*

Proposal not discussed due to the motion at item 10 being carried.

#### **12. Electrics on The Green**

*To consider a quote to replace the broken uplighters on The Green, including additional units to light up the war memorial.*

**Resolved** to approve the quote to replace the broken uplighters (£1145) and also to light the war memorial with additional uplighters (£1305), with £100 contingency for either project.

#### **13. Grant request**

*To consider a grant request from Harrold, Odell and Carlton Youth Club for £1200 for hall hire, youth leader costs, and miscellaneous stationery/orienting/advertising. Grant application form circulated to councillors.*

**Resolved** not to provide a grant at the current time. Council is supportive of the idea and requests applicant to return with the following information:

- Once the proposal has been investigated with the target audience, to return with an indication of the level of interest
- Further financial information based on expected demand (Business Plan)
- Confirmation if a one-off payment is sought, or ongoing financial support

#### **14. Platinum Jubilee - Queen Elizabeth II**

*Proposal from Cllr Calver: To consider any plans for marking the occasion of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.*

*The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II will be marked in 2022 in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II on 6 February 1952. The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone.*

**Action:** A number of potential ideas were discussed and a working group formed – Cllrs Tickle, Pedersen, Peverell, Calver – to return to a future meeting with proposals.

#### **15. Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange**

*Crime report for Nov 2021 shared with the council.* No actions noted.

#### **16. Standing item – Lower Green Working Group update**

*To note any updates from the Working Group 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 at the Lower Green. (Cllrs Pedersen, Tickle, Green, Robinson, Barrett, Turner, Littlemore).*

Working group has not yet met. Clerk to reshare Terms of Reference.

#### **17. Standing item – Speeding in Harrold**

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

No new data has been taken from the speed signs.

**Action:** Borough Councillor Foster to discuss with BBC about the perception that buses are speeding in Harrold.

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

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

**19. Neighbourhood Development Plan update**

Referendum held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. 318 Yes votes, 53 No votes, which means that those voting have voted in favour of making the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The final step is for the BBC Executive Committee to formally "make" the plan at their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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

None.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022 (Harrold Centre)**