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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

1. **Public Open Forum:** No members of the public were present.
2. **Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chairman), J Calver, P Pedersen, B Muller, G Turner, G Green, E Thompson.  
**Apologies accepted:** Cllrs J Peverell (Holiday), A Littlemore (Work), H Paston (Family), J Robinson (Prior engagement), R Barrett (Work).  
**In attendance:** Borough Councillor Alison Foster, D Brough (Clerk).  
**Absent:** Cllr S Reger.
3. **Disclosure of Interest** – Cllr Thompson declared a personal interest in item 13 (The Bridge grant request) and did not take part in this part of the meeting.
4. **Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests** – None
5. **Approval of Minutes** from the parish council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
**Resolved** to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
6. **Clerk's report:**
  - New trees: Clerk waiting for BBC Tree Officer to provide quote to plant new trees in Harrold based off the parish council's decision on locations.
  - Lych gate at St Peter's church may need repairing. 4x4 Joinery and Oakgate joinery quotes expected shortly.
7. **Correspondence (requiring council attention):**
  - *Parishioner emailed in relation to a footpath with loose barbed wire.* Clerk raised with BBC Rights of Way Officer who has attended and written to the landowner requesting for it to be made safe.
  - *Parishioner emailed in relation to speeding on Odell Road.* Clerk moved the speed sign to this location, requested Police speed checks, and updated the parishioner on the status of average speed cameras (new BBC policy).
  - *Parishioner emailed in relation to a footpath towards Dungee Road that is impassable in wet weather.* Clerk raised with BBC Rights of Way officer who will arrange for Mot Type 1 to be laid in one area, but the more central issue cannot be resolved.

## 8. Finance Report

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

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Method	Gross	Income
10 January 2022	Other: Various	Clarke's Outdoor Services - Posts for Green	DPC	117.00	
10 January 2022	Other: Various	Sacks for Street Ranger	DPC	22.60	
11 January 2022	Grass: In Trim		S/O	552.00	
17 January 2022	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	DPC	2,201.47	
24 January 2022	Electricity: Buttermarket EON	EON	D/D	66.30	
24 January 2022	Other: Various	STAGSDEN XMAS TREE	DPC	320.00	0.00
				<u>3,279.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>

### Accounts

Natwest Current Account	59,311
Natwest Bonus Saver	11,665
<b>TOTAL at Bank</b>	<b>70,976</b>
Funds allocated	44,526
VAT Refund due	-2,843
General Reserve (estimated)	29,293
<b>TOTAL Funds</b>	<b>70,976</b>

## 9. Planning applications and enforcement

APPLICATION NO: 21/02917/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of new replacement dwelling.

LOCATION : 35 Orchard Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BP

**Resolved** not to object.

APPLICATION NO: 22/00133/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Conversion of half of existing garage

LOCATION : 38 Roman Paddock Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7FR

**Resolved** not to object.

APPLICATION NO: 22/00159/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear/side extension.

LOCATION : 13 Church Walk Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DG

**Resolved** not to object. There is an expectation that the materials used will be in line with the requirements of the new Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### **Odell Neighbourhood Plan**

To agree a response to the Odell Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 15 consultation.

**Resolved** that there are no concerns with the plan.

### **To note only. Taken to appeal with the government Planning Inspectorate following refusal of planning permission by BBC Planning:**

PROPOSAL : Single storey side extension with abutment roof light (Development already carried out)

PLANNING NO: 21/01610/S73A

INSPECTORATE NO: APP/K0235/W/21/3288674

LOCATION : 21 Wood Road Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BS

#### 10. Youth club in Harrold

*Placeholder for approving funding of a youth club in Harrold. Awaiting final details of proposal. Proposal is awaiting further details, such as an expectation of demand, from a youth survey. There is a potential for support from Youth Services at the borough council, but they are also waiting for demand information.*

#### 11. Consultation from BBC: "Extra Powers for Council to Enforce On Our Roads"

*To agree a response to a BBC Highways consultation: to apply for power to enforce against 'moving traffic offences'. Currently, only the Police can enforce against these offences. "The moving traffic offences would be enforced on all roads across the Borough (except A421 and A1) where the appropriate signing and lining is in place. The offences include one way streets, no U-turn allowed, no left/right turns, no entry, box junctions, as well as areas where cars are not permitted such as cycle lanes, pedestrianised areas and School Streets."*

**Resolved** to provide full support for this approach.

#### 12. Harrold Pit run

*To approve the use of The Green (for insurance purposes) for the 38<sup>th</sup> Harrold Pit Run on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.*

**Resolved** to approve the use of The Green on the basis that further details will be provided showing the Public Liability insurance covers the event.

#### 13. Grant request - The Bridge magazine

*Request for £600 towards printing costs of £1720 per issue.*

**Resolved** to approve this grant request.

#### 14. Memorialisation request

*To respond to a request from a parishioner to fund one of the new trees in Harrold (on The Green) as a memorial to a family member and long-term Harrold resident who passed away last year.*

The parish council wishes to tribute the tree on The Green to the Queen's Jubilee – as such this particular tree is not available for memo.

**Resolved** to offer other trees within the tree proposal to Harrold residents for memorialisation. The costs will be subsidised by the parish council; residents re requested to put forward £150 and cover the cost of the plaque. Plaque size and wording are to be agreed.

**Resolved** to amend the Memorialisation Policy to include reference to sponsoring a tree as part of a parish council planting programme.

#### 15. Standing item: Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Working Group

Cllrs Tickle, Pedersen, Peverell, Calver.

Councillors will be hosting a public village event on The Green on the afternoon of Saturday 4th June from 2pm onwards to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

**Resolved** to approve the cost of an ice cream van (free ice creams) for two hours at a cost of £220 per hour.

**Resolved** to approve the tree (from the previously approve tree proposal) for The Green to be for the Queen's Jubilee. Clerk to purchase and arrange planting as soon as possible to ensure it is place for June.

**Other actions:** Cllr Pedersen to order bunting, flags, other decorations, and hire a face painter. Harrold Butchers should be holding a pig roast on The Green with The Oakley Arms also offering food and potentially a marquee. Cllr Calver arranging the music and asking the Scouts and sports clubs if they would like to be involved. Cllr Tickle to invite the Harrold Fire Service and is liaising with the school over decorations (shields) for the streetlights. Clerk to investigate road closures and an events licence from the borough council.

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

*To put forward a wider proposal, which includes a quote for approval for clearance works, for improvements to the Lower Green area.*

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

Councillors have been sent a proposal from the Lower Green Working Group, which will be brought for approval in stages throughout the coming year. Proposal available on request.

**Resolved** to approve a quote from Clarke's Outdoor Services for Stage 1 works – the clearance of brambles, bushes, shrubs from the central and eastern sides of the Lower Green and to clear the ditch at a cost of £750. To spend a further £250 for the clearance of the waste, if required. Only one quote has been sought due to the time pressures of the works prior to the bird nesting season.

**Actions:** Clerk to focus next on replacing the wooden steps at the Lower Green for safety reasons.

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

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

**Action:** Clerk to add this item to the agenda every two months rather than monthly.

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

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

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

None.

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