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## MINUTES

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Harrold Centre

- 1. Present:** Cllrs R Tickle (Chair), J Peverell, B Muller, J Calver, E Thompson, R Barrett, G Turner, P Pedersen.  
D Brough (Clerk), Borough Councillor Alison Foster.  
**Apologies accepted:** Cllrs F Ross (Away), H Paston (Family reasons), S Reger (Work), J Robinson (Family reasons), A Littlemore (Work). **Absent:** None.
- 2. Public Open Forum:** Two members of the public were in attendance, but only one addressed the council. Parishioner spoke in relation to item 12 (Saxon House End parking) requesting the parking on the grass is not removed and that the neighbouring properties are consulted on any changes.
- 3. Disclosure of Interest** – Cllr Barrett declared a personal interest in item 9c (Planning application 21/01299/LBC) as a neighbour; Cllr Barrett will speak during the item but not vote.
- 4. Requests to grant dispensations for disclosed interests** – None
- 5. Approval of Minutes** from the Annual Parish Council meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 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. The poor state of the pavement by the Fish bar – works order has been raised and is expected to be carried out in the new financial year, although a temporary fix has been carried out.
  - Change to parking signage where additional parking restrictions have been put in place around The Green – still chasing.
  - 20mph speed limit extension towards New Road – Highways are not prioritising this.Items sat with Street Ranger:
  - Fixing broken bollard on The GreenOther:
  - Streetlights: Planning advice from Bedford BC Planning has confirmed the streetlights in the Conservation Area can be replaced. Install is imminent.

## 7. Correspondence (requiring council attention):

- None

## 8. Finance Report

- The following payments were approved and income noted.

Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Gross	Income
05 May 2021	Electricity: Buttermarket EON		93.07	
06 May 2021	Rural Grant - HPFA Pavilion	Passthrough of BBC Rural Grant		10,000.00
07 May 2021	Pension contributions	NEST	153.34	
10 May 2021	Rural Grant Transfer: HPFA Pavilion	Passthrough of BBC Rural Grant	10,000.00	
11 May 2021	Grass: In Trim		552.00	
18 May 2021	Staff costs	Salaries & PAYE	2,344.75	
21 May 2021	Cemetary Income:		473.00	
24 May 2021	Other: Various	Street Ranger tools	55.91	
07 June 2021	Office: Supplies	A4 paper - Neighbourhood Plan	6.99	
07 June 2021	Office: Supplies	Stamps	10.20	
07 June 2021	Office: Supplies	Weedkiller - cemetery	24.00	
			<u>13,713.26</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

- Clerk advice is to place budget into reserves where possible; reserves will be required to repair/replace the council's assets in the future.

## 9. Planning applications and enforcement

### New

- *APPLICATION NO: 21/01201/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing garage and utility space. Erection of single storey side extension with velux roof windows and internal alterations*  
*LOCATION : 4 Meadway Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DP*  
**Resolved** not to object.
- *APPLICATION NO: 21/01227/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension*  
*LOCATION : 4 Priory Close Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DL*  
**Resolved** to comment and request a condition be applied to allow the parish council to be consulted in relation to material choice.
- *APPLICATION NO: 21/01299/LBC Listed Building Consent Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Reinstatement of thatch to one third of roof and repairs to ridge of existing thatch.*  
*LOCATION : 48 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DA*  
**Resolved** not to object and to defer comment to the consultee, Historic England.
- *Proposal from Cllr Pedersen: To consider if the parish council needs to take any action in relation to a response from Bedford BC Planning Enforcement who requested Harrold Primary Academy to cease the use of additional parking "in line with the condition 2 of planning permission 12/01874/S73A".*  
Council noted the response of Planning Enforcement and considered that no action was currently required.

### Previous applications where HPC commented or objected

- **Amended plans:** *APPLICATION NO: 21/00442/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Erection of residential apartment building comprising 2 two-bed dwellings and 1 one-bed dwelling; and associated car parking and landscaping*  
*LOCATION : Land To The Rear Of 72 High Street Harrold Bedfordshire*  
*HPC: Previously objected (Material choice/overshadowing).*  
**HPC: Removed previous objection and requested a "condition" on materials. Bedford BC: Awaiting decision**
- *APPLICATION NO: 21/00574/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Replacement windows, re-roofing, and demolish and re-build side wall.*  
*LOCATION : 1 Brook Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BW*  
**HPC: Objected (UPVC windows in Conservation Area). Bedford BC: Awaiting decision**

- APPLICATION NO: 21/00454/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension and open covered timber walkway to link main dwelling and existing outbuilding*  
*LOCATION : Orchard Cottage 18 Orchard Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BP*  
**HPC: Objected, Bedford BC: Permission Granted, Investigation**
- APPLICATION NO: 21/00628/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Replacement windows and doors, re-roofing, demolish and re-build side wall, conversion of attached two storey side storage area into habitable space, and external alterations.*  
*LOCATION : 3 Brook Lane Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7BW*  
**HPC: Objected, Bedford BC: Awaiting decision, Investigation (works taking place without planning permission)**
- APPLICATION NO: 21/00657/FUL Full Planning Application*  
*PROPOSAL: Replace existing corrugated asbestos roof of garage with stainless steel roof of like profile. Repair or replace water-damaged roof timbers as necessary.*  
*LOCATION : 24 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DQ*  
**HPC: Objected, Bedford BC: Awaiting decision**

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

*Crime report showed an assault and criminal damage to a vehicle on Roman Paddock (30/05), and theft from a motor vehicle on Harewelle Way (01/05). No recorded actions.*

#### **11. Bollards on The Green**

*Proposal from Cllr Calver:*

*To consider replacing four wooden bollards on The Green with stone alternatives, at a cost of £65 per bollard plus install costs.*

This motion was not carried. To be discussed again if a bollard is knocked down.

#### **12. Saxon House End parking**

*Further to initial discussions in the March 2021 parish council meeting, to consider quotes for either replacing the posts or using planting as a barrier. Proposals put forward by Cllr Turner.*

**Resolved** to consult neighbours before agreeing to an approach.

**Resolved** to obtain a quote for turning the grass into a hardstanding for parking, to enable the council to decide what options neighbours will be consulted on.

#### **13. Average speed cameras**

*Proposal from Cllr Calver:*

- To consider a request to Bedford BC Highways for average speed cameras on the High St, following a request for feedback from Oakley, Carlton and Pavenham parish councils.*

Council noted generally positive feedback from the above parish councils, and that the Government funding for cameras had been depleted.

**Resolved** to request, via a Freedom of Information request, the details of the borough council's mechanism for allocating average speed cameras in the borough.

#### **14. Speed Sign (VAS) and new trees for the village**

*To consider together, due to budget constraints, the following two proposals:*

- Cllr Calver: the purchase of an additional VAS from Morelock signs at £2,795 (solar).*

Cllr Calver requested to roll this item to the next agenda for time reasons.

- Cllr Turner: the purchase of new trees for Harrold in a staggered approach over 3 years, with £2k spend in 2021, £1.5k in 2022, £1.5k in 2023 and £500 budget thereafter for new/replacement.*

**Resolved** to approve this proposal for staggered implementation, and the quote from Heritage Arboriculture. Cllr Turner to progress the works.

#### **15. Church clock repair**

*To consider two quotes from Smiths of Derby in relation to the broken quarter chime autowind mechanism:*

- £1,587 to overhaul and repair the autowind unit – requires removal of the unit and offsite repair.
- £6,994 to replace three new autowind units – replacing just one is not advised by Smiths Of Derby due to the way the newer motor interacts with the older models.

**Resolved** to accept the quote to overhaul the unit rather than replace with new units.

#### 16. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward

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

#### 17. Neighbourhood Development Plan update

- *To note the response from the Independent Examiner following the completion of the Regulation 16 (Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012) six week consultation.*

The independent examiner assigned to inspect the plan had a number of questions for the Steering Group. These questions, and the responses, will be added to the parish council website in the Neighbourhood Plan section once prepared. One of these questions, outlined below, requires a parish council decision.

- *In light of the Independent Examiner response, to consider whether to include all or part of Odell parish in the referendum process due to the proximity of the Odell Road site.*

**Resolved** not to include Odell Parish in the referendum. The majority of Odell residents have no immediate relationship with the proposed allocation in Odell Road, Harrold, nor do Odell residents have any relationship with the other site for 8 dwellings that is proposed for allocation in Orchard Lane, Harrold. Residents of Odell do not have to take into account the impact of the development on Harrold overall and thus could take a restricted view given the proximity of the small number of residents in Little Odell. The parish council is, therefore, concerned that it could be disproportionate for the wider residents of Odell, the majority of whom live at the Sharnbrook end of the village some distance from Harrold itself, to have a say in the housing allocations in Harrold overall and that such inclusion could thus lead to a distorted result.

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

None

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th July 2021 (Harrold Centre)**