



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th February 2016 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair), Cllrs D Brough, R Page, D Mercer, G Lloyd, S Reger , A Foster (Bedford Borough Council)

1. Apologies: A Jones, R Harris, S Holt, R Barrett, M Johnston, R Brough (Clerk)

Public forum

SP Mitchell: Provided an “ideas list” for the village which has been left with the council to read. Scan and send round to councillors. **Action clerk.**

J Waller: Opposed to removing the railings from the War Memorial. Provided information that the railings were installed 1927, 8 years after the memorial was installed. The reason for installing them was because a horse and cart ran into the memorial on its way to the river, so the railings are for protection. J Waller has recommended a restoration contact: Earls Barton – Blenkarn Memorials, Titley Bawk Avenue.

2. Disclosure of interests: None

3. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2016

Minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 13th January 2016

Clerk talked through outstanding actions from the action log.

5. Finance report: The following payments were approved

Ref #	Trans Date	Details	Notes	Payments		
				Gross	VAT	Net
446	19 January 2016	Project: Skatepark (Rampmental)	Amended prior cheque for VAT amount	170.00	0.00	170.00
447	01 February 2016	Office: Rent		375.00	0.00	375.00
448	28 February 2016	Clerk Salary: R Brough		937.90	0.00	937.90
449	10 February 2016	Playgrounds: Roman Paddock - Fawns	Fawns Recreational Services	566.40	94.40	472.00
450	10 February 2016	Office: Phone BT		25.29	4.21	21.08
451	10 February 2016	Project: Village Benches	Reimburse David Brough for delivery costs	172.80	28.80	144.00
452	10 February 2016	Other: BBC	Parish Council Election May 7th	74.84	0.00	74.84
453	10 February 2016	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair		55.00	0.00	55.00
454	10 February 2016	Brook: R Sinclair		250.00	0.00	0.00
455	10 February 2016	Project: Harrold Centre Playground - Fawns	Fawns Recreational Services	54,726.49	9,121.08	45,605.41
456	10 February 2016	Grass: In Trim		360.00	60.00	300.00
455	10 February 2016	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		77.41	0.00	77.41
				57,791.13		

Cllr Brough gave an overview of the Balance Sheet, P&L and Variance Analysis. The expectation is for current reserves to be utilised in the next 2 years. The council are overspent this year by £30k due to non-budgeted projects such as the Outdoor Gym and the Harrold Centre playground. This has been funded by reserves.

6. Police Report

Crime statistics were provided to the council prior to the meeting.

A Foster has advised that Wayne Humberstone (Head of Specials) can't attend council meetings which are held on a Wednesday but that he would meet us outside of this formal meeting upon request. Councillors are to advise if they can attend.

7. Borough Councillor's Report

Borough Councillor A Foster talked through the Borough Councillor's update.

8. Planning Applications

Application no: 16/00183/FUL Full Planning Application

Proposal: Demolition of garage and conservatory and construction of side and rear extension and car port

Location: 129 Odell Road, MK43 7AP

No objections from the council.

Application no: 16/00161/LBC Listed Building Consent Application

Proposal: Various works to include repair and replacement of slate roof to front of dwelling.

Installation of the felt and insulation to roof, lead and pointing work to roof. Re-pointing of front and gable end of dwelling.

Location: 85 High Street, Harrold, MK43 7BU

No objections from the council.

9. Harrold Sports Facilities: Cllr David Brough to give feedback from meeting with lower school.

An informal meeting was held with G Russell and J Charlsey (School governors) about potentially using the school playing fields for football facilities for the village. They feel the school would be interested in the idea and would like to explore options with the council. Further work needs to be carried out to determine whether spending would need to be carried out to increase the size of the pitches, to increase the number of pitches or to improve the quality of the ground.

Council are to contact Harrold Football club to determine what requirements are. **Action R Page.**

Council discussed approaching local farmer David Smith about use of a field near to the allotments. Council to make contact with David Smith about potentially buying the fields. **Action D Mercer, R Page**

10. Village Maintenance: Update on Borough-wide cut backs including dog waste bins.

BBC still plan on removing the dog waste bins and requesting dog walkers to use the normal waste bins, but this initiative is not happening yet.

Investigate the use of temporary signs/posters showing eye damage by Toxoplasmosis from dog fouling and placing them where dog fouling is occurring. This was done at the Olney Rugby club. Potentially posters could be created by local school children. **Action Clerk**

11. Village events: Queen's 90th Birthday, Christmas Market.

Put forward by Cllr Andrew Jones who was not present. Rolled to next meeting.

12. Discuss news of proposal for housing development sites at Twinwoods.

A Foster updated the council on the potential development of 6,000 houses at the Twinwood site. No action can currently be taken, but the proposal will be monitored for progress.

13. Discuss development of Parish Council Website.

Suggestion is to create a HPC run website separate to Harrold On-line. The current website is having issues and we are unable to update the page. The council viewed three quotes for setting up and running a website. However, council would prefer D Mercer to contact the person who created the Harrold Centre website. Website to house Agenda/Minutes, gallery of works we've done, what we've sponsored etc. **Action D Mercer**

14. War Memorial restoration: How would the council like to proceed?

Seek 3 proposals for enhancing the memorial from local contractors (Possibly Outerspaces Garden design in Brook Lane, The Green Plant company, The Green Room). Working Group formed of R Tickle, D Brough, Jack Stenhouse (Jack lays the wreath each Remembrance Sunday). Put proposals on noticeboard for public review before a proposal is accepted. **Action Clerk**

15. Bridge Flood Warning

Seek further information about a Local Flood Group as suggested by Andrew Prigmore (BBC Highways) to allow the council more control, or total control of the sign. Contact Melanie Crump for more details. **Action Clerk**

Any other business: None

Correspondence: For information only

List of correspondence received during the past month

- a) Allotment committee has got in touch. They need to remove a large amount of rubbish, glass, chicken wire, plastic sheeting etc. They are trying to figure out best way to do this. They may apply for funding to pay for a skip or to pay the fee Bedford borough will charge

them to collect it. Clerk has provided a grant application form if they wish to approach the council for help with funding the removal of waste

- b) Received email and about wooden posts knocked down on Village Green. Clerk spoke to a number of residents and was able to find out the company which was delivering oil to a residence. The owner of the residence spoke with the company. They denied causing the damage. The resident did put the wooden poles back in the ground. However one of them has been damaged.
- c) Resident of Mill cottage on The Green – Rang to complain about the potholes on the road. Clerk has reported it to the council. Ref number 270314.
- d) E Stock wrote a letter in with some concerns. Concerned with the possible removal of the railings around the War Memorial. Thinks bus Shelter needs to be repositioned. Drivers not obeying the right of way signs outside the Old Manor on the High Street. Pleased with the change to 20mph on the High Street.
- e) N Tompkins- Emailed about the minutes not being placed on a website. Clerk responded and informed him we are in the process of having a website developed of the Parish Council.

Meeting ended at 9:55pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th March 2016 7.30pm 72 High Street