



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th May 2017 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair), Cllrs D Brough, B Muller, P Pedersen, J Peverell, D Mercer, R Brough (Clerk), A Foster (Bedford Borough Council), S Holt/

Apologies – Cllrs G Lloyd, R Barrett, M Johnston

Public forum

No members of the public were present.

Meeting

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman and discuss vacancies.

Robert Tickle expressed an interest in continuing as Chairman. Cllr Mercer proposed Robert Tickle, Cllr Muller seconded the motion. All 7 councillors present voted in favour of Robert Tickle continuing as Chairman for 2017/2018. Cllr Tickle put Cllr Brough forward for the roll of Vice Chair. Cllr Jones seconded the motion, the council voted and all were in favour of Cllr Brough taking on the position of Vice Chair. There are two places on the council for new councillors now that Bob Page and Andrew Jones have resigned.

Action Clerk: Place a notice of councillor vacancies on the physical noticeboard.

2. To receive apologies for absence and introductions – as above.

3. Disclosure of Interest – No disclosures of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held 12th April 2017 – Minutes approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising from meeting held 12th April 2017 – for information only

- Clerk reported on the month's Action List

Council matters for the month of April were related to issues which are dealt with by BBC Highways. Issues and response from Highways are listed below.

- The replacement of the no bathing signs by the bridge – **The signs have been ordered and will be replaced as and when resources are available. We anticipate this will be carried out within the next three months.**
- Repair to the ledge along the footpath between Dove Lane and Roman Paddock – **we have repaired a small section of the wall, but an inspection yesterday has shown that further repairs are necessary. We have therefore placed an order for this to be repaired within the next 4 weeks.**
- Repair to the stone wall next to the brook by Dove Lane which has caved in. – **This will be completed within the next month.**
- Replacement of the road signs at the Odell Rd and High Street junction – **this work will be completed within the next 6 weeks.**

- Clearing of the shrubs and over growth on the riverbank next to the bridge on the Odell side – I noticed yesterday that we have cut back some of the branches on the trees to the approach to the bridge. We can carry out further work if you feel that this is necessary.
- A single yellow line and parking restriction signs across from the bus loading stop on the High St – we will consult on this request within the next month and subject to any objections, we should be able to install at the end of the summer.
- Double yellow lines to be placed on The Green roads going through the Green. Once this is has been done many of the parking restriction signage will be removed – Unfortunately we do not have any funds available for this change at this time. If the Parish Council wish to fund this work, please let me know – the costs are likely to be in the region of £700.

6. Finance Report:

Payments to approve, Receipts for information - May 2017

Ref #	Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Payments			Receipts
				Gross	VAT	Net	Gross
Trans013	01 May 2017	Project: Neighbourhood plan	Neighbourhood Plan Consulting Fees: Trevor Roff	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Trans014	30 April 2017	Brook: Skip at Town Farm	Paul Riches Skips	187.00	31.17	155.83	
Trans015	02 May 2017	Maintenance: Cemetery bench	FL Build Ltd	336.00	56.00	280.00	
Trans016	02 May 2017	Maintenance: Outdoor Gym - Quarterly Maintenance x2	FL Build Ltd	840.00	140.00	700.00	
Trans017	01 May 2017	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair		156.00	0.00	156.00	
Trans018	01 May 2017	Brook: R Sinclair		250.00	0.00	250.00	
Trans019	25 April 2017	Electricity: Buttermarket EON		39.32	1.87	37.45	
Trans020	26 April 2017	Office: Phone & Broadband BT		19.08	3.18	15.90	
Trans021	20 May 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		78.89	0.00	78.89	
Trans022	21 April 2017	Cemetery Income:	John Clayson				168.00
Trans023	21 April 2017	Cemetery Income:	Memorial Wall plaque: LW Greenfield				48.00
Trans024	21 April 2017	Cemetery Income:	Plot reservation Lindsay Duggan				390.00
Trans025	21 April 2017	Cemetery Income:	Marguerite Beatrice Jaye				168.00
Trans026	23 February 2017	Other: Compensation payment from Co-op bank					50.00
Trans028	04 May 2017	Harrold Centre Development payment	Invoice #4: The BPL- Building Partnership Ltd	42,473.19	7,079.86	35,393.33	
Trans029	13 April 2017	Precept Income	1st installment of precept				37,106.50
Trans030	03 May 2017	Office: Rent		375.00	0.00	375.00	
Trans031	27 April 2017	Bottle Bank: Income	Quarter 4 - Jan/Feb/Mar				197.94
				44,904	7,312	37,592	38,128

Council approved all the above payments.

7. Police report: Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange (Report provided to council prior to meeting via email)

Cllr Tickle, Cllr Pedersen and Cllr Muller will be attending a North Rural Community Policing Team meeting hosted by inspector Nick Masters entitled Community Priority Setting Meeting at the Police headquarters in Kempston. The police have asked the council to come with our three main priorities on crime and the first one should be the one we are most concerned about. The council decided that our three concerns are drug use and drug dealing in the village, burglary and anti-social behaviour.

8. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward.

The Local Housing Plan 2035 outlines three possible developments. If these go progress to development then the main traffic route into town will be the A6, which will cause more congestion than there already is in Bedford. No infrastructure has been put in place to deal with 15,000 more homes. Cllr Foster would like the Parish Council to deliver the information leaflet she has helped prepare to residents in Harrold to make them aware and encourage them to make a personal objection to the housing plan. **Action Clerk**

9. Planning applications

Application no: 17/01193/FUL Full Planning Application

Proposal: Single Storey rear/side extension to replace existing conservatory

Location: 29 Wood Road Harrold Bedfordshire Mk43 7BS

Council has no objections.

10. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

Cllr Mercer updated the council on progress. The Neighbourhood plan questionnaire will be finalised and be sent for printing within the next week. For the next stage the committee needs to employ a planner. The committee has a proposal from Mato design which the committee are proposing the council approves. Cllr Tickle Proposes

we use Mato Design and Cllr Reger seconded the proposal. The council voted and all were all in favour of this motion. **Action Clerk**

11. Council to vote on Fawn's playground proposal.

Council had voted via email to go forward with the proposal from Fawns for the redevelopment of the Harewelle Way playground. Council ratified this decision unanimously. Clerk to inform Fawns of their successful bid and arrange a works start date. **Action Clerk**

12. Council to discuss if there is a need for more rubbish bins on the Upper and Lower Green.

Council would like to place a bin next to the bench on the Lower Green and one on Wellocks path, if Richard Sinclair will empty the bins. **Action Clerk & Cllr Brough**

13. Council to discuss possibly providing a disabled parking space in the Harrold.

The council decided not go ahead with a disabled parking bay on the High Street.

15. Council to discuss if they would like place the matter of village cctv on the June agenda.

Cllr Tickle, Cllr Pedersen and Cllr Muller will be attending a North Rural Community Policing Team meeting hosted by inspector Nick Masters entitled Community Priority Setting Meeting at the Police headquarters in Kempston. During this meeting, they will ask the policing team for advice on whether cctv would be a valuable tool to use in Harrold village to deter anti-social behaviour and burglaries. These councillors will report back the response and what the policing team recommend. If cctv is found to be a positive measure to use it will be placed on the July agenda.

16. Any other business –

- BBC Highways have assessed the damaged portion of the brickwork on the footpath by Dove Lane. They are planning to have this repaired within the next couple months.
- BBC planning dept have received our pre-application for the stone wall by the bridge and are now satisfied with the documents submitted. They will have a response to the Parish Council regarding the stone wall by May 18th.
- Council spoke with a member of the Harrold Fire station to confirm that they have no working interest in any of the lion head hydrants in the village. This was duly confirmed. Parish council must decide who they would like to instruct to inspect and repair any of the ornamental hydrants. Council will ask someone local to reset into concrete. Council will ask FL Build to paint them as they will be finishing off the painting of the lampposts shortly. **Action Clerk.**
- The bench on Wood Road which was recently painted by an anonymous local artist will need to be repainted as his choice of materials comes off when touched and will destroy residents clothing if sat on. **Action Clerk.**
- Reminder to council of the Litter Pick which will be taking place Saturday June 17st 10am-12pm.

17. Correspondence –

- A resident contacted the Parish Council to ask the footpath wall near the Harrold Centre be examined as they believe it is bulging and in need of repair. This wall is confirmed to be owned by Cllr Reger. He has already had the wall inspected and it was confirmed to be safe. He will have someone else have a look at the wall.
- A resident emailed the council concerned with the cars parked on the bend near the Harrold Centre making it very difficult to see the oncoming traffic. The council decided that no additional lines would be painted as it is having the action of slowing traffic down through the village, residents require space for parking, and we would struggle to have any further restrictions enforced.
- A resident emailed to inform the council the tree planted on Eagle way has died. They would like the council to consider replacing it. Council to replace the tree later in the year as it is not the right time to plant trees. **Action Clerk.**
- Council has received numerous phone calls from a resident who is very upset cars are being parked on the grass verge outside residences on Odell Rd. Highways has informed the Parish Council that this is land

which is owned by BBC and they would be keen to stop this as it is damaging the grass. Highways have said they will write to the residents.

18. Summary of actions

The Chairman summarised the actions required

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 14th June 2017
7:30pm 72 High Street