



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th September 2015 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair) Cllrs, D Brough, R Page, A Jones, G Lloyd, S Reger, M Johnston

R Brough (Clerk) A Foster(Bedford Council)

Apologies – R Harris, R Barrett, D Mercer, C Harris (Youth Representative)

Disclosure of interests – None

Approval of minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2015

These were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes of 8th July 2015

Fire Hydrant Repair

Cllr A Jones suggests moving a less visible village hydrant cap to replace the hydrant cap opposite the co-op. Will be done when the cap can be secured to hydrant **Action Clerk**

Benches in the Village – Any structurally sound benches will be cleaned up and varnished. Metal benches will be refurbished. A Jones and R Page to have a look at benches and decide which can be repaired and which need replacing. **Action Cllr A Jones & Cllr R Page**

D Franklin (The Green Room) to install bench next to war memorial.

A Jones to look at condition of bench on The Green. **Action Cllr A Jones**

R Barrett to source bench for Lower Green. **Action Cllr R Barrett**

Traffic calming- Raised Pedestrian Crossing -

20mph speed limit has been approved and should be implemented by the end of November.

Clerk to meet with Andrew Prigmore about the possibility of having a bollard at the entrance of the lower green to stop further camping. **Action Clerk**

Cllr M Johnston proposed the council should review current signage around the village. Cllr R Page seconded.

Cllr R Page suggests a review of the average speed on Odell Road a year after 30mph signs installed.

Finance report

The following payments were approved

Paid in August	GROSS
HMRC - PAYE JULY 15	18.47
HELEN CRABB - SALARY TO 17 JULY 15	328.8
BESPOKE MEDIA	45
BAPT - CLERK'S COURSE	250
ROBBIN BROUGH - CLERK'S SALARY JULY	937.9
WILDMAN TRANSPORT	129.6
EON	241.23
BRIDGMAN BOWLS CLUB	5365
MATRIX SECURITY	108
ROBBIN BROUGH - CLERK'S SALARY AUGUST	937.9
PG CARRIERS - OFFICE MOVE	72
BBC - bin collection	161.59
BBC - PARISH POLL	1392.02
THE GREAT OUTDOOR GYM COMPANY	27799.2
BROKER NETWORK - INSURANCE RE GYM EQUIP	34.14
TO BE PAID SEPTEMBER	
HMRC - PAYE AUGUST	77.41
WILDMAN TRANSPORT	129.6
RICHARD SINCLAIR	456.82
BT - OFFICE PHONE	149.46
HARROLD CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	111.18
BBC-Village Green Light Repairs	523.2
Total	39268.52

Police Report – no report – crime statistics had been distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Borough Councillor's Report

Alison Foster discussed her recent letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner asking him to consider introducing Parish Special Constables in the rural areas as Northamptonshire did in January. Parish Specials serve in the Parishes in which they are appointed are not redeployed to the urban

areas. Alison thought it would be helpful if Harrold Parish Council were to write a letter in support of Alison's plea. **Action Clerk**

Alison expressed the urgency in starting The Harrold Neighbourhood Development Plan. One councillor to attend the New Local Plan Meeting in October. Cllr S Reger will attend. **Action Clerk & Cllr S Reger**

Alison is encouraging Parishes to form their own speed watch committees and would like to know if anyone in Harrold Parish would be interested in volunteering. Parish Council will ask for volunteers via the Harrold Notice Board. **Action Cllr G Lloyd**

Planning Applications

Application number: 15/01939/FUL Full Planning Application

Proposal: Single storey front, side and rear extensions with pitched roofs to replace existing flat roof areas and external alterations.

Location: 4 High Street Harrold, Beds MK43 7DQ

No objection assuming complies with building regulations **Action Clerk**

Harrold Centre

Parish Council need to give the Harrold Centre Development Committee a current balance of the funds we are currently holding for the project. John Creasey July Invoices to come off the current balance. **Action Clerk**

Harrold Centre Committee asked if a member of the Parish Council would join their Centre committee. At this time no member of the Parish Council feel they have time to commit to another committee. **Action Clerk**

It was agreed that the additional hours the Parish Clerk would need to work to process invoices (ie VAT claim etc) for the Harrold Centre development would be billed to the Harrold Centre and come out of the funds the Parish Council have allocated for the project. **Action Clerk**

Harrold Centre Playground

The Council unanimously agreed that Fawns should design and build the Centre playground. The council would like a revised quote with the addition of a couple more pieces of equipment. The council would like to ensure less able children are catered for. The council would like Fawns to look at the possible addition of a slide to the main climbing frame.

Cllr D Brough proposed the council pre approve spending £35,000 on the new playground. Cllr A Jones seconded. All in favour. **Action Clerk**

Peaches Close Playground

BPHA have agreed to replace the current bench at the playground.

Village War Memorial

John Waller attended the meeting. J Waller volunteered to maintain the War Memorial flower beds. He estimates he will need 5 bags of compost and 50 pansies. Clerk to arrange to have the soil and pansies delivered to J Waller's home. **Action Clerk**

Oakley Arms

Clair attended meeting on behalf of the Oakley Arms. The Oakley Arms have received a written request to apply for a permit to use the pavement in front of the pub. The area is part of Highways. The Oakley Arms need to pay an Application fee of £124.00 and an additional £314.00 for the licence. Parish Council will write a letter to BBC objecting to the pub needing to pay these fees for an area they have used for more than 50 years. The Parish Council supports local businesses. The area in question has been used uninterrupted and unimpeded since the pub's existence. **Action Clerk**

Clerk Salary & Contract

Clerk's contract and salary reviewed and approved by council.

Bank Signing Privilege

Currently R Tickle, H Crabb & M Johnston have cheque signing privileges. Chair R Tickle proposed Robbin Brough is added to all our financial institutions to have cheque signing privileges. Cllr R Young seconds. All agree. Clerk to contact financial institutions and fill in the required paper work. **Action Clerk**

Village CCTV

Council agreed we need to get two additional quotes including the additional cameras. **Action Clerk**

Brook Maintenance

Current contractor not fulfilling specifications of contract therefore in breach of contract. Contractor to be given formal written warning. **Action Clerk**

Any Other Business

Council to place a bus schedule in bus hut. **Action Clerk**

Christmas light committee to come to next meeting with proposal.

Contact Andrew Prigmore about the vegetation growing out of the stone work in bridge. **Action Clerk**

Date of next meeting

Meeting Closed at 10:30pm

Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7:30pm