



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th November 2015 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair) Cllrs, D Brough, R Page, A Jones, G Lloyd, D Mercer, S Holt, M Johnston, R Brough (Clerk), A Foster (Bedford Council)

- 1. Apologies –** R Harris, S Reger, D Mercer, R Barrett , B Page

Public forum

Duncan Gray attended meeting. The Harrold Centre Committee would like to paint one bench outside the Harrold Centre and the two planters.

Church floor- The church had an architect in to do a 5 yearly review of church. Dry rot was found on the floor in the church tower. It is going to be expensive to repair as it is hard to get materials up to the top of tower. Looking at £1000-£2000 for floor and scaffolding would likely be extra money on top. Church could possibly offer £500 pounds towards the cost.

- 2. Disclosure of interests –** None

- 3. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2015-** Minutes were approved.

- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th October 2015**

Fish and Chip shop development – borough legal officer looking into the matter. Owner of Fish and Chip shop say they had begun work during the implemented Planning Permission time period.

Council concerned the current building plans have been changed and now only include one exit out of the chip shop. Council would like Borough to relook at the new plans. Write a letter to borough to request the plans be reviewed. The current plan includes one access through commercial premises. **Action Clerk**

War Memorial development and Cemetery maintenance to be put on next month's agenda.

Action Clerk

5. Finance report The following payments were approved

Ref #	Trans Date	Details	Payments		
			Gross	VAT	Net
392	24 October 2015	Clerk Salary: R Brough	937.90	0.00	937.90
393	24 October 2015	Grant Out: Harrold Preschool	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
394	24 October 2015	S137 Prior Year: HPC donation for new building	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
395	24 October 2015	CANCELLED	0.00	0.00	0.00
396	24 October 2015	S137 Prior Year: HPC donation for shelter	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
397	24 October 2015	Other: Preschool Loan - Coop	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
398	24 October 2015	Electricity: Street EON	274.20	13.06	261.14
399	24 October 2015	Bottle Bank: Collection	64.80	10.80	54.00
400	01 November 2015	Office: Phone BT	55.56	4.26	51.30
401	01 November 2015	Other: Olney Scaffolding	300.00	0.00	300.00
402	11 November 2015	Project: Skatepark	24,600.00	4,100.00	20,500.00
403	11 November 2015	Office: Rent	375.00	0.00	375.00
404	11 November 2015	Clerk Salary: R Brough	937.90	0.00	937.90
405	11 November 2015	Office: Wheelchair Ramp	60.00	0.00	60.00
406	11 November 2015	Office: Supplies	61.76	10.29	49.99
407	11 November 2015	Project: Village Green - The Green Room	550.00	0.00	550.00
408	11 November 2015	Church Clock: Clock Repair	180.00	30.00	150.00
409	11 November 2015	Bottle Bank: Collection	64.80	10.80	54.00
410	11 November 2015	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair	135.00	0.00	135.00
411	11 November 2015	Brook: R Sinclair	250.00	0.00	250.00
			<u>61,746.92</u>		

6. Police Report – crime statistics had been distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

7. Borough Councillor’s Report

Alison recently had a meeting with Graham Russell to look at renewable resources capacity – Graham would like to look at potential schemes which benefit the village.

Parish Council needs to comment on the Bedford Borough Budget – **Action Clerk**

8. Planning Applications

None

9. Christmas Lights

Council to receive a report from N.Vine on the progress of the Christmas Light of the Christmas Light Committee. N.Vine was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk to contact N.Vine to receive and update on the lights. **Action Clerk**

10. Village Benches

Council reviewed recommendations on the benches which need to be replaced as well as placement ideas of new benches from Cllr A Jones & Cllr D. D.Brough presented possible benches and costs. Council proposes to have anti vandal bench placed on the Lower Green which can be placed on the current concrete.

Bench by memorial needs to be installed. Council approves of D Franklin renting a device to detect underground wires.

David proposes to spend £4500 on the purchasing of new benches. R Tickle seconds. All in favour.

David Proposes to ask D Franklin to quote for the labour of refurbishment of the existing benches. R. Tickle proposes to spend up to £2500 in labour costs, M Johnston seconds. All in favour. **Action Clerk & Cllr D Brough**

11. Harrold Centre Playground

Council reviewed the revised quote from Fawns playground to replace the playground equipment at Harrold Centre. Council prefers the climbing apparatus with the addition of a slide. Council agree the existing swings should be replaced as they are coming up from the ground. R Tickle proposes to go ahead with the finalised Fawns quote. M Johnston seconds. All council in favour. **Action Clerk**

12. Church Clock Tower

Council to receive a report on the repairs needed to church clock tower floor and consider offering funding to replace it. The church was unable to provide a detailed quote for the cost of the project as this time. Parish Council discussed the principle of funding and will discuss further when a detailed quote is received.

13. Bedford Borough Local Plan 2032

Council discussed the recently released document and how the council should move forward with the development of a neighbourhood plan. Council agrees they would like to have a neighbourhood plan developed. Moving forward clerk needs to apply to borough for a grant, create a committee, employ a consultant, put together a leaflet about the plan and distribute to villagers. Yes we want to do it. Apply for the grant. Employ a consultant. Put out a leaflet to villagers about the plan. Invite interested villagers to join committee. **Action Clerk & Cllr A Jones**

14. The Green Maintenance

Council reviewed quote received for tree maintenance on The Green. All agreed the maintenance work needed to be done and the fees were reasonable. All council was also in favour of contracting Heritage Arboriculture to maintain the trees yearly. **Action Clerk**

15. Any other business – for information only

- Graham Russell attending Dec meeting to provide information on the move to the two tier system.

16. Correspondence – for information only

List of correspondence received during the past month

- Council received a phone message from a concerned resident of the village. She believes too many cars are starting to park on the verges of the road. Main concern is the road heading out of Harrold towards Lavendon and the country park road.
- Council received an email from a villager whose child was nearly hit on the zebra crossing during the morning school run. She would like to be informed on the actions being put in place to reduce the speed on the high street and making the crossing safer.
- Grant Palmer replied to the councils request for changes to the current bus routes. Most of the changes were not possible due to heavy traffic in specific areas in Bedford. Grant Palmer will look at putting a bus schedule in the new bus shelter.

17. Summary of actions

The Chairman will summarise the actions required

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 9th December 2015

7.30pm 72 High Street