



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair), Cllrs D Brough, B Muller, P Pedersen, J Peverell, G Lloyd, R Barrett, M Johnston, R Brough (Clerk), A Foster (Bedford Borough Council)

Apologies – S Holt, A Jones, D Mercer, S Reger,

Public forum

Two residents from Harrold attended the meeting to speak to the council about their concerns with regards to illegal substances being sold and used in Harrold. They would like the council to look at possible deterrent methods to stop this type of anti-social behaviour. They are also concerned that this behaviour could possibly be linked with house break-ins which have been occurring in Harrold. Cllr Tickle agreed to write to the police commissioner, MP Alistair Burt and Alison Foster to make them aware of the issue of drug selling and using in Harrold. The council will push for some support to help stop this type of activity continuing. **Action Cllr Tickle**

1. Disclosure of Interest – none disclosed

2. Approval of Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held 8th March 2017.
Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising from meeting held 9th March 2017 – for information only

- o Clerk report on the month's Action List

Council is still waiting for a response from BBC Highways regarding:

1. The replacement of the "no bathing" signs by the bridge.
2. Repair to the ledge along the footpath between Dove Lane and Roman Paddock.
3. Repair to the stone wall next to the brook by Dove Lane which has caved in.
4. Replacement of the road signs at the Odell Rd and High Street junction.
5. Clearing of the shrubs and over growth on the riverbank next to the bridge on the Odell side.
6. A single yellow line and parking restriction signs across from the bus loading stop on the High St.
7. Double yellow lines to be placed on The Green roads going through the Green. Once this has been done many of the parking restriction signage will be removed.

5. Finance Report:

The following monthly payments were approved:

Ref #	Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Payments		
				Gross	VAT	Net
Payment 199	01 April 2017	Office: Rent		375.00	0.00	375.00
Payment 200	05 April 2017	Other: Various	Reimbursement R. Brough Neighbourhood plan prizes	386.44	0.00	386.44
Payment 201	01 April 2017	Bin Collection: HC BBC		166.04	2.21	163.83
Payment 202	01 April 2017	Project: Neighbourhood plan	Neighbourhood Plan Consulting Fees: Trevor Roff	200.00	0.00	200.00
Payment 203	05 April 2017	Other: Various	Reimbursement D. Brough Bridge Map	15.60	0.00	15.60
Payment 204	28 March 2017	Payroll: Cambridgeshire ACRE	two payments as Dec paymt was not made	72.00	12.00	60.00
Payment 205	01 April 2017	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair		162.00	0.00	162.00
Payment 215	27 March 2017	Office: Phone & Broadband BT		22.52	3.75	18.77
Payment 216	02 April 2017	Electricity: Street EON		311.50	14.83	296.67
Payment 206	01 April 2017	Brook: R Sinclair		250.00	0.00	250.00
Payment 207	22 April 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		88.61	0.00	88.61
Payment 208	28 April 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough		935.86	0.00	935.86

6. Police report: Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange
(Provided to council prior to meeting via email)

7. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward.

Sent to council prior to the meeting and will be made available for residents to view on the noticeboard outside Paul Young's office.

8. Planning applications

Application no: 17/00607/FUL Full Planning Application
Proposal: Two storey rear extension
Location: 12 Orchard Lane Harrold Bedford Mk43 7BP

The council had no objections to this planning application.

9. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

The steering committee spoke to the council about the meeting they had in April. The steering committee has decided to have three prizes which residents will be entered into a draw for when they return their completed neighbourhood planning questionnaire. The committee is hoping this will give residents incentive to complete the questionnaire as they are depending on this information to move forward with the completion of the neighbourhood plan for Harrold. The committee hopes to have the questionnaire out to the residents in May and will need the help of the Parish Council councillors to deliver these to the residences in Harrold. Steering committee will present council with Mato Design fee proposal to council for approval to contract as our planning consultant for this project during the May meeting. **Attn Cllr Mercer**

10. Nigel Grout to address the council with an update on the redevelopment of the Harrold Centre.

The last invoice is coming to HPC in April for our contribution to the centre development. They have now completed the rear infill extension, the external walls are done, the roof structure is complete and the internal walls are in place. Plastering is due to start end of April. Progress wise they are about 4 weeks behind. Finishing is expecting in early July and they are likely to open late August. The Centre committee would like to invite the PC to view the work from 6:30pm Thursday April 20th.

The centre committee are approx £25k short of funds. They are asking the PC if we would consider a further donation. Nigel is to give us a list of areas/costs where they would have to cut back should they not make up the shortfall.

10. Council to review quotes for refurb of Harewelle Way Playground.

Council reviewed the three playground design proposals. Council all agreed Fawns design fit the brief the best and offered the most play value. Council would like Fawns to make a few changes to both the toddler and junior areas before they vote to instruct Fawns to go ahead with the work on Harewelle Way playground. **Action Clerk**

11. Council to review quote from Intrim for cutting the grass surrounding and within Harewelle Way Playground.

Council reviewed the quote from Intrim to include Harewelle Way Playground in the monthly schedule for grass cutting. Council believe Intrim are doing a good job in the other areas which they are cutting and agreed the extra cost to include Harewelle Playground was reasonable. Cllr Tickle proposes we instruct Intrim to begin cutting the grass at Harewelle Way Playground. Cllr Llyod seconds the motion. The council voted and all were in favour.

Action Clerk

12. Council to decide on date for Village Litter Pick.

Council decided the Village Litter Pick will take place this year on Saturday May 20th from 10am to 12pm. Clerk to have a poster advertising the event created and arrange the BBC to drop off necessary equipment. **Action Clerk**

13. Update on Peace Garden Project.

Council has received a limited amount of interest from companies to carry out this work. Cllr Johnston spoke to a few professionals in the industry and they felt as it is their busiest period it would be better to advertise for expressions of interest in September or October. Council agreed and will advertise this project again in the autumn.

14. Any other business –

- Planning application for replacing the existing metal railings with a stone wall by Harrold Bridge has been resubmitted with requested map.
- BBC Legal team have been instructed to issue the hard copy of the lease agreement for Harewelle Way Playground.

15. Correspondence –

- A resident contacted the Parish Council after witnessing a resident who resides along the river putting grass clippings into the river.
- A resident contacted the council to complain about the fallen leaves and rubbish along Wellocks Footpath. Clerk walked the path a number of occasions and found it to be relatively clear of rubbish. The leaves on the path were from trees on the residents own property. Clerk asked the resident to tidy leaves from their trees.
- A resident wrote to express a concern with the fire hydrant at the far end of The Green. The top is not fixed to the base and the whole hydrant needs to be fixed properly to the ground. **Action Clerk** Council would like clerk to contact the local Fire Brigade to assess the fire hydrants and inform council what is needed in means of repair.

16. Summary of actions

The Chairman summarised the actions required

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017 7:30pm 72 High Street