



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

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

**Apologies –** S Holt, S Reger

### Public forum

No members of the public were present.

1. **Disclosure of Interest** – No disclosures.

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the Parish Council meeting held 14th June 2017. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. **Matters arising from meeting held 14th June 2017** – for information only

- Clerk report on the month's Action List
- Clerk met with Andrew Prigmore to discuss the following issues;
  - The large trees at the corner of Church Walk and the High St. may need attention. This land is owned by BBC. The trees will be assessed by a borough tree surgeon and council will receive a copy of the report.

Bedford Borough surveyed the trees and found they were in good overall health and had no major defects. They advised the ivy be removed, sucker growth removed and all to have a crown lift to 5m to make sure they were clear of the phone wires.

- Cllr Barrett has had a neighbour approach him to ask if the council will speak with Andrew Prigmore to ask if the bollards at the corner of Church Walk and High Street can be moved out to match the distance of the thatch on his house as when works completed the thatch will stick out past the current bollards. **Action Clerk**

Highways Dept responded to our request and at this time they will not be replacing the bollards.

- Council would like to ask Mrs Knight to hand in her notice to the Neighbourhood watch committee as the Harrold lead Rep so that Cllr Payne can take over leading the Neighbourhood watch committee in Harrold. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Payne has now been placed as the lead representative for the Harrold Neighbourhood watch committee.

- Council would like clerk to email Olly Ewington at BBC to ask if it is possible to see if the brook water is escaping into the quarry via the diversion channel, as a possible cause of the low water level down Brook lane. **Action Clerk**

Council has spoken with Mr Ewington and he says his team do not believe the water from the diverter water course is seeping into the quarry at the back of the farmland.

4. **Finance Report:**

The following payments were approved:

Ref #	Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Payments		
				Gross	VAT	Net
Trans045	30 June 2017	Brook: R Sinclair		250.00	0.00	250.00
Trans046	30 June 2017	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair		180.00	0.00	180.00
Trans047	30 June 2017	Cambridgeshire Acre		36.00	6.00	30.00
Trans048	30 June 2017	Other: Internal audit	Julie Bettes	135.00	0.00	135.00
Trans050	22 June 2017	Office: Phone & Broadband BT		82.80	13.80	69.00
Trans051	30 June 2017	Other: Rospa Inspection	Playsafety Limited	386.40	64.40	322.00
Trans052	30 June 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough		935.86	0.00	935.86
Trans053	01 July 2017	Office: Rent		375.00	0.00	375.00
Trans054	19 July 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		78.89	0.00	78.89
Trans055	10 July 2017	Electricity: Buttermarket EON		25.53	1.22	24.31
				<b>2,485</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2,400</b>

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

**6. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward.**

Cllr Foster was unable to attend this month's meeting and the report was not provided prior to the meeting.

**7. Planning applications**

**Application no: 16/03253/ FUL Full Planning**  
**Proposal: Erection of one dwelling and a detached outbuilding.**  
**Location: Orchard to East of Dove Lane Harrold Bedfordshire**  
**Appeal By: Mr and Mrs Rogers and Mrs Cox**

Council's reservation still exist in terms of access constraints, scale of development and planned building materials. Council's objections still stand as they were the last time this planning application came through.

**8. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.**

Cllr Mercer updated the council on the distribution of the Neighbourhood Questionnaire. Council is still waiting for the pre-paid postage envelopes to return from the printers. The licence from Royal Mail took two weeks to process which put the printing and distribution behind schedule. The envelopes should arrive by July 13<sup>th</sup>. Council members will collect the questionnaires from Cllr Peverell. Council will need to stick labels on envelopes and put pre-paid envelopes into the main envelope then distribute questionnaires to the residents on their given routes.

**8. Council to meet applicants for the vacant seats on the council. Council will vote whether to co-opt applicants on to the council.**

Cllr Tickle proposes Sheena and Lucie are co-opted on to the council. Cllr Pedersen seconded the proposal. Council voted and all were in favour of co-opting Mrs Payne and Miss Hoad onto the Harrold Parish council.

**Action Clerk**

**9. Council to discuss the brook maintenance on Brook Lane.**

Council discussed the maintenance of the brook and felt Mr. Sinclair was clearing the brook as outlined in the brook maintenance contract. Cllr Brough will meet with Mr. Sinclair to highlight a few areas of growth which could now be removed as the vegetation around these areas is now dead and will not affect the wildlife in the brook. **Action Clerk & Cllr Brough**

**10. Review the 2016/2017 Rospa report.**

Council reviewed the Rospa report for the Outdoor Gym, Saxon House Playground and the Harrold Centre Playground. All three locations had no high-risk issues. Council will look at issues which were flagged as low-medium risk and work over the coming months to have these areas repaired. At the Outdoor Gym the turf around the concrete border has worn away and the area needs to be built up again to prevent a tripping injury. The Harrold Centre Playground toddler area gates need repairing, grass mats need replacing, rubber sleeves replaced on the chains of the basket swings and at the Saxon House Playground the bridge needs repairing and the fence needs to be re fixed to the posts. **Action Clerk**

#### **11. Grant application Harrold Snooker Club.**

Three members of the Harrold Snooker Club attended the meeting to discuss the grant application for the Harrold Snooker Club. They have received three quotes for painting and two quotes for reflooring the Snooker Club. They would ideally like to use local tenders. Cllr Tickle proposes the council grants the Snooker Club £3000 pounds to complete the works. Cllr Brough seconds the motion. Council votes and all were in favour. **Action Clerk**

#### **12. Any other business –**

- Stone wall by the bridge: Nene Valley Homes would like to do the work during summer holidays. They suggest it is not a dry-stone wall and it should be lime mortared. This will match the bridge and be more resilient. Clerk to chase the lawful development application. **Action Clerk**
- Maternity services and A&E services are at risk in Bedford. Most of services will be transferred to Luton or Dunstable. Services already strained and will be even more so with the planning of a possible 30,000.00 more homes. No actions.
- Ask R Sinclair to cut the bushes back on the corner of the High St and Manson Lane. The bank seems to be sliding with heavy rainfall. Council to do a land registry search on the land backing the gardens to determine the owner. **Action Clerk**
- Council would like the results from the speed strips which are currently on the High Street near Eagle Way. **Action Clerk**
- Cllr Muller and clerk will purchase new bedding plants and replant memorial beds. **Action Clerk**
- Replace the by-law signage on the Lower Green. **Action Clerk**
- Order bins for Lower Green. **Action Clerk**

#### **15. Correspondence –**

- Council received an email regarding the large lorries which have been travelling through the village. The resident would like the council to consider a weight restriction placed on the High Street. Council will contact Highways to ask if it possible to have this placed in Harrold. **Action Clerk**
- A resident emailed the council regarding the state of the Brook. They are particularly concerned with the monthly clearance of the Brook Lane portion and feel this is not being cleared enough. Council will review areas of the brook which need attention but overall, they are pleased with the maintenance of the brook. **Action Clerk**

#### **16. Summary of actions**

The Chairman will summarise the actions required

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

**Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday 13th September 2017**

**7:30pm 72 High Street**