



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 14th October 2015 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair) Cllrs, D Brough, R Page, A Jones, G Lloyd, S Reger, D Mercer, R Barrett, R Brough (Clerk)

Apologies – R Harris, M Johnston, A Foster (Bedford Council), C Harris (Youth Representative)

Disclosure of interests – D Mercer – The Needs of Older People in Harrold Project

Approval of minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2015 These were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes of 10th September 2015

Bollard on Lower Green- Andrew Prigmore has approved the placement of the new bollard at the entrance to the Lower Green. Council wants to go ahead and have D Franklin install bollard. **Action Clerk**

Traffic calming- 20 mph – Council would like to ask A Prigmore to have the 20 mph limit start in line with Peaches Close. Council feels most sensible place to start. **Action Clerk**

Speed Watch Training- Training was moved to Kempston so many people dropped out. Another training session will organised in near future in Harrold. **Action Cllr G Lloyd**

Finance report The following payments were approved

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED AT 10 OCTOBER 2015 MEETING

ALREADY PAID		AUTHORITY	NET	VAT	GROSS
15/09/2015 000602	Milton Ernest Garden Centre	Maintenance	78.00	0.00	78.00
28/09/2015 000603	Robbin Brough - SALARY Sept	Salaries	937.90	0.00	937.90
28/09/2015 000604	ACRE- Payroll	Salaries	30.00	0.00	30.00
28/15/2015 000605	CANCELLED	administration	0.00	0.00	0.00
28/09/2015 000606	Clan Marketing	administration	85.00	0.00	85.00
14/10/2015 000607	BDO-Yearly Audit	administration	417.00	83.40	500.40
14/10/2015 000608	British Telecommunications	Phone	21.07	4.21	25.28
14/10/2015 000609	EON-Buttermarket Lighting	Electricity	47.88	2.39	50.27
14/10/2015 000610	Harrold Scouts	Grant	1436.00	0.00	1436.00
14/10/2015 000611	RBL- Nov 11th Wreath	administration	17.00	0.00	17.00
14/10/2015 000612	WILDMAN TRANSPORT	Bottle bank haulage	54.00	10.80	64.80
14/10/2015 000613	HMRC - PAYE Sept	Salaries	77.41	0.00	77.41
14/10/2015 000614	In Trim- grass maintenance	parks and open spaces	25.00	5.00	30.00
14/10/2015 000615	In Trim- grass maintenance- Sept	parks and open spaces	300.00	60.00	360.00
14/10/2015 000616	In Trim- grass & brook maintenance- Oct	parks and open spaces	300.00	60.00	360.00
14/10/2015 000617	In Trim- grass & brook maintenance- Aug	parks and open spaces	500.00	100.00	600.00
14/10/2015 000618	Eve Mercer- Needs of Older People in Harrold Project	project	900.00	0.00	900.00
14/10/2015 000619	British Telecommunications- office broadband	Internet	91.52	0.00	91.52
14/10/2015 000620	Richard Sinclair	General Maintenance	125.00	0.00	125.00
14/10/2015 000621	Paul Young Independent Financial Advisors	administration	375.00	0.00	375.00

Police Report – no crimes reported in September – crime statistics had been distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Borough Councillor's Report

Alison was unable to attend meeting. Her report was given to Councillors at meeting.

Council would like to invite the Officer in charge of Special Policing to come to a future meeting. **Action R Tickle**

Cllr A Jones would like the council to receive an update on the matter of the extraction of gravel and sand from the Harrold Farm. **Action A Foster**

Planning Applications

Application number: 15/02259/FUL Full Planning Application

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and front porch.

Location: 15 Hall Close Harrold, Beds MK43 7DU

A Jones believes Bedford Borough Planning still needs to inform residents of the planning application. **Action Clerk**

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

Application number: 15/1608/LDE Cert of Lawful Use and Dev (existing) Application

Proposal: Lawful commencement of scheme

Location: 45 High Street Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DA

Council would like to look into application further as it is unclear why they are reviewing an application which has been presented to council in 2006 & 2014. **Action Cllr D Brough**

1 - Harrold Centre

Cllr D Brough attended the Harrold Centre Committees monthly meeting on October 12th 2015. He reviewed the amended plans with the committee. They have decided to move a couple of interior walls. There were no further developments to report.

2- Needs of Older People in Harrold Report

D Mercer provided report. Main concerns were, transport, bus services, villager bus service, Footpaths being maintained, footpath ramps, parked vehicles on footpaths, more groups and activities made available (fitness classes), mixing of different groups (Schools, youth groups), more outdoor seating around village and more information on support groups available to them. Bigger projects suggested mobile bank, residential home for elderly, indoor swimming pool.

Actions to start work on:

Look at the state of village footpaths and contact highways if necessary. **Action Clerk**

Contact Grant Palmer for possible bus service to train station and hospital. **Action Clerk**

Approach the Villager for service transport to swimming pool. **Action Clerk**

Approach Olney town council to suggest a weekly mini bus from Harrold to Olney. **Action Clerk**

3- Harrold Centre Playground

Council would like to investigate who the land is registered to where the Harrold Centre playground is located.

Before investing in the replacement of the play equipment the council would like some reassurance there is not going to be a road put through it eventually. **Action Clerk**

Council would like Fawns to come down on the price of the addition of the slide. **Action Clerk**

4-Village War Memorial

Scouts did a good job with recent planting. Council will write a letter of appreciation. **Action Cllr R Tickle**

The area needs more plants than were purchased for the scouts. A Jones will increase the number of pansies.
Action A Jones

5-Brook Maintenance

Council would like to move to terminate contract with In Trim. **Action Clerk**

Council agrees to employ R Sinclair. Council is aware the brook will need extra attention to bring it to the expected level of maintenance. Council would like to ask R Sinclair to quote to do work. In April council to review contract and condition of the brook. Cllr S Reger will add additional conditions to existing contract regarding the action to be taken if work not completed to expected standards. **Action Clerk & S Reger**

6-Benches in Village

There are four steel benches which need cleaning and re painting. Cllr R Page will attempt to clean one of the wire benches. Possibly could be a working party job. **Action R Page**

The bench on Village Green needs to be replaced as it is rotting. A new bench for the Lower Green needs to be purchased. D Brough & A Jones will walk through village and decide on the number of benches we need to buy/add to village. **Action A Jones & D Brough**

7- Village Christmas Lighting

Hamilton Black has offered to have the Christmas tree on his parking in front of No 68 hair salon. He will have a permanent hole made to place the tree and provide the wiring for the lighting. The Committee have planned to have LED nights around the butter market. Cluster lights to go up posts. They would like to light up 5 trees on Green (LED lights). They have estimated it will cost 35 pence for 2 months of lighting. Possible budget they are looking at spending is £2000.00 maximum. The committee will need to work with council to create Health & Safety and a Risk Assessment Plans. Their aim is to have the green lit up in time for Carols on the Green. A timer will placed on lights so they aren't on all night. Cllr Brough proposes we offer funds up to £2000 pounds. R Page seconds. All agree.

N.Vine to be added to November meeting agenda to give council update. **Action Clerk**

Council would like to write a letter of thank you to Hamilton Black. **Action Clerk**

8- Neighbourhood Development Plan

The government is expected to put approximately 18.000 dwellings in the Bedford area. They have estimated 50-150 houses will be built in the Harrold area. Our NDP needs to fit in with Bedford Boroughs 2013 consultation document which is due to be released end of October. NDP is a plan which helps shape the future development in Harrold.

Council needs to put together a Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. This will be discussed further at November's meeting. **Action Clerk**

Any Other Business

The path in front of the butter market is overgrown. Council would like a tree surgeon to give advice. Cllr R Barrett to pass on name of a recommended tree surgeon. All council agrees to have tree maintenance done.

Action Clerk

Need to purchase a ramp for the exterior door of new office to ensure meetings are wheelchair accessible.

Action Clerk

The residents of 9 Brook Lane concerned about the damaged footpath bridge. This issue was raised in a past meeting. BBC is working with residents to determine if the bridge is owned by the borough or residents. Council to look into the progress of the bridge repair. **Action Clerk**

Large map of Harrold area needed in new office. **Action Clerk**

Bollards at the corner of Dove Lane and the High Street need to be looked at by highways as they are loose.

Action Clerk

Harrold Pre School – Council received a letter requesting funding to help Pre-school fund an outdoor shelter along the length of the new building. This will enable the children to use the outdoor area as a learning environment in all weather. The Co-Op in Harrold will be closing in March for a refit and have approached the council with a community grant of around £1400 pounds which they would like to put towards the pre-school shelter. G Lloyd moves to give the pre-school a grant of £2500, which is the remaining amount of funding they need to complete the project. D Brough seconds, all council agrees. Council agree to lend the Pre-school the portion of funding the Co-Op will be contributing now as Co-op funds will not be available until March. This will enable the Pre-school to be able to have the shelter built as soon as possible. **Action Clerk**

Council votes to Co-opt Simon Holt to the Parish council.

Date of next meeting

Meeting Closed at 10:00 pm

Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7:30pm