



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6th July 2016 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

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

Apologies – R Barrett, A Foster (Bedford Borough Council)

Public forum

Toby and David son the meeting regarding the Riverbank house, sustained damage in floods. He needs to sell house. Worth fraction what it was years ago. Can't rebuild the house where it is as it is likely to flood again. Want to move the house north up the plot where they will apply for planning permission. They have extraordinary planning permission from BBC but environment agency does not want an increased footprint house there at all. Development would be substantially out of sight. They want to try and define what is built by submitting planning permission. Council has no reason to object as there is an existing house there and it would be nice to have something similar rebuilt there. Cllr Tickle declared an interest as he taught one of Toby's son so did not add comment.

1. **Disclosure of interests –** None
2. **Approval of minutes of the meeting of 8th June 2016**
Minutes were approved.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes of 8th June 2016**
Actions reported from previous meeting
4. **Finance report** The following payments were approved

5. Police Report

Crime statistics report was giving to the council at the meeting.

6. Borough Councillor's Report

The councillor's report was sent to councillors prior to the meeting.

7. Planning Applications

Application No: 16/01430/FUL

Proposal: Erection of new single-storey rear extension, plus new windows and rooflights

Location: Heron Lodge 10A Church Walk, Harrold, MK43 7DG

No objections

Application No: 16/01734/ADV

Proposal: Installation of various illuminated and non-illuminated signage

Location: Co-Op 66 High Street, Harrold, MK43 7DA

Parish council feels the new store front is out of keeping with the conversation area. Want it to be kept more traditional. No illuminated signs.. can light them up with external over hanging lights. Vote taken objection sticking out all object but 2, internally illuminated .. all object but 2... externally illuminated ok.. would like it more traditional materials... not black acrylate.. do not want signs sticking out... flat .. do not want the excessive amount of signs.

8. Neighbourhood Planning Committee Update- Appointed the consultant Trevor Roff. Grant application has been submitted. Meeting with consultant on July 18th.

9. Grant Palmer Bus Service- Cllr D Mercer has been working with Grant Palmer to trail a run to Olney for three months a cost of £350 a day other than a Thursday once a day. We should liase with the good neighbour committee.

10. Parish Council Councillor Roles & Responsibilities – Want to keep to a whole council committee approach. Contact the council through clerk office, facebook or website. Then council to discuss matters as a whole committee and divide actions where needed.

11. Update from Playing Field Association Monthly meeting- Cllr Mercer

Email from David Mercer

Contact school to invite them to meeting in Autumn to discuss football pitch being used on the field.

Action Clerk

12. Website Improvements -

Councillors at... everyone get it the email. .. clerk responses if you wish to address a particular councillor please write for attention of ... use the new emails between eachother

13. Request for funding from Harrold Centre Development Committee-

Not happy with loan portion. We support the building and believe our funds should go to 130k against a fully funded and viable project. Not happy with financial plan... want a plan which is properly managed where they will build up a pot of money. Spending all this money and revenue increases by £4. All that matters is that it is self supporting going forward. Stipulation they cannot come back to us yearly to support. Maintain the building in good condition. Fix what you have got. Prove how much we have given them up to date at this point. They decide what they do with the pot of money we give them.

Against 50K more all against... finance the loan all against.

14. Quote received for placement of remaining bench on The Green

Accepting quote accepted...
Second bench on cen

15. Any other business – for information only

- Email a response to M Haylett regarding bushes removed on land owned by BBC. We cannot fund and do not approve of the bushes being removed without permission.

14. Correspondence – for information only

List of correspondence received during the past month

15. Summary of actions

The Chairman will summarise the actions required

- Janet from Country Park emailed to inform us of graffiti at the skate park hut and missing bolts on some of the outdoor gym equipment. Clerk has asked gym maintenance contractor to fix the leg press and the village maintenance contractor to clean the graffiti of the skate park.
- Mr. Sellers contacted the PC to ask if the bin near Peaches Close could be emptied. Clerk has rung BBC three times and the bin has still not been emptied.
- Mr. Sellers also wanted to make the council aware of vehicles parking on the pavement near the give way part of the High Street. It pushes people with wheelchairs and push chairs on to the road to walk around the cars. Also He is concerned that the road is very narrow there for large commercial vehicles and the wing mirrors come over the pavement making it dangerous for pedestrians.
- Email received from Rights of Way to inform PC that FP Number 9 will be closed for works starting July 7th for up to 6 months. Clerk has posted notice on the Noticeboard.
- Ms Attia emailed to ask the bin by Peaches Close be emptied and the blocked drains on the High Street are cleared. Clerk has rung BBC about both issues.
- Mr. Dobson emailed the PC regarding a possible planning application his family have submitted to the BBC regarding his father's Riverbank home near Harrold Bridge. Clerk has emailed Mr. Dobson to ask if he has been in touch with Odell PC as the land in is Odell Parish.

- Mr Johnson emailed regarding the state of FP number 2 which runs along the fences of Peaches Close. It is very over grown. Clerk has asked village maintenance contractor to clear the nettles and brambles and spray with weed killer.
- Mr. White emailed regarding a VAT question for grant received from PC for tennis court fencing. **To be discussed at PC meeting**
- Mrs. Pedersen emailed the PC feedback from the meeting she had with Mr. Prigmore. She will be providing the PC with a report in the near future.
- A resident came in to ask if a plaque for Donna Wallinger could be placed on the new bench at the top of Wood Lane.

Meeting Finished at 10:06pm

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th September 2016

7:30pm 72 High Street