



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8th July 2015 at 7.30pm at Harrold Centre**

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

H Crabb (Clerk) R Brough (Clerk) C Harris (Youth Representative) A Foster (Bedford Council)

**Apologies –** M Johnston

**Disclosure of interests –** Planning Application – Cllrs A Jones, R Barrett

**Co-option of Parish Councillors –** S Reger unanimously voted in.

**Approval of minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2015**

These were unanimously approved.

**Matters arising from the minutes of 10 June 2015**

Clerk to investigate repair of the hydrant cap opposite the co-op **Action Clerk**

Update required from Peter Hickman regarding Local Green Space Application **Action Helen Crabb**

Cllr Barrett provided examples of replacement benches. The council chose the Eastgate design. Cllr Barrett to provide council with batch price via email. Council pre-approved spending up to £3000. This is to include one bench on the lower green and two additional benches. **Action Cllr Barrett**

Council reviewed correspondence from North Beds Arts and approved the release of remaining portion of grant which council was holding. **Action Clerk**

Council approved the start date of July 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 for new clerk.

Council approved funding for clerk to enrol on relevant clerk courses. **Action Clerk**

**Finance report**

The following payments were approved.

	<u>£</u>
BRCC - payroll admin	26.40
HELEN CRABB - SALARY JUNE 2015	877.10
R A SINCLAIR - GENERAL	335.00
WILDMAN TRANSPORT	64.80
CAMBRIDGESHIRE -ACRE - payroll admin	36.00
HELEN CRABB - REFUND OF EXPENSES	23.60
CLAN MARKETING - sign for skatepark	55.00
EON - buttermarket lighting	54.76
EON - street lighting	543.64
IN TRIM - brook and grass - June/July	1200.00
Mr J Creasey - project management for Centre windows	1729.00
NORTH BEDS ARTS	112.005
HERITAGE ARBORICULTURE - trees by bus shelter	120.00

The Council unanimously accepted and agreed as there would be no Parish Council meeting in August and the council would approve any necessary spending via email. If anything unusual was to occur a finance committee meeting would be called.

**Police Report** – no report – crime statistics had been distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

In response to awareness of a crime Andrew Prigmore to be asked about the possibility of having a bollard at the entrance of the lower green to stop further camping. **Action Clerk**

#### **Traffic calming- Raised Pedestrian Crossing**

Reported we have been turned down for Borough funding. 20mph speed limit has been approved. Next steps are to contact Andrew Prigmore to find out when the 20mph will be implemented. **Action Clerk**

It was proposed council investigates the cost of having speed cameras put in the village. **Action Cllr D Brough and R Barrett**

Consult other boroughs on the cost of a raised speed bump. We have been quoted in excess of £20,000, is this reasonable amount? Councillor Barrett to look at recent fees charged in Coventry. **Action Cllr R Barrett**

#### **Borough Councillor's Report**

Alison Foster reported the ongoing issues with Harewelle playground have been referred from Simon to the BBC legal team.

Possible areas Alison could contribute a portion of her allocated Waterford Funding were discussed. It was decided the best place would be to put the money towards the repair of the unsafe footpath bridge on Brook Lane. Council will arrange for quotes for the work to be given to Alison. **Action Clerk**

Alison expressed the urgency in starting The Harrold Neighbourhood Development Plan. Council will contact surrounding Parish Councils for recommendations of whom to employ and possible grants. It was suggested council starts with Pavenham. **Action Cllr A. Jones**

### **Planning Applications**

Application No: 15/01361/FUL Full Planning Application

Proposal: Single and two storey side extension and alterations following demolition of entrance lobby.

Location: 44 High Street Harrold Bedfordshire Mk43 7DQ

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

### **Harrold Centre –Refurbishment plans and funding**

Harrold Centre Development Committee have asked Parish Council for a further £50,000. The Council unanimously agreed they could not commit more money to the project based on the old business plans they had been given which did not match the current development plans.

Cllr R Harris and Chair R Tickle proposed a small committee of Parish Council, Harrold Centre committee and Harrold Centre Development Committee meet separately to talk about refurb. Clerk to organise meeting. **Action Clerk**

Cllr D Mercer recommended a review of the relationship between the Parish Council and the Harrold Centre Committee. The possibility of a member of the Parish Committee joining the Board of Trustees for Harrold Centre was mentioned. This is to be discussed further in next meeting.

### **Playgrounds**

One further quote for refurbishment of the Harrold Centre playground is to be received. Cllr R Barrett recommended we contact Fawns. **Action Clerk**

Simon Fisher (Bedford Council) to attempt to resolve issue with Harewelle Way playground and Redrow with a written letter before taking legal action.

Alison Foster to look into the progress of transfer of Roman Paddock to the Harrold Parish Council.

### **Action A Foster**

Greg Cox has sent correspondence to the Parish Council regarding taking on the Peaches Close Playground and adopting adjacent land. It reads the land cannot be transferred because of the changes with lenders. Clerk to forward letter to Alison Foster. **Action Clerk**

Tennis club has complained about the weeds growing around the tennis court. Council agreed to have Richard Sinclair strim and spray weed killer along fence line. **Action Clerk**

### **Harrold Odell Country Park Outdoor Gym**

Two types of outdoor equipment were reviewed by council members. Council unanimously agreed on the The Great Outdoor Gym Company. The outdoor gym will need to be added to Parish insurance. **Action Clerk**

Gym will be maintained by a local contractor.

#### **Parking Enforcement Signs on Green**

Contact Andrew Prigmore regarding placement of parking signs on the Green. Is it possible to see the plan? **Action Clerk**

Use the posts which will be removed from The Green to replace the damaged posts on the grass triangle at the end of Mansion Lane. Contact Darren Franklin; add this to his current list of jobs.

**Action Clerk**

#### **New Parish Council Office**

Cllr B Page proposed moving to office space available in Paul Young Finance Building. Cllr R Harris seconded. The council unanimously agreed to the move.

Meet with Paul Young to agree on fees. **Action Clerk**

#### **Parish Council Website**

Cllr R Harris to look further into this but it is estimated it will cost £4000-5000 to build site and then around £1000 yearly to maintain the site. R Harris to continue to investigate and report his findings at next council meeting. **Action Cllr R Harris**

#### **Any Other Business**

Respond to correspondence received from Ollie Martin and invite him to attend a future meeting.

**Action Clerk**

Look at the grass cutting and strimming around the church yard. Robert to have a look with Mike and respond to complaint. **Action R Tickle**

Contact Olly Livingston regarding past discussion of creating a brook maintenance program. Where is he on this? **Action Clerk**

Look at current brook maintenance contract. If the brook is not being maintained to standard agreed within contract speak to contractor. If work which is needed to be done is extra from that written in the contract contact Richard Sinclair to complete the work. **Action Clerk**

Cllr D Mercer would like a future discussion with council regarding the possibility of getting a water supply to the allotment.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

