



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8th March 2017 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

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

Apologies – R Barrett, B Page, S Reger, M Johnston

Public Forum-

No residents attended this evening's public forum.

1. **Received apologies for absence** - R Barrett, B Page, S Reger, M Johnston
2. **Disclosure of Interest** – members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any items on the Agenda

No declarations of conflicts of interest made.

3. **Approval of Minutes** from the Parish Council meeting held 8th February 2017

Minutes were unanimously approved

4. **Matters arising from meeting held 8th February 2017** – for information only

- Clerk report on the month's Action List
- Clerk met with Andrew Prigmore to discuss numerous Highway matters. Mr. Prigmore will have the large damaged road signs at the junctions of the High St and Odell Rd Replaced. Mr. Prigmore will instruct a work team to clean all the street signs within Harrold. Mr. Prigmore is planning on removing 6 signs from around the Green and replacing with double yellow lines on the roads. This will be done when the weather is better. Mr. Prigmore will have a single yellow line painted on the High St across from the bus loading zone to help with congestion. This will be done when the weather is better. Mr. Prigmore looked at the damage to the brick ledge along the brook at the Dove Lane junction. He will have a structural engineer look at that length of brickwork to ensure the rest is secure. He will then move to have it repaired. Mr. Prigmore will have the stone ledge along the footpath between Roman Paddock and the small footbridge before you get to Dove Lane repaired.
- The clerk also showed Mr. Prigmore the potholes Mansion Lane which have been repaired recently but are opening up again.
- The clerk also spoke to Mr. Prigmore regarding the intended work of replacing the metal railings with a small stone wall near the Harrold Bridge. Mr. Prigmore will have a team clear the overgrown shrubs in the near future for workman to access the stonewall from both sides. He has also approved the use of cones along the roadside to section off a safe area for the workman while building the wall. Mr. Prigmore is unable to provide the contractor with a map of the underground electrical wires. He advises the contractor contacts Western Power and requests a map of the powerlines.
- Mr. Prigmore will have a member of his Highways team write to the homeowners parking vehicles on the grass verges along Odell Road.

5. Finance Report:

Approval for requests for monthly payments

Ref #	Invoice Date	Payment	Details	Payments			Receipts
				Gross	VAT	Net	Gross
Payment 173	23 February 2017	Grant Out: Bridge Magazine		250.00	0.00	250.00	
Payment 174	02 February 2017	Grass: In Trim	February	360.00	60.00	300.00	
Payment 175	23 February 2017	Training: Cllrs	BATPC	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Payment 176	23 February 2017	Grant Out: Harrold Twinning Association		250.00	0.00	250.00	
Payment 177	01 February 2017	Project: Neighbourhood plan	Neighbourhood Plan Consulting Fees: Trevor Roff	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Payment 178	23 February 2017	Grant Out: Harrold Toddler Group		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Payment 179	16 February 2017	Bottle Bank: Income	Quarter 3 - Oct-Dec				237.53
Payment 180	19 February 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		156.28	0.00	156.28	
Payment 181	28 February 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough		1,026.79	0.00	1,026.79	
Payment 182	02 March 2017	Bottle Bank: 50% share to HCC		217.73	0.00	217.73	
Payment 183	21 February 2017	Electricity: Buttermarket EON		25.91	1.23	24.68	
Payment 184	01 March 2017	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair		348.00	0.00	348.00	
Payment 185	01 March 2017	Brook: R Sinclair		250.00	0.00	250.00	
Payment 186	26 February 2017	Office: Phone & Broadband BT		21.16	3.35	17.64	
Payment 187	01 March 2017	Office: Rent		375.00	0.00	375.00	
Payment 188	19 March 2017	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		156.48	0.00	156.48	
Payment 190	07 March 2017	Bottle Bank: 50% share to HCC		217.73	0.00	217.73	
Payment 191	07 March 2017	Grant Out: Rural Grant Payment from BBC to Harrold Centre	Rural Grant Payment	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	
Payment 192	06 March 2017	Grass: In Trim	March	360.00	60.00	300.00	
Payment 194	01 March 2017	Project: Neighbourhood plan	Neighbourhood Plan Consulting Fees: Trevor Roff	150.00	0.00	150.00	
				30,415	125	30,290	238

The council approved all this month's payments.

6. Police report: Crime statistics and information and intelligence exchange

(Provided to council prior to meeting via email)

Council had reviewed the crime report prior to the meeting. The report listed two incidents occurring in Harrold. One incident was on the High Street the other was in Peach's Close. No further information on these incidents was given to the council.

7. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward.

Cllr Foster informed the council that the Bedford Borough Council is about to start consultation on new local plan. Harrold has been downgraded, now being allocated 25-50 new houses. The borough has outlined the possible sites they are considering for development in Harrold and how many houses could be placed on each site. The Harrold Neighbourhood Plan will be an important document in making sure Harrold residents have a say in the future development in Harrold. Cllr Foster informed the council of the decision regarding the Post 16 school transport proposal. It was agreed by BBC that families of children accessing 6 form will now pay £890 a year for bus transport two and from school. They have retained the subsidy for low income families who will need to pay £195 for the same transport.

8. Planning applications

Application no: 17/00335/FUL Full Planning Application

Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement 1.5 storey 5 bedroom dwelling with integral garage.

Location: Willowmeade School Lane, Harrold, Beds, MK43 7DE

No objections

9. Update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

Cllr Mercer reported that the neighbourhood planning committee had met at the end of February. The Committee is still working on reducing the number of questions currently in the next questionnaire due to go out to Harrold residents. Once it is printed it will need to be delivered to houses in Harrold and the council will need to encourage residents to fill in the questionnaire. The committee will be looking for help from the HPC in delivering the questionnaire to residents.

10. Council to decide on the specific areas within the village they would like maintained weekly.

Council reviewed a large map of Harrold. The council highlighted the areas in which they would like R Sinclair to sweep in pink and the areas in which they would like R Sinclair to regularly litter pick in yellow. Council would like R Sinclair to report any other maintenance issues he comes across in the village to the council prior to commencing work on these matters.

The fallen tree on the Tusting's footpath which runs along their lake was discussed. It was decided the council would write a letter to the Tustings asking them to look at having the tree removed, the footpath properly maintained and the wooden styles replaced. Once the clerk has finished composing the letter Cllr Jones will meet with the Tustings to discuss the needed footpath maintenance. **Action Clerk & Cllr Jones**

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

Council reviewed three possible designs for new equipment at the Harewelle Way playground. Council would like two of the companies to redesign areas they have presented and council will re-look at the revised presentations in the April meeting. **Action Clerk**

12. Council to discuss the environmental permit application by Coventa, an American Company, who are planning to build a waste incinerator facility at Stewartby. Council to decide whether to send a letter of objection or support to Environment Agency.

Cllr Lloyd spoke to the council about the implications the waste incinerator will have on air quality in Harrold and the roads around the proposed incinerator, due to 600 large lorries delivering waste to the incinerator a day. Council feels this will have an impact on life in Harrold and would like to write a letter of objection to the Environment Agency. Cllr Tickle proposes we write the letter on environment grounds, Cllr Jones seconds the proposal and all council agrees to a written objection. Cllr Lloyd will compose the letter and give it to the clerk to be put on appropriate letterhead and sent to the Environment Agency. **Action Cllr Lloyd & Clerk**

13. Grant request from Harrold Scouts.

Clare Watkins attended the meeting on behalf of the 51st Harrold Scouts Group. The scouts have put in a grant application for £2500.00. These funds are needed for necessary camping equipment, which they are hoping to have for an upcoming camp out at the end of March. They also need to purchase a large storage unit for the scout hut and display boards for both inside and outside of the hut. Cllr Tickle proposes we grant the full amount of £2500.00 to the Scouts from section 137 monies, Cllr Pedersen seconds the motion. The council votes and all were in favour of granting the funds. **Action Clerk**

14. Any other business –

- Cllr A Jones is completing the necessary planning application for replacing the existing metal railings with a stone wall by Harrold Bridge. **Action Cllr Jones**
- BBC Legal team have provided Harrold Parish Council with a draft lease agreement for Harewelle Way Playground. Cllr Reger is looking over the document to ensure the Parish council is happy to move forward with the transfer of the land. **Action Cllr Reger**

15. Correspondence –

- A resident contacted the Clerk regarding a burnt-out lamppost on Roman Paddock. The bulb had been replaced a couple months ago, and is not working again. Clerk to contact BBC to find out if the ownership of the roadways has been transferred from the developer to BBC. **Action Clerk**
- A resident contacted the council to complain about the 20mph painted on the residential roads off the High Street. Cllr Brough stopped the painting contractor from continuing to paint the side roads. The clerk contacted Highways. The council was not informed this would be included in implementing the 20mph limit. Highways will remove the road painted signage on the side roads. **Action Clerk**
- Two residents emailed the council to inform of two fallen trees after storm Doris. One across the footpath at the top of Brook Lane. The other on the footpath running along the Tusting's lake. Clerk asked R Sinclair to clear the trees from the footpaths. **Action Clerk & Cllr Jones**

16. Summary of actions

The Chairman summarised the actions required

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 12th April 2017
7:30pm 72 High Street