



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th December 2015 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

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

- 1. Apologies –** R Harris, R Barrett, G Lloyd, A Foster (Bedford Borough Council)

Public forum

Two residents of Odell road attended to discuss farmland being submitted for possible development on Odell Road. They would like the Parish Council to formulate a response to the borough. **Action- Clerk & Neighbourhood Development Committee.**

- 2. Disclosure of interests –** None

- 3. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2015**

Minutes were approved.

- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 11th November 2015**

Village clock is currently not ringing again. They have come in and removed the motor to take away and repair.

- 5. Finance report** The following payments were approved

Ref #	Trans Date	Details	Payments		
			Gross	VAT	Net
412	26 November 2015	Other: Christmas Lights- Transcend Music	1,826.64	304.38	1,522.26
413	26 November 2015	S137 Prior Year: HPC donation for new building	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
414	26 November 2015	Project: Village Benches	4,816.80	802.80	4,014.00
415	01 December 2015	SLCC: Membership Fees	149.00	0.00	149.00
416	01 December 2015	Office: Phone BT	24.43	4.07	20.36
417	01 December 2015	Office: Projector- D.Brough	81.57	0.00	81.57
418	01 December 2015	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI	77.41	0.00	77.41
419	01 December 2015	Project: Village Fire Hydrants	750.00	125.00	625.00
420	05 December 2015	Other: Christmas Lights- Hamilton Black	200.00	0.00	200.00
421	05 December 2015	Brook: R Sinclair	250.00	0.00	250.00
422	05 December 2015	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair	205.00	0.00	205.00
423	10 December 2015	Office: Rent	375.00	0.00	375.00
424	09 December 2015	Bottle Bank: Collection (Wildman Transport)	64.80	10.80	54.00
425	09 December 2015	Parish Council Annual Insurance premium	2,814.42	0.00	2,814.42
426	09 December 2015	Payroll: Cambridgeshire ACRE	36.00	6.00	30.00
427	27 December 2015	Clerk Salary: R Brough	937.90	0.00	937.90
428	09 December 2015	Other: Christmas Lights- Duncan Brignall	37.18	0.00	37.18
429	09 December 2015	Other: Christmas Tree- Westwood Nursery	40.00	0.00	40.00
			<u>14,686.15</u>		

6. Police Report

Crime statistics had been distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Put a reminder on noticeboard to encourage villagers to report and criminal activities.

Action-Clerk

7. Borough Councillor's Report

Alison was able to attend the later portion of the meeting and gave the council an update on the progress she is making with the introduction of Parish Special Constables to the Bedfordshire villages.

8. Planning Applications

Application No: 15/02756/TPO Tree Preservation Order

Proposal: 12 x Lime- Crown lift to 4m and thin by 20%

Location: The Harrold Green High Street Harrold

No objections

Application No: 15/02691/FUL

Proposal: Installation of a timber canopy, new internal plant room with louvres to existing opening.

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

No Objections

Application No: 15/02684/FUL

Proposal: Replace existing recessed timber shopfront with new timber shopfront on line of main shopfront, including a new timber auto sliding door.

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

No Objections

Application No: 15/02769/TPO

Proposal: 2x Sycamore- Crown lift 4m, reduce overhang by 2.5m. 2x Beech- Reduce overhang by 3m and crown lift 4m. 1x Beech- Remove deceased stem.

Location: 11 Hall Close Harrold, MK43 7DU

No Objections

9. Three Tier System to Two Tier System

Graham Russell and Jane Charsley attended the meeting. They informed the council that both schools have started the consultation process. The new primary school is hoping to be on site in Harrold September 2017. It is to remain a one form entry school, 30 children per class. It is not expected to impact surrounding schools or cause any school closures. The new site will be more attractive so they are hopeful student intake will increase. There will be 200 children less children attending the school grounds when the middle school closes so this should improve morning traffic in Harrold.

10. Village Neighbourhood Plan

Harrold is being classed as a service area with a school, doctor surgery, post office, bus service. The village neighbourhood planning committee will meet and respond to the current consultation document. They will be highlighting that the current consultation document is missing impact and quality of provision in its methodology. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is an important as a line of defence with regards to future development in Harrold.

Action- Neighbourhood Planning Committee

11. War Memorial

The council would like to put out to tender the job of redoing the flower garden around the War Memorial. As we may possibly remove the metal railings the council will make an application to do so. **Action-Clerk**

12. Cemetery Maintenance and Developments

The council would like to put out to tender the job of creating some form of the flower garden on the small patch of grass in front of the Memorial Wall in the cemetery. **Action-Clerk**

13. Village CCTV

Cllr David Brough proposes we accept Crime Secure's quote for new village cctv cameras and for updating the existing ones, and also create a wifi hotspot on the Village Green. Cllr M Johnston seconds the proposal. Four voted in favour of the proposal and four voted against, one abstained. However, due to the closeness of the vote and the opposition within the council Cllr Brough removed his proposal. The council decided they will hold off changing the current cctv system and will look at this issue in the future.

14. Any other business – for information only

- Maintenance work on The Village Green lime trees will commence in January 4th 2016 once the Christmas lights have been taken down.
- The order for the new village benches has been placed and we are hoping to have them in place January/February.
- The replacement pump cap and mould have been ordered. They should be with us early January.
- Work on the Harrold Centre playground will commence January 5th 2016

15. Correspondence – for information only

List of correspondence received during the past month

- A resident of Odell road rang to discuss the land being submitted for possible development on Odell Road. He was hoping the Parish Council would make a response to the borough.
- Duncan Grey and Norman Froggatt both emailed to enquire into the progress of the cctv unit on the Harrold Centre car park.
- Roger Johnson a resident of Odell Road emailed regarding a particular uneven section of path from Peaches Close to Dove Lane stretching some 25yards - this remains unimproved. "Odell Road and indeed Carlton Road plus eastern section of the High St suffers from an annual problem come the end of leaf fall in that the road gullies are all blocked with leaves . Could I urge that Bedford BC be requested to clean out the road gullies." **Action Clerk**

16. Summary of actions

The Chairman will summarise the actions required

Meeting ended at 9:30pm

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 13th January 2016–

7.30pm 72 High Street