



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th March 2016 at 7.30pm at Parish Council Office

Present: R. Tickle (chair), Cllrs D Brough, D Mercer, S Holt, M Johnston, A Jones, R Barrett, G Lloyd, R Brough (Clerk), A Foster (Bedford Borough Council)

- 1. Apologies –** B Page, R Harris, S Reger

Public forum

J Waller attended public forum regarding a number of matters which will be discussed further by the council.

- 2. Disclosure of interests –** None

- 3. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 10th February 2016**

Minutes were approved.

- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 10th February 2016**

- Contact both the Villager bus service and Grant Palmer to have up to date schedules provided for to the council and displaced in the new bus shelter. **Action Clerk**
- Officially inform BBC Harrold would like to be a designated neighbourhood area. **Action Clerk**

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

Ref #	Trans Date	Details	Notes	Payments	
				Gross	
456	18 February 2016	Bin Collection: HC BBC		161.59	
457	18 February 2016	Bottle Bank: Collection (Wildman Transport)		129.60	
458	08 March 2016	Office: Phone BT		23.62	
459	31 March 2016	Clerk Salary: R Brough		937.90	
460	08 March 2016	Clerk Salary: R Brough Tax NI		77.41	
461	08 March 2016	Village Maintenance: R Sinclair		115.00	
462	08 March 2016	Brook: R Sinclair		250.00	
463	08 March 2016	Office: Rent		375.00	
464	08 March 2016	Payroll: Cambridgeshire ACRE		6.00	
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- 6. Police Report**

Crime statistics were not provided to the council this month.

The Village Speed Watch Team started last week in Carlton. Coming into Carlton 1 in 4 cars were speeding. Harrold presently does not have a PCSO. With Parish Special Constables starting to be recruited it is hopeful Harrold will eventually have their own Special Constable.

7. Borough Councillor's Report

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

8. Planning Applications

Application No: 16/00552/FUL

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

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

No Objections – Action Clerk

9. Discuss the quotes received to create a new Parish Council website-

Council looked through the quotes provided and discussed what the website should look like and which developer would likely be most likely able to create this for us. A vote was taken and the majority of the council voted to have Bespoke Media design the new Parish Council website. **Action Clerk**

10. Village Maintenance - Review of monthly village maintenance costs

Clarify with R Sinclair where he is currently litter picking and how often. Council to review areas around the village in need of more attention and provide R Sinclair with a detailed map of these areas. This will include clearing the debris and leaves from the high street and footpaths. Council would like to develop a rotor and time sheet so we can ensure we can monitor the clearing of litter more closely. In doing this we will be able to assess whether there is a need to employ a person solely responsible for litter picking. Cllr R Tickle will reply to J Waller regarding his interest in litter picking. Council will organise the annual Village Litter Pick for a date in May. **Action Clerk & Cllr R Tickle**

11. Village Celebrations- Council discussed various ideas of possible future village events. It was decided the council would look at adding a summer market to the already organised Open Gardens event. Council would also like to look at developing a village advent calendar in December 2016. **Action Clerk**

12. Bridge Flooding Committee- Cllr A Jones and Cllr D Mercer both agreed to be part of the Harrold Flood Watch Committee once it is up and running. Other members will be encouraged by placing a notice in the next issue of The Bridge Magazine.

13. Remaining Bench Location- The council discussed various locations the last remaining bench could be placed. It was decided to wait and ask the villagers where they would like to see another bench before choosing the location.

14. Request for Funding from Harrold Allotments- Harrold Allotments have approached the Parish Council to assist them with purchasing a new noticeboard to be placed at the entrance of the allotments. This will help communicate with the allotment users who do not use the internet. Funding was granted. Funds to come out of Section 137 money. **Action Clerk**

Any other business – for information only

- Mirror on the Corner of High street and Church Walk has been damaged. **Action Clerk**
- Pump cap has been made. Cllr A Jones is looking into a method to fix the cap to the hydrants.

14. Correspondence – for information only

List of correspondence received during the past month

15. Summary of actions

The Chairman will summarise the actions required

Meeting ended at 9:40pm

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 13th April 2016–

7.30pm 72 High Street