



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10 June 2015 at 7.30pm at Harrold Centre

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

Apologies – Cllr G Lloyd, R Barrett, R Harris, A Foster

Disclosure of interests - Project for older people – Cllr Mercer

Co-option of Parish Councillors – The Clerk reported that Mrs J Page had withdrawn her application to be Co-opted to the Council.

Approval of minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2015

These were unanimously approved

Matters arising from the minutes of 13 May 2015

The Chairman reported that he was looking in to the ownership of the land in Peach's Close

Meeting to be arranged with members of the Centre Committee and Councillors Tickle, Mercer and Jones for 29/6/15 **Action Clerk**

Councillor Johnston reported that he had met with the grass contractor and they had agreed that a lower cut will be done in future. Councillors Tickle and Johnston had walked the village and thought it all looked satisfactory. Contractor to be asked to cut back the pathway on the lower green (over and above his contracted work) **Action Clerk**

Cllr Barrett to be reminded about the park bench's **Action Clerk**

Jon Walsh at the garage to be asked if there is anything he could suggest about the broken water hydrants. **Action Clerk**

Finance report

The following payments were approved.

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BATPC – COUNCILLOR TRAINING	60.00
HELEN CRABB – SALARY MAY 2015	1051.90
R A SINCLAIR- GENERAL MAINTENANCE	130.00
WILDMAN TRANSPORT – BOTTLE BANK HAULAGE	64.80
MRS K J BETTS – INTERNAL AUDIT FEE	100.00
HELEN CRABB – REFUND OF EXPENSES	51.12
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – REFUSE COLLECTION	161.59
CPRE - SUBSCRIPTION	36.00
HARROLD CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	138.97

The Clerk reported that the internal audit report had been circulated to all Councillors and this was accepted. There were no issues raised in the report.

The Council unanimously accepted and agreed the Annual Governance Statement and this was duly signed by the Chairman.

Draft Financial Standing Orders had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. These were unanimously accepted.

A new Finance Committee will be formed comprising Cllrs Tickle, Brough and Johnston

Financial assistance to the bowls club

It was agreed that the original pledge of £5,365 would be honoured subject to the same conditions.

Traffic calming survey

It was agreed that the Council will wait to see if funds are available for the raised crossing before undertaking the traffic survey.

Councillor Page noted that he had spoken to David Smith about the possibility of using land at the top of Orchard Lane as a football pitch. All Councillors to go and have a look at the area and Cllr Page to speak again with Mr Smith and the local football club. **Action all Councillors**

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

Borough Councillor Report

No report

Planning

15/01136/S73A –Retrospective planning permission Application –
Retention of timber gates, timber posts and stone/brick piers at access to properties – 16,18,20,21 and 22 Barley Kiln Lane

If the above is to be adopted by the Borough Council then the Parish Council objects to the area being gated off – if to be private then no objection. **Action Clerk**

15/01214/LBC – Listed Building Consent Application

– minor internal and external works and restoration to listed building re building 2 chimneys, reinstatement of stone to parapets, replacing guttering, double glazing to utility door and window, addition of shutters to bedroom and replacement roof light – 80 High Street, Harrold

No objection assuming complies with listed building regulations
Action Clerk

Harrold Centre

Richard to be asked to look at the repair to the shelter roof

Action Clerk

Trees on the Centre Ground near the bus shelter to be cut back.
Quote from Neil Smith of £100 plus VAT agreed

Harrold Centre Playground

Quotes are still being obtained – carry forward to next meeting.

Gym Equipment in the Country Park

Councillor Brough and the Clerk had met with Ed Burnett and looked at suitable sites for the equipment. Cllr Brough is meeting with the supplier to do some detailed plans.
The skate park refurbishment will be done in September.

Project for the elderly

Cllr Mercer tabled the questionnaire to be circulated.

Parish Council website

Carry forward to next meeting

Any other business

Brook contract to be sent to Cllr Mercer. **Action Clerk**

Paths on backway and near by the fire station are very overgrown and need cutting back **Action Clerk**

Parish Clerk position – the position has been advertised with a closing date of 15 June and interviews 17 June.

Parish Office – it is likely that a new office will be needed within the next 6 months. The Chairman is looking in to options available.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was circulated

Mr Hickman to be asked if he will look at the information needed for the local green spaces. **Action Clerk**

Letter from resident re disabled access to be forwarded to Councillor Foster and Andrew Prigmore. **Action Clerk**

Resident to be advised of traffic surveys done re Lavendon end of the village. **Action Clerk**

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8 July 2015 at 7.30

The meeting closed at 9.45pm