



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 13 May 2015 at 7.30pm at Harrold Centre

Present: R. Tickle (chair) Cllrs , D Brough, R Barrett, R Page, M Johnston, G Lloyd,

H Crabb (Clerk)

2 Parishioners

In attendance: Cllr A Foster (from 8.30pm)

Apologies – Cllr A Jones

Disclosure of interests –None

Mr Chris Healey (out of agenda order) – talked to the Councillors about his suggestions for CCTV in the village – he confirmed that the quality would be good enough for the police.

After answering the Councillor's questions Mr Healey will now provide some further information and a more detailed cost breakdown.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2015/6 – Councillor Robert Tickle was unanimously voted as Chairman and Councillor Bob Page was unanimously voted as Vice Chairman

Co-option of Parish Councillors – the Parish Council can be a maximum of 13. At the moment only 7 places have been taken through the electoral services process enabling co-option to take place. Mr R Harris, Mrs J Page and Mr D Mercer were therefore duly co-opted on to the Parish Council

Approval of minutes of the meeting of 15 April 2015 and the extra ordinary meeting of 5 May 2015

These were unanimously approved

Matters arising from the minutes

Agreed that a 24 foot Christmas tree be ordered well in advance from Westwood Nurseries

Action Clerk

The Clerk advised that she and Councillor Stenhouse had looked at the positioning of the memorial bench and it was agreed that this would be now be installed at the cost quoted of £192.

It was reported that a resident was very unhappy with the positioning of the speed device near the fire station. It was agreed that the Council were not prepared to move this.

Finance report

The following payments were approved but it was agreed to hold back the May "in Trim" payment until the end of the month

	£
MATRIX SECURITY – CCTV MAINTENANCE	180.00
HELEN CRABB – SALARY APRIL 2015	702.30
HMRC – TAX AND NHI ON CLERK’S SALARY	244.73
R A SINCLAIR- GENERAL MAINTENANCE	210.00
IN TRIM - BROOK AND GRASS APRIL	600.00
FSC – OFFICE RENT	450.00
BATPC – ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	338.00
WILDMAN TRANSPORT – BOTTLE BANK HAULAGE	129.6
RAMPMENTAL LTD – SKATE PARK RESURFACING	3240.00
HELEN CRABB – REFUND OF EXPENSES (ROOM HIRE AND STAMPS)	43.13
IN TRIM – BROOK AND GRASS MAY	600.00
HARROLD TODDLERS – DONATION SECTION 137	1,000.00

Information for internal and external auditors

The Clerk tabled the information to be given to the auditors. It was to be passed to the internal auditor the following day and the Annual Return was to be signed off by the Council at the June meeting. The books and records would be available for public inspection on the dates as advised by the external auditors (elector’s rights)

The information was all approved to be sent to the internal auditor

Chris Healey to be asked if solar packs are available to power camera for CCTV (possibly if we wanted to install at the Country Park Action Clerk

It was noted that no representative from the Harrold Centre had come to this meeting as agreed

It was proposed that a few Councillors will see if the Harrold Centre would like an informal talk about their plans. Action Clerk

Councillor Foster joined the meeting

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

The Clerk reported that the police were planning to come to the June meeting

Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Foster tabled her report.

A discussion was held about the recent police referendum and its effect on local policing. Councillor Foster will ask about rural policing and also about Ringmaster that does not seem to be active

Planning

15/00882/FUL – no objections

15/00955/TPO – no objections

Grass cutting and brook maintenance

The Clerk and other Councillors reported a high number of complaints about the grass – particularly about it not being cut short enough and the grass cuttings being left.

Clerk to point out to the contractor about the contract requirements in respect of cuttings and Councillor Johnston will meet with him to talk about the technicalities.

Action Clerk/Cllr Johnston

The footpath (near the waterfall) is very narrow because of the bank eroding away – this could be dangerous. Clerk to speak with Rights of way at BBC

Action Clerk

Richard to be asked to paint the butter market - **Action Clerk**

Harrold on line website

Issues have been noted with the website and offers of help have been forthcoming.

It was agreed to get a quote for a fully managed website as it was thought that this would encourage interaction in the village.

Action Cllr Harris

Litter pick day – confirmed as 13 June

Update on refurbishment plans for Harrold Centre Playground

Councillors Brough and Barrett are in the process of getting some ideas and costings.

Councillor Brough also raised the issue of outdoor gym equipment in the Country Park. Total cost approx. £20K

This will be put on Facebook for any comments and on the agenda for June for further discussion.

Any other business

– Defibrillator training has been arranged for 24th June – sports clubs to be invited and Hamilton Blacks. Open to others in the village on a first come first served basis **Action Clerk**

Repair of water pumps – ask Richard to have a look - **Action Clerk**

Follow up about lamp post painting quotes - **Action Clerk**

The Chairman reported the formal resignation of the Clerk – a working party to be set up for recruitment of a replacement

Complaints about the rubbish etc. outside the Muntjac – Cllr Brough will talk to the landlord.

The Clerk advised of the training available to new Councillors – it was agreed the £60 would be paid for 3 places.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was circulated

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10 June 2015 at 7.30

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

