

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010** - in the Red Room at the Harrold Centre - start time 1930.

**Present:** Cllr. J Knight (Chairman), Cllr R. Barrett, P. Hickman, T. Storer, R. Tickle, D. Williams. N Bransgrove-Knight (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Borough Councillor Nick Charsley, Bedfordshire Police.
- 2. Disclosure of interest:** None.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010:** minutes were correct and signed off by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010:** Harrold Centre - Cllr Tickle will contact O2 regarding the possibility of erecting a mast on the Centre building. All other matters from the November meeting will be summarised in these minutes.
- 5. Police Report:** apologies from Bedfordshire Police, no report submitted. Cllr Tickle advised Council that he would be chairing the Police Joint Action Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. It was requested by Council that the following matters are discussed at the J.A.G. meeting:- need for more visible policing, Surgery dates or a village walkabout by the P.C.S.O.
- 6. Finance Report:** all payment requests agreed and cheques signed by Cllr J Knight and Cllr R Tickle. Bank Account: agreed to split the Deposit account between Barclays, Natwest, Nationwide and RBS. Current Account to be changed to Natwest. Clerk to liaise with Cllrs. D Williams and R Tickle. Clerk to contact new Insurance Company to finalise details on Parish Council Insurance cover. It was agreed that once final amount is agreed, a cheque will be drawn for payment, this may well be before the next Parish Council meeting in January.
- 7. Borough Councillor's Report:** unable to attend this meeting, so no report.
- 8. Planning applications:** 10/02730/TPO - 10 Hall Close, Harrold - Crown and thin 2 Beech Trees by 20% - Council had no objections.
- 9. Areas of Responsibility Reports:**
  - Cemetery and Church Yard:** small grassed area in front of the Memorial Wall to be made into a more formal garden area. Clerk will obtain quotes and advise Council. Still awaiting a quote for repairing the iron fencing on the boundary near the Cricket Pavilion.
  - Brook:** Council agreed to renew the current contractor's contract for 2011, the Clerk will contact the contractor and agree terms as 2010. Council has been very pleased with the current Contractor's standard of work. Need some more 'Dog fouling' notices put up along the Brook.
  - Common land:** Clerk to purchase a Christmas tree for the village green and Cllr Knight will put up the Christmas lights on the green. A new set of lights will be required - all agreed by Council.
  - Footpaths:** Cllr Tickle will talk to residents along the Wellocks Footpath regarding overhanging hedges etc.
  - Playgrounds:** Cllr Barrett noted that broken glass has been found in the playgrounds again. Wooden fence in Harrold Centre playground - for the time being this will be repaired with available posts.
  - Public relations:** an article had been prepared by the Clerk for the Dec/Jan issue of 'The Bridge'.
  - Highways and lighting:** the recent icy/snow conditions have caused problems around the village. The salt/grit bin by the Harrold Centre has already been emptied, this needs refilling. Parish Council need to look into maintenance of salt/grit bins and there is a need

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more salt/grit bins in the village, Clerk to contact Borough Highways for more information.

**Youth Services and Youth Club:** Youth Leader has regrettably had to resign, so we are looking for a new Youth Leader. Clerk has agreed to run the Club until a new leader is found, she is CRB checked and is a qualified First Aider. We still need more support from parents, especially in the first session (years 5, 6 and 7) - if no help is forthcoming this session may cease. Good support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session (years 8 and upwards). Skate Park issue regarding lease - this has been passed on to Ed Bennett at the Country Park for further investigation. **Harrold Centre:** new plans have been looked at again by the Harrold Centre Management Committee - there is a general feeling that the facilities need to be shared out more equally between users at the Centre. Plans need to be revamped and a public consultation possibly arranged.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** request for more Police presence in the village. **St. Peter's Church Clock:** all working well.

- 10. Reports from Parish Council Representatives:** Harrold Playing Field Association: no report. Harrold-on-line website: 2011 calendars selling well. Pit Run: no report.
- 11. Correspondence:** a list of correspondence was circulated to all Councillors - see appendix (i) for relevant actions/information.
- 12. Summary of actions:** Police issues - Cllr Tickle. Finance - Clerk to contact Banks for change in Deposit and Current accounts. Clerk to finalise Insurance figure. Cemetery and Church yard - Clerk to follow up on quotes for small garden area and iron fence. Brook - Clerk to issue new 2011 Contract. Common land - Christmas tree and lights, Chairman and Clerk. Footpaths - Cllr Tickle. Playgrounds - fence to be repaired with available posts (village handyman) and inspect for glass frequently (village handyman). Highways - salt/grit bins. Youth Club - new leader to be found (Clerk will run the Club for the time being).
- 13. Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - 1930 at the Harrold Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.