

HARROLD PARISH COUNCIL – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 5th October 2011 at the Harrold Institute (Centre) 7.30pm

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Present: Cllr J Knight (JK) (Chairman), Cllrs R Barrett (RB), N Charsley (NC), L Cordes (LC), P Hickman (PH), M. Johnston (MJ), Laurie Moore (LM), W Ross (WR), R. Tickle (RT), J Waller (JW),
Borough Councillor Alison Foster. In attendance: Mr Bambridge, Frederick Owens

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs. P Hickman, J Osborne. Bedfordshire Police.
- 2. Disclosure of interests:** Cllr Knight – item (9) Planning for 11/01981/FUL 6 Church Walk, Harrold. Cllr Knight has a personal interest as the property is nearly opposite his own residence.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 7th September:** these minutes were deemed a true record of the meeting held on this date and signed off by Cllr Knight.
- 4. Matters arising from meeting held 7th September:** Any matters arising will be addressed in these minutes. Cllr Hickman stated that the Church Clock at St. Peter's Church is repaired.
- 5. Mr Bambridge (parishioner) and Mr Owens:** Mr Bambridge had asked the Council if he could bring up the problem of the potholes at the junction of New Road/High Street. New Road is a private road. Mr Bambridge produced a Land Registry map to show that Mr Northern who farms at New Road is responsible for the repairs. Alison Foster has asked Borough Highways to write to Mr Northern to alert him to the problem and to explain his duties to maintain the road. Clerk will ask Cllr Hickman to speak to Mr Northern and explain the problem again. Mr Owens stated there is also an issue with cars parking on the High Street near to the junction – the Police are aware of this problem.
- 6. Police Report:** apologies from PCSO Warmington and PC Hawkey – both were unable to attend today's meeting. A verbal police report was given out to Council by the Clerk. There have been several crimes in the Co-op and the store is dealing with this. Parking around the village green is still a problem and Police foot/vehicle patrols will be carried out in the near future to reassure parishioners.
- 7. Finance report:** requests for payment were presented to the Council and agreed. Clerk no longer has access to the free phone (used by the Parish Council for the past 4 years) and requested a mobile phone to use solely for Parish Council business. **7.1** This was agreed by Council and instructions were given to the Clerk to obtain a mobile phone which she could also access Council emails. Clerk to check with Bromham's clerk to find out how their Bottlebank system works. Internal auditor needed as problems with the previous individual, Alison Foster hopes to have a contact.

- 8. Borough Councillor's Report:** Alison Foster confirmed she would be attending the Nun Wood Wind Farm Appeal this week. Cllr Knight attended on the 4th October but is in London for the rest of the week and cannot attend. Cllr Barrett agreed to attend and represent the Council at the public speaking session on Friday 7th October. Bus Services: will be readjusting their timetables for Harrold at the end of October. More information at next meeting. Proposed new bus lanes in the High Street near to the village green: some of the local residents have not been included in the Borough Consultation and are asking for an extension. Clerk and Cllr Foster will be contacting Borough Highways to make sure that these people can have their fair say in the Consultation.
- 9. Planning Applications: Coleman Properties – land in Roman Paddock** – Council still want to see the land used for Commercial use, not solely for residential as Mr Coleman wants. Cllr Charsley to talk to Paul Vann for any assistance in this matter that he can offer. **Podington Wind Farm Appeal 09/00037/NONDET:** they still want to put up 3 wind turbines – the Appeal commences 13.12.2011 to 16.12.2011 – Council will send a representative to the Appeal. **11/01981/FUL – 6 Church Walk – loft conversion to provide first floor accommodation and single storey rear extension:** Council have no objections to this planning application.
- 10. Areas of Responsibility Reports: Formation of Sub-Committees on Parish Council - Finance:** Cllrs Tickle, Charsley and the Clerk. **Borough Budget Consultation:** Cllrs Johnston, Ross, Moore, Charsley and the Clerk – to report back to Council at next meeting. **Church yard & Cemetery** – still need more fencing quotes for repair of iron boundary fence - Action: Clerk. Cllr Charsley to look at subsidence reported by another Councillor.
- Brook:** another sewage problem into Brook – Church Walk area. Anglian Water to investigate. Silt and rubbish have been cleared by the village handyman, Richard. Wooden fence in Church Walk to be repaired this month. **Common Land:** Butter market roof cleaned and repaired. Several bonfires on the lower green (reported). Grass cutting Contract comes finishes at the end of 2011 – Clerk to put the Contract out to tender. **Footpaths:** FP2 (Back way) needs attention at the back of the FCS building – Clerk to chase up Borough Highways again.
- Playgrounds:** Harrold Centre Playground – picnic bench needs repairs, Gazebo structure needs looking at for a loose panel, spike needs removing from ground by climbing frame – village handyman to carry out repairs. **Lease for Skate Park:** Cllr Foster and Charsley to follow this up, Clerk will ask Borough to contact them directly. **PR:** Bulky Waste collections 8th & 9th October. Community litter pick and bulb planting on the village green is on Saturday 29th October. Bpha have been out to look at the Peaches Close area, with a view to improve the facilities – a questionnaire will be sent from Bpha to all residents. Feedback will be sent to the Parish Council at a later date. **Highways/lighting:** No report as Cllr Hickman not at this meeting. Cllr Hickman will do a streetlight report for the next meeting. The potholes outside 18A The Green will be repaired next week. Resurfacing of Brook Lane by Highways on the 6th/7th October. High Street/Church Walk temporary

Traffic Order: (10.1) agreed to make this permanent. **Youth Services/Youth Club:** No youth club at present as not enough parental assistance. Clerk has made contact with two parents who have agreed to help try to set up the club. More details at next meeting. **Neighbourhood Watch:** waiting for Police to come back with possible dates for a meeting of NW. **St. Peter's Church:** Clock is currently working.

- 11. Reports from Parish Council representatives: Harrold Playing Field Ass - Car Boot Sale** will be on 9th October. Quiz is on 18th November. **Harrold Centre:** waiting to hear from Borough Planning Department . Cllr Cordes will attend next meeting on the 12th October. **Harrold on Line:** No report
- 12. Correspondence:** a list of correspondence was circulated to Council for information.
- 13. Summary of actions:** the Chairman summarised actions from the above reported items.
- 14. Date of next meeting –** Wednesday 2nd November, 2011 - 7.30pm.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.