

HARROLD PARISH COUNCIL 115

Minutes of meeting held 6th April 2011

at the Harrold Centre – main hall – 8pm

Present: Cllr James Knight (Chairman), Councillors: Richard Barrett, Peter Hickman, Jenny Osborne, Tricia Storer, Johnette Waller, Denise Williams and Robert Tickle.

- 1. Apologies:** Borough Councillor Nick Charsley.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting held 2nd March 2011:** agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed off by the Chairman.
- 3. Matters arising from meeting held 2nd March 2011:** Cllr Tickle reported that the Police Joint Action Meeting held on 3rd March had been well attended by parish councils from the Carlton to Riseley SNT group. The top three Police priorities were agreed as: Rural Crime (to include burglary), anti-social behaviour – especially in Harrold, Riseley and Sharnbrook and parking issues – especially outside Schools. PC Rob Smith is no longer working out of Riseley Police Station, but a replacement is due to be announced by the Police within the next few months.
- 4. Finance report:** the monthly report and request for payments was circulated and agreed by Council. It was agreed that Cllr Tickle and the Clerk will contact Natwest Bank and Barclays Bank in Olney to set up new bank accounts. Council agreed to use Natwest for both Current and Deposit accounts – signatories to be James Knight, Robert Tickle and Nina Bransgrove-Knight (the Clerk). Possibly one other to be added at a later date when the Current Account has been set up with Natwest.
- 5. Planning applications:** none to be discussed at this meeting. Two planning applications – **11/00259/FUL** – 53 High Street (single storey rear extension with new terrace, porch to side elevation) AND **11/00312/FUL** – 48 High Street (partial re-thatching including top coat of long straw with alternative ridge detail) were both considered by the Council between meeting and deemed to be acceptable. No objections on either of these applications. The matter of the old Bridgman site at 68 High Street was discussed by Councillors. DLP Planning, on behalf of Coleman Properties, are not content with the Parish Council's view that this area is a Commercial Site and is not suitable for sole residential use. Council have contacted the Co-operative Store in Harrold to see if they may be interested in the site. Despite many meetings of the Council and DLP Planning, a satisfactory solution has still to be found. Clerk to request, for the second time, an land price from DLP Planning for the Council's information. Clerk will also contact Borough Councillor Nick Charsley and Bedford Borough Council over this matter.
- 6. Correspondence:** correspondence sheet circulated to all Councillors for information and recommendations. See appendix (i) for details. Clerk to contact Warners, the grass cutting contractors regarding their recent first cut (problem with grass cuttings left in Pre-School area and general untidy work. Contractor must not park their van and trailer outside the School entrance at 8.30am on a school day morning. Concerns from Council regarding the School buses still mounting the pavements in the High Street. Council will be having a stall

7. at the Pit Run – together with Neighbourhood Watch and the Booby Van Man. Offers of help from Cllrs Knight, Williams, Osborne, Tickle and the Clerk. Youth Club – no session on the 1st April and there will not be a session this week (8th April) unless parental help is forthcoming. Cllr Storer agreed with the Clerk that a letter is to be sent to all parents of children who attend the Friday night sessions – unless help and a Committee are set up by the parents the Youth Club may have to cease.
8. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 4th May – 7.30pm at the Harrold Centre.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.