

MINUTES of meeting held 1st April 2009 in the Main Hall, Harrold Centre (following the Annual Parish Meeting). Meeting started at 8.15pm.

Present: Cllr J. Knight (Chairman), Cllrs N. Charsley, N. Grout, C. Thacker, R. Tickle, T. Storer, R. Watts, D. Williams.

In attendance: PC 428 Rob Smith

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. H. Bovis, B. Diskin, P. Hickman, J. Wingerath.
2. **Disclosure of interest:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of meeting held 4th March 2009 approved as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from meeting held 4th March 2009: Pit run 2009** – ongoing communications with the Pit Run Committee. **Police** - PC Rob Smith discussed ‘Speed Watch’ scheme at the A.P.M before this meeting with a hope to start this scheme within the next few months. This initiative will involve members of the public volunteering to train to use the ‘Speed Watch’ machine within the village. The Police will advise the Parish Council when this will commence. PCSO Allan Taylor is leaving on 16th April to join the regular Police force. This will mean that a new PCSO will not be available for several months until the new intake has been trained up. The Chairman high-lighted the loss to Harrold of PCSO Allan, as he has been a great asset over the past two years. Cllr Charsley gave a brief update from his recently completed crime survey – parking, burglaries and the lack of the presence of the Police being the main concerns. **Brook** – no quotation received yet from Smith & Joan for work involving the paving slabs near to the Tennis Courts. **Lock-up** – Trevor Goodman has looked at the building and given his recommendation that Harrold Building Company is approached for a quotation for re-pointing work. This has been done, see point (7). **Playground at Harrold Centre** – village handyman has completed painting and finishing off. **Open morning** – Saturday 9th May 10 am until 12. Invite as many village groups/organisations as possible. **Highways** – flooding at the entrance to Harrold-Odell Country Park still a problem, Clerk to attend site meeting with Alex Cattnach on 3rd April. Resurfacing High Street – still awaiting start date. Speeding issue on the Odell Road – Police are aware and will take necessary steps. **Church Walk/High Street/Dove Lane** – some of the work has been carried out, but there are several mistakes made by the contractor. **Village green** path and anti-skid areas in front of Zebra crossing – still awaiting a site visit. **Missing bollards** on Mansion Lane grass – this is not a high priority to Highways, but the replacement of 2 missing bollards will take place with in the next few months. **Youth** – subsidised taxi service on a Saturday night will start on 25th April (this scheme is being run together with Carlton & Chellington Parish Council). Bedford Play Rangers – hopefully due to start mid-May. Rave Bus booked for 15th April, to be situated at Harrold-Odell Country Park. **Village Handyman** – has sweep Wellocks footpath.
5. **Finance report:** requests for payment were agreed.

6. **Planning applications:** **09/00607/FUL** Rivermead, Church Walk – first floor side extension incorporating balcony above bay window – Parish Council recommend a site visit by the Planning Department to this property as it is a large extension. **08/03433/FUL** 4 Priory Close – lengthening of landing window, new doors to storm porch – no objections. **09/00578/TPO** 2 Hall Close – fell one lime tree to front of house – on objections.
7. **Correspondence:** a list of correspondence was circulated to Parish Councillors, see appendix (i). Clerk to action all points including; grass cutting at Harrold Centre – needs cutting shorter in future. Footpath 13 has not been restored – Clerk to contact Rights of Way officer. Open Day on 9th May – future plans for Harrold Centre to be discussed. Pit Run – open Butter market and hold a Neighbourhood Watch stall. Breast Cancer day (26th April) NHW stall at HOCP. Cllr Storer will attend Bedfordshire Borough meeting on 27th April.
8. **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6th May.** This will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. The Mayor of Bedford, Frank Branston will attend this meeting to answer questions from the Parish Council.

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