

MINUTES of Parish Council meeting held - 7th April 2010 – 8pm at the Harrold Centre (Red room)

Present: J Knight (Chairman), Cllrs N Grout, H Field, T Storer, C Thacker, R Tickle, D Williams, J Wingerath, Borough Councillor Nick Charsley.

In attendance: Harrold Chivral

1. **Apologies:** Cllr s P Hickman, A Stuart, PC 428 Rob Smith.
2. **Minutes of meeting held 3rd March 2010:** minutes approved and signed off by the Chairman.
3. **Matters arising from meeting held 3rd March 2010:** Cllr Charsley said that the Borough Council will be doing a de-brief regarding the salting of roads during the last Winter season. The Parish Council would like to see more salt/grit bins in the village and the salting of main routes (High Street and school route from Harrold Priory Middle School through to Sharnbrook Upper School). New Beech hedging has been planted in the Cemetery. The work to extend the Memorial Wall is now scheduled to commence the beginning of May. Repairs have been carried out by Mr Keech to the small area of the Churchyard wall, as agreed previously. Brook – meeting has taken place between Cllr Williams, Richard, Clerk and parishioner whose property adjoins the brook at Roman Paddock – agreed that the Parish Council will work together with the parishioner to maintain this area. Chain link missing from village green has been put back. New signs have been put up on the lower green near the river – many parishioners have commented how good they look. Cllr Wingerath advised that the swing unit in the Harrold Centre playground may just need repairs, not total replacement as first thought. More information at the next meeting. Cllr Tickle to report back on stile/footpath by the Fire Station at the next meeting. Highways have been advised of kerb problem at High Street/Odell Road – clerk is waiting on a site visit.
4. **Finance report:** requests for payment were presented and approved.
5. **Planning report:** see attachment (3). Cllr Charsley has been contacted by Coleman Properties regarding the Roman Paddock area – this site has been referred to Bedford Borough Council Environmental Health. Clerk requested a brief summary from Cllr Charsley on this situation, with a request to keep PC Rob Smith updated as well.
6. **Correspondence:** list circulated to all Councillors present. Refer to attachment (4) for list of correspondence and actions taken. **Additional items:** Cllr Tickle asked the Council if they had any further interest in the Old School House (St. Xavier Church) – Council declared no further interest. Harrold Centre Committee requested financial help with repairs to the car park – Council requested break down of costs involved; Cllr Grout will look into this. Clerk reported that ladies from the Tennis Club had requested that the overhanging branches of the tree at the corner of the Tennis courts be cut back – clerk will ask Richard Sinclair to carry out the work. Plane tree, by the Scout Hut on Harrold Playing Field, request for the Parish Council to help finance costs of essential work (either reducing or felling depending on Bedford Borough Council's inspection). Cllr Thacker will contact HPFA and liaise with clerk. Smart Water – previously Cllr Stuart had proposed that a number of units were

6. purchased by the Parish Council – 6 (i) resolved – Clerk will contact Mark Winchester at Smart Water and order 100 units.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 21:20.

Next meeting – Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 19:30

Note: This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.