

MINUTES of meeting held 4th March 2009 in the Red Room, Harrold Centre at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr J. Knight (Chairman), Cllrs. H. Bovis, N Charsley, B. Diskin, N. Grout, P. Hickman, C. Thacker, R. Tickle, D. Williams.

In Attendance: S. Mitchell

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. T. Storer, J. Wingerath, R. Watts, PC Rob Smith and PCSO Alan Taylor.
2. **Disclosure of interest:** none.
3. **Approval of minutes:** minutes of meeting held 4th February 2009 approved as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from February meeting:** update on all matters covered is at point (10) in these minutes.
5. **Pit Run 2009:** letter received from N. Vine, regarding 2009 Pit Run. Councillors have concerns about traffic, safety around the green, road closure – has this been applied for by the Pit Run committee? Agreed that Cllr Tickle will liaise with P. Coles (Pit Run committee) and discuss the Parish Council concerns. **RT**
6. **Police report:** circulated to all councillors present. Village is quiet at the moment. PC Smith will attend the April meeting to discuss ‘Speed watch’.
7. **Finance report:** requests for payment were agreed. Report circulated to all councillors present. Donation from J Smith (on behalf of his late father) to go towards a new bench on the village green. **HB**
Clerk to chase up repayment for bottle bank to Harrold Centre.

Cllr Bovis had to leave at 8.10pm – Chairman agreed her report for public areas to be brought forward. Planters for outside Harrold Centre - still collecting prices from various companies. Daffodils planted last autumn by Cllr Bovis are looking extremely good.

8. **Borough Councillor’s report:** council tax rise is 0.9%. Unitary elections to be held 4th June. Parish Council elections have been deferred to 2011 – notification from Borough Council. Cllr Charsley is currently collating his recent crime survey, he will report further at next meeting. Harrold Liaison Forum meetings – unknown if these will continue, to check. **NC**
9. **Planning applications:** **09/00138/FUL** -3 Dickens Close – change of use from agricultural land to residential cartilage and erection of 1.8m fence – request from Parish Council that no residential building is permitted.
09/00137/MAF – Nun Wood 6 wind turbines each 125m high (as part of 12 no. on the overall site – Parish Council opposed to this development.
09/00287/FUL – 5 Mansion Lane – single storey extension to east & west elevations, new garage infill, raise roof to create first floor living accommodation. Parish Council object – large extension which is inappropriate and inconsistent with other houses in the area.
09/00035/FUL and 09/00354/LBC -79 High Street – no objections.

10. Areas of responsibility reports.

Cemetery and Church Yard: Site meeting with John Creasy who has agreed to produce drawings for extension of the Memorial Wall. Cllr Thacker has cleaned out the drainage holes on the Wall and asked George not to place soil at the back of the Wall, as this can lead to damp related issues. Richard (village handyman) has done an excellent job clearing the site after the stump grinding operation – grass seed to be laid in the near future. In future, all funeral companies will be advised that bringing any form of digger/large vehicles into the Cemetery is not allowed. Still looking at re-planting suitable trees in the area of the Memorial Wall at a later date.

Brook: Generally cleaner than previous months. Shalane have quoted for the paving slabs in the brook nearby the tennis courts - £1,520 plus Vat. Clerk to obtain another quotation from Smith & Joan. **Clerk**

Common Land: mortar at the Lock up may need re-pointing. Ask Trevor Goodman to have a look at this area. **Clerk**

Footpaths: no reported problems. Richard to sweep Wellocks footpath and High Street regularly. Bedford Borough Council has recently carried out a road sweep.

Playgrounds: Harrold Centre – newly painted area needs attention.

BD/RS Redrow still maintains the Harewelle Estate playground.

Public Relations: recent problems with collection of all types of rubbish bins due to snow conditions. Information for DSD contact number to be put in next edition of 'The Bridge'. Next village clean up event – Saturday 30th May. Bulky Waste Collection will be weekend of 30th/31st May. Organise an Open morning early to mid May for all local clubs and organisations to attend alongside the Parish Council. **Clerk**

Highways and lighting: High Street potholes and general poor state of repairs have been reported again to the Highways Department. Flooding at entrance to HOCP – drains to be jet vac, ditch needs clearing – all of this comes under the remit of the Highways Dept. Speeding on Odell Road, complaint from parishioner – speed data has been supplied and police are aware of the situation. PC Rob Smith is attending the April meeting to talk about 'Speed Watch'. Path across village green and anti skid areas in front of zebra crossing need attention. Bollards on small green at Mansion Lane have been reported on several occasions. Improvements to Dove Lane/High Street/Church Walk to start w/c 9th March.

Youth services: meeting agreed for 17th March TS/RW/teenagers from the village. Bedford Park Rangers – hope to start this scheme April/May. Late night taxi service to start April for over 16's – this is being part funded (if necessary) with Carlton & Chellington Parish Council. Start date to be confirmed.

Planning Gain: Cllr Grout to follow up the preferred options for this project – to report back at next meeting. There is still a huge amount of funding to be raised on this project. More information and updates to be shown at 'Open morning' in May.

NHW: next meeting for co-ordinators is scheduled for 11th March at the Harrold Centre. JBK to chair the meeting.

11. Reports from Parish Council Representatives

Playing Field Ass. : Problems with the verges on the Carlton Road and general congestion on Saturday mornings when football is played. P.C. has asked if cones can be put on grass verges to protect them. New lease is being drawn up for Scout Group. **CT**

Harrold Centre: Post and sign erected by Parish Council at rubbish bins has been vandalised. Quotation from Harrold Signs for repair - £80.

11.1 Resolved to accept this quotation for new post and repairs to sign.

Harrold on Line: no report. No extra funding to be supplied at this present time

12. **Correspondence:** List of correspondence circulated to councillors. Clerk to action/reply where necessary. Recent unlawful emails from a parishioner have been passed on to the Police.

13. **Summary of actions:** Cllr Tickle – Pit Run.

Trevor Goodman – inspection of Lock up

Village handyman – extra sweeping of footpaths

‘Open Day’ – date to be allocated.

Grass cutting – start date for cutting/

14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st April – Annual Parish Meeting to start at 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting to follow this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.12.