

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd NOVEMBER 2010 - in the Red Room at the Harrold Centre - 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr J. Knight (Chairman), Borough Cllr. N. Charsley (arrived at 8.25pm), Cllr. R. Barrett (left meeting at 8pm), Cllrs. T. Storer, R. Tickle. N. Bransgrove-Knight (Clerk).

One parishioner (Shuna Mitchell).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr P. Hickman, D. Williams, Bedfordshire Police.
- 2. Disclosure of interest:** none received.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 6th October 2010:** minutes were correct and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 6th October 2010:** the Chairman stated that matters arising will be covered in these Minutes.
- 5. Police Report:** apologies received from PC Rob Smith as he had been on sick leave for the past month. The Clerk reported that there have been a number of anti-social incidents around the village, together with several incidents of vehicle vandalism. In particular, the new School Minibus at Harrold Priory Middle School had a large side window smashed. The Police are aware. Clerk to check the next J.A.G. meeting date and liaise with Cllr Tickle. It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Bedfordshire Police to complain about the low level of Police presence and coverage in our village.
- 6. Finance Report:** The Clerk presented payments due and the cheques were signed by the Chairman and Cllr. Tickle. Clerk has a meeting arranged with Cllr Williams to go over financial arrangements regarding the Deposit Account. Report at next meeting. Chairman reminded Councillors that at the December meeting the Budget for 2011/12 needs to be finalised.
- 7. Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward:** Cllr Charsley commented that several parishioners had approached him with concerns over the Nun Wood Wind Farm planning application. The Ward Fund must be used by January 2011.
- 8. Planning applications:** 10/02514/TPO - 7 Hall Close - prune 1 no. Beech tree located in the rear garden - Resolved - Council had no objections to this application. 10/02520/FUL - 3 Priory Close - replacement front door - Resolved - Council had no objections to this application. 09/00137/MAF - Nun Wood Farm (6 wind turbines on the Harrold section - full site is 12 in number) - Council confirmed their opposition to this application (as they had done in previous applications).
- 9. Areas of responsibility reports: Cemetery and Church yard** - Clerk to chase up quotations for small amount of work on the iron fence between the cemetery and playing field. **Brook** - Richard has removed lots of rubbish over the past month. All the new wildflower plants and seeds have been planted in the cemetery behind the Memorial Wall and also the cleared area at the junction of Church Walk/High Street. **Common land** - village green will be tidied up by Richard (village handyman) before Remembrance Sunday. Clerk will also ask him to check the area around the War Memorial and make sure it is tidy for the 14th November.

Chairman asked if Council were happy for him to put up the Christmas lights again this year - Resolved - the Chairman will put up the lights, weather permitting, in the first weekend of December. A Christmas tree will be purchased from a local Nursery to go onto the village green - Clerk to arrange this. Chairman also volunteered to replant the planters outside the Harrold Centre. **Footpaths** - Cllr Tickle will talk to parishioners whose hedges are overgrowing onto the Wellocks footpath as the foliage is causing a problem to walkers. **Playgrounds** - Cllr Barrett has inspected the two playgrounds and found broken glass in both areas. This has been removed. The village handyman regularly inspects the playgrounds and removes any debris. There is a problem with overage teenagers using the shelter area and playground at night in the Harrold Centre playground - the police are aware. Broken fence at the Harrold Centre - Cllr Barrett will have quotations for the next meeting. Cllr Barrett will talk to the Pre-School committee about the fence at their next meeting. **Public relations:** Clerk has prepared an article for the Dec/Jan edition of the Bridge. Community litter pick held 30th October only had 6 people to help. **Highways/Lighting** - no report. **Youth Services and Youth Club** - 22 children attended the recent disco organised by the Youth Club. More parents still need to come forward to help out at sessions on an occasional basis, especially from the 6.30pm session. At the moment Clerk or Cllr Storer are attending each session to help the Youth Club leader, more help is needed. **Harrold Centre** - Cllr Storer attended a recent meeting of the Harrold Centre Management Committee. Committee were keen to find out more about installation of a Booster Mast - Cllr Tickle will follow this up. New plans drawn up by the architect John Creasey were shown to the Council - Council's main comments were that adequate storage is allocated to the Youth Club and Adhoc. The possible provision of a 'reading room/library' for all parishioners to use was discussed. A lot more work is needed in this area to ascertain the requirements of the village and major fund-raising still needs to be sourced. Chairman to attend the next Harrold Centre meeting, to be held on the 22nd November. **Neighbourhood Watch** - Clerk reported that the new Smart Water/NW signs have been erected around the village. Harrold Allotments Society is concerned about recent vandalism. Parish Council resolved to ask their Chairman if they would like a free unit of Smart Water - so that equipment could be marked. **St. Peter's Church** - refurbishments to the two clock faces are now completed. Some of the scaffolding is still up on one face, this is to enable the Stone Mason to complete his work.

10. **Reports from Parish Council Representatives: Harrold Playing Field Association** - the Chairman attended the meeting on the 26th October. The large tree stump by the Scout Hut needs to be treated. Council suggested that a unit of Smart Water is given free of charge to the Association so that they can mark up their equipment. **Harrold-on-line Website** - a new 2011 calendar has been produced and is on sale in the village. Clerk has purchase one copy for the office. **Pit Run** - Clerk advised Council that the 2011 event is on Saturday 30th April. It would be good if a representative from the Pit Run Committee attends a future Parish Council meeting to establish a good relationship for the 2011 event.
11. **Correspondence:** a list of recent correspondence was circulated to all Councillors for information - see appendix (a).

12. **Summary of actions:** Clerk to liaise with Police for updates. Ward fund applications to be completed as soon as possible by interested groups and submitted to Cllr Charsley. Clerk to meet with Cllr Williams for Finance sub-committee actions. Quotations for iron fence repair in Cemetery. Cllr Tickle to approach parishioners regarding overhanging hedges in the Wellocks footpath. Clerk to instruct Richard to tidy up War Memorial area in preparation for November 14th. Chairman to put up Christmas lights and Christmas tree on village green and replant Harrold Centre planters. Cllr Barrett to obtain quotations for Harrold Centre playground fence repairs. Smart Water units to be offered to Allotments Society and HPFA. Cllr Tickle to follow up on Booster Mast details. Clerk asked Councillors if they would like a Christmas Social event - this was agreed - Clerk will source a venue.
13. **Date of next meeting :** Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm - Harrold Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm