

MINUTES from the Parish Council meeting held on 7th October 2009 in the Red Room at the Harrold Centre.

Present: Cllr J Knight (Chair), B. Cllr N Charsley, Cllrs H Field, N Grout (arrived 7.45pm), P Hickman, T. Storer, A Stuart, C Thacker, R Tickle, D Williams.

In attendance: Philip Davis (parishioner) Paul Vann (arrived 8.10pm)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr J Wingerath, PCSO Michael Blass
2. **Disclosure of interests:** N Charsley regarding item (9) 09/01795/FUL – 7 Dove Lane and R Tickle regarding item (9) The Muntjac PH.
3. **Approval of minutes** from parish council meeting held 2nd September approved as a true record of the meeting. Minutes signed off by Cllr Knight.
4. **Matters arising from the meeting held 2nd September:** any related matters will be discussed at today's meeting.
5. **Police report:** there was no report sent in from the Police. Cllr Tickle explained that at the last Joint Action Group meeting the new priorities are now – BT cable theft, speeding and anti-social behaviour. The future plan is for PCSO Michael Blass to attend a parish council meeting at least once every 3 months – parishioners will be given advance warning of which meeting this will be. The Chief Constable has been sent a letter requesting this. Speeding issues – it has been requested that each village nominates one road which the police will carry out speed checks in future months
6. **Finance report:** all payments presented to Council were approved and cheques were signed
7. **Borough Councillor's report:** Election of new Mayor of Bedford – 15th October. The Boundary of Wards is being reviewed at the present time – more details will be available from Cllr Charsley in due course.
8. **Planning applications:** 09/01795/FUL – 7 Dove Lane – demolition of existing care home. Erection of 6 bedroom care home and staff sleeping quarters – no objections. **09/02170/FUL** – Bridgman Bowling Club – single storey extension following demolition of existing store – no objections. 09/01966/FUL – Long Ridge – erection of 2 no. dwellings – Council insist that the existing footpath must be left in place with a fence erected between the footpath and the access road. Objections that the 2 dwellings are very large and not addressing a housing need within the village. Request that a new dog bin is installed as contractor's vehicles have recently damaged it. Muntjac PH – letter will be sent from Council as the extended hours would be anti-social to residents who live nearby. Several complaints have been sent to the parish council from concerned residents. 09/02121/TPO – 119 Odell Road – fell 1 Sycamore tree – no objection.
Paul Vann arrived at 8.10pm: he wanted to address the Council over his ideas for renewable energy. Parish Council have expressed an interest in this but more information will need to be sent to the Council – Paul will forward these on to the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Paul for attending (departed at 8.35pm).

9. **Areas of responsibility reports: Cemetery and Church Yard** – Lych Gate has been repaired. Wall on left hand side of Lych Gate needs re-pointing, Clerk will obtain a quote from Mr Keetch. Memorial Wall extension – 3 quotations have come in for this work. Council agreed that the extensions on both ends of the current wall need to be extended by 6m – Resolved (9 i) Council accepted the quotation from Tim Wallinger. Clerk to arrange site visit. Clerk to look into applying for a Rural Grant for this work. **Brook** – contractor needs contacting so that Council can find out when work is to be carried out. Still waiting for work to be carried out on the banks by the tennis courts and general tidying up. **Common land** – Cllr Field has kindly agreed to take on this responsibility. Clerk will liaise with her and previous councillor responsible for this area. New signs for the lower village green to be finalised with contractor. Bulky waste will be collected 10th/11th October. Community litter pick on 17th October. **Footpaths** – end of Orchard Lane, footpath needs foliage cleared from bridleway. **Playgrounds** – no report – but Cllr Wingerath will contact village handyman for necessary repairs to equipment at Harrold Centre playground. **Public Relations** – Smart water leaflets have been ordered from NHW. **Highways/Lighting** – need to check out Borough Council enforcement (yellow lines). Several lights out around the village – Cllr Hickman and Clerk to report to Highways. **Youth** – Youth Club is very successful – good turnout. Storage is a big problem – ask Harrold Centre if tables can be stored on site. Need to find a new leader for the group as current Luby leader is leaving. Halloween Party at the cricket pavilion on 23rd October – Cllr Storer and Clerk to organise. **Harrold Centre** – no news at the moment. **Old School, village Green** – no news at the moment. **Neighbourhood Watch – 22nd October is the next co-ordinator’s meeting.** Cllr Charsley will do Dove Lane.
10. **Reports from Parish Council Representatives: Playing Field** – Scout Hut lease nearly finalised. **Harrold on line website – no report.**
11. **Correspondence:** list of correspondence circulated to all councillors and matters discussed. Clerk to deal with all necessary actions.
12. **Summary of actions:** Cllr Knight to look at Long Ridge plans and comments in to the Planning Department. Muntjac letter to Licence Dept at B.B.C. Paul Van to forward information to Clerk. Shalane (Brook) to be chased up for dates. Mr Keetch – wall quotation. Accept Mr Wallinger’s quotation for extension to Memorial Wall (possible Rural Grant).
13. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 4th November 2009.

Meeting finished at 10.10pm