



Councillors are hereby summoned, and residents are cordially invited, to attend the meeting of Harrold Parish Council on **Tuesday 17th March 2026** at 7.30pm at the **Harrold Centre Main Hall** to consider the following items of business.

AGENDA

- 1 **Public Open Session:** This council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda. Please note that interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consideration of any dispensations**
- 4 **To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting** held on 17th February 2026.
- 5 **Clerk's Report on Actions**
- 6 **Financial Matters**
To approve payments and note receipts, balances, and the budget variance report.
- 7 **Mansion Lane – yellow line restrictions**
To consider correspondence from Bedford Borough Council Highways regarding the experimental traffic regulation order for the yellow line restrictions at the top of Mansion Lane and High Street (opposite the entrance to Mansion lane), and to resolve whether the parish council wishes to support the restrictions being made permanent or removed.
- 8 **Church Walk/High St junction – Speed Indication Device**
To consider a proposal from Cllr Robinson to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) at a cost of £2,400 to help reduce vehicle speeds and improve driver awareness of the hidden junction.
- 9 **Harrold Centre playground – Tree Maintenance**
To consider and approve a quote to reduce the playground apple tree from approximately 25ft to 15ft at a cost of £250.
- 10 **River Great Ouse – sewage discharges**
To consider recent sewage discharges by Anglian Water into the River Great Ouse at Odell and other locations along the river, and to agree any actions the parish council wishes to take, including potential representations to relevant authorities.
- 11 **Grant request (if resubmitted)**
Grant request for £1,174 from Harrold Music Club to purchase a mixing console, microphones and cables to support music sessions.
- 12 **Governance policies**
To review and consider the adoption of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy, the Guide to Information & Publication Scheme, and the IT and Email Policy.
- 13 **Annual review of risk assessment**
To review and adopt the parish council's risk assessment for the forthcoming financial year.

14 Planning

a) Neighbourhood Development Plan

To consider and resolve whether the parish council should proceed with a major refresh of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, alongside the previously agreed minor refresh, and to agree membership and next steps.

b) Land at Odell Road – Proposed Development (17 Dwellings)

Proposal from Cllr Robinson: To consider the anticipated planning proposal for Land at Odell Road and to agree whether the parish council should seek early engagement with the developer and landowner, including discussing the potential for a larger site area and improved layout in line with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, with a view to supporting a well-designed scheme and avoiding cramped development.

c) Planning applications

To consider responding as a consultee to any applications received from Bedford Borough Council since the last meeting, including any received after the agenda has been published:

- None at time of publishing.

d) Previous Planning Applications

To receive any status updates on prior planning applications or appeals.

15 Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward

Distributed to councillors prior to the meeting and made available on the parish council website.

16 Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

To inform the Clerk of any immediate motions to be added to a future agenda. Items can also be emailed to the Clerk.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st April 2026 – Harrold Centre