



Councillors are hereby summoned, and residents are cordially invited, to attend the **ANNUAL** meeting of Harrold Parish Council on **Tuesday 19th May 2026** at 7.30pm at the **Harrold Centre Main Hall** to consider the following items of business.

AGENDA

- 1 **Election of Chairman**
To elect the Chairman for the coming year. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2 **Election of Vice Chairman**
To elect the Vice Chairman for the coming year. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **Apologies for Absence**
- 5 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consideration of any dispensations**
- 6 **To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting** held on 21st April 2026.
- 7 **Clerk's Report on Actions**
- 8 **Financial Matters**
To approve payments and note receipts, balances, and the budget variance report.
- 9 **United Reformed Church - graveyard access**
Proposal from Cllr Muller: To consider concerns raised regarding future access to the United Reformed Church graveyard following the closure and proposed sale of the church building, and to discuss whether the parish council should support residents in exploring alternative means of access to the graveyard. The council to also consider whether it could have a potential future role in assisting with the maintenance of the graveyard.
- 10 **Mansion Lane – Parking Restrictions**
Proposal from Cllr Elworthy: To consider requesting Bedford Borough Council Highways to shorten the double yellow line restrictions at the bottom of Mansion Lane (at the gate to The Mansion) to improve parking availability.
- 11 **School Bus Parking**
Proposal from Cllrs Calver, Ibbett and Tickle: To consider concerns raised by a resident regarding school bus parking and to discuss whether the parish council wishes to explore any potential actions or representations in relation to the matter.
- 12 **Harrold Medical Practice defibrillator**
To consider a request from the medical practice to fund a defibrillator for the front of the building.
- 13 **Planning**
 - a) Neighbourhood Development Plan
Major Refresh: Following the council's previous decision to proceed with a major refresh of the Neighbourhood Development Plan alongside the agreed minor refresh, to agree the membership of the Working Group and consider the proposed next steps.

b) 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:

APPLICATION NO: 26/00736/PIP Planning Permission in Principle Application

PROPOSAL: Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 self-build dwelling

LOCATION : Land At 117 Odell Road Odell Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7AP

APPLICATION NO: 26/00368/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Re-thatch the rear roof and ridge, rebuild the southernmost chimney and secondary glazing.

LOCATION : 5 The Green Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DB

APPLICATION NO: 26/00369/LBC Listed Building Consent Application

PROPOSAL: Various internal and external proposed works at the property to include upgrading of the bathroom, secondary glazing, ventilation improvements in the bathroom, three small internal patches of repair to the walls, as well as general decoration. Re-thatch the rear roof and ridge and rebuild the southernmost chimney.

LOCATION : 5 The Green Harrold Bedford Bedfordshire MK43 7DB

c) Previous Planning Applications

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

14 **Borough Councillor's report for Harrold Ward**

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

15 **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.

16 **Complaints committee**

- To resolve that, under Section 1 Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the next item of business due to the inclusion of personal data and the initial stages of a dispute.
- To receive an update from the Complaints Committee following its consideration of a complaint.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th June 2026 – Harrold Centre