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Remembrance in Harrold

Poppies were placed on the streetlights along the High Street in November as a mark of respect for those who gave their lives in service to our country. They remained in place throughout the Remembrance period as a visible tribute to the courage and sacrifice of all who have served in times of war and conflict. We invited everyone passing through the village to take a moment to pause and reflect on their service and the freedoms we enjoy today.

New councillors

The parish council is delighted to welcome Tanya Paston, John Elworthy, and Caireen Kennedy-Smith, who have recently been co-opted as councillors. We're grateful for their willingness to serve and support our community.

Lockup Restoration Update

Work on the restoration of the historic Lockup on The Green is scheduled to begin on 10th November and will take approximately six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Following approval of Scheduled Monument Consent from Historic England, the parish council appointed Herringbone Restoration to carry out the works. The company has extensive experience with heritage projects, including Grade I listed churches, and brings specialist expertise to the careful repair of historic structures.

The council also engaged Priory Heritage Ltd as specialist consultants to oversee the process and ensure the works meet Historic England's requirements. We are also pleased to confirm that our application to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – a government grant administered by Bedford Borough Council – was successful, covering 80% of the project costs. The application process was rigorous, and we are grateful for the support received in securing this important funding.

Planning applications

Planning applications the parish council has commented on as consultee – decisions rest with Bedford Borough Council:

APPLICATION NO: 25/01867/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application

PROPOSAL: 1x Large mature beech tree to carry out a 3m reduction all over to good growth points removing dead or dying branches LOCATION : 37 High Street Harrold
Harrold Parish Council: No comment or objection.

APPLICATION NO: 25/01873/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Installation of air source heat pump
LOCATION : 48 Harewelle Way Harrold
Harrold Parish Council: No comment or objection.

APPLICATION NO: 25/01835/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Erection of a single self-build dwelling to form end-terrace with associated parking and new boundary treatment. LOCATION : Land Adjacent 21 Wood Road Harrold
Harrold Parish Council: No comment or objection.

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Next Council Meeting

The parish council is currently reviewing meeting dates to find the best fit for all councillors and to maximise attendance. Please check our website for confirmation of future dates. There will be no meeting in December – the council will next meet in January.

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