

March/April 2021

THANK YOU

Harlington Parish Council wish to say a huge thank you to Andrew Asbury and the "Pie Club!" volunteers for the amazing litter picking job that they are doing. It is something that we are unable to directly organise ourselves and it is great to see that Central Bedfordshire have been very supportive in carting away the collected rubbish and feel that the initiative could be encouraged elsewhere. Thank you again and be safe and take care.



Our new 'Website' is proving to be very popular. It is great to see so many new people have signed up and are now receiving 'instant' news, which is available on a day-by-day basis. If you haven't signed up yet, we would urge you to do so, we can then send you Parish information straight to your inbox. We will also update you on CBC information such as road closures and anything else which affects village life.

Take a look at the website at www.harlington-pc.gov.uk. and sign up to get regular updates and information.

STREET LIGHTING



- We are pleased to announce that the street light upgrades in Brian Road have now been completed and are looking good.
- The decorative lamps by the Village Hall are expected to be completed by the end of March.
- The new street lamp in Station Road is now in place and we are currently awaiting connection by UK Power Networks.

PARISH HALL

Users of the Parish Hall will be delighted to see the Toilets, rear hall way and kitchen have been decorated and are looking pristine. We hope that very soon we will be able to welcome all our users back to the Parish Hall.

VACCINATION SCAM WARNING:

Remain vigilant of coronavirus scams

SCAM emails claiming that the recipient has been selected to receive a coronavirus vaccine have been highlighted by concerned experts.

The email is said to be "extremely convincing" and could result in people handing out personal information to scammers or downloading malicious software. Remember, the vaccine is only available on the [@NHSuk](https://www.nhs.uk) and is free of charge. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, or pay for the vaccine, this is a scam.



AMENITY LAND AUCTION UPDATE

The possible auction of Amenity Land in Harlington is constantly monitored for updates. On the 23rd Feb a phone call confirmed the sale was unlikely to be ready for auction prior to April 2021. The situation will continue to be monitored. If you want to be the first to hear any updates please subscribe to the HPC e-newsletter.

PARISH HALL & ROOM HIRE

Once lockdown is over, and things start to get back to normality, we want you to know that your parish hall is available to hire and the hourly hire costs are extremely reasonable. We have a variety of different sized rooms available with toilet and refreshment facilities.

Hire charges are from as little as £7.00 per hour.

We have some wonderful groups from arts and crafts to martial arts who regularly hold their clubs and events at the parish hall. If you are looking for space to hold your club or group events and you would like any further information, contact us:

e-mail at enquiries@harlington-pc.gov.uk or calls us on 01525 875933

Parish Hall paid usage – (Figures for the period April 2019 to March 2020)

West Room Percentage paid use	Middle Room Percentage paid use	East Room Percentage paid use
7.24%	8.06%	1.28%

Current usage of the Parish Hall is quite low and we would like to encourage greater use of these facilities for Harlington residents and local groups.



UPDATE ON AIR CORRIDOR PLANS

An airspace change proposal takes a number of years and LLA and NATS expect to submit a formal proposal for the CAA's consideration in Summer 2021; any changes that are approved will not be in place before 2022. Early engagement included the military, local councils and other stakeholders such as local campaign organisations, aviation groups and a representative of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has taken place, and residents have also responded to the consultation. The next step will be for the proposals to be taken forward for consideration by the Civil Aviation Authority later this year, and the subsequent decision to be published.



UPDATE ON THE LOCAL PLAN

Both Harlington sites are proposed to go forward in the adopted version of the Local Plan, following further hearings in December 2020

The illustration shows the land that will be withdrawn from the Green Belt and be included in the village boundary—with the village divided by the railway line.

Following the second round of hearings, the Inspectors have failed to act on their initial serious concerns. The developers had claimed at the December hearings that they would be providing sports pitches on site, yet the Inspectors' latest letter refers to the upgrading of the existing ones in the village—as part of that proposal. CBC must now prepare the wording for major modifications, include this site, for a last round of consultations on the Local Plan. The responses will go to the Inspectors, who

will consider any further changes before the Local Plan is recommended to the Secretary of State for approval, and on to adoption by CBC. We will keep you informed of the new Consultation process to be followed.

CBC have put forward many Green Belt sites in the Local Plan, including these, as ones to meet the unmet need of Luton Borough Council. This may affect the allocation of non-market housing if they enter into a nominations agreement with LBC. This forms part of the exceptional circumstances justification for releasing land from the Green Belt. The Inspectors' comments in relation to Harlington are copied below, and raise the likelihood that the on-site football pitches proposed will become parent parking.

Harlington – Policy HAS20 29. It has now been demonstrated that the necessary school in Harlington can be accommodated within site HAS20 without the need to extend the site boundary. This is facilitated by, amongst other things, contributions towards off-site sports pitches in lieu of on-site provision. A Main Modification is therefore necessary to require relevant contributions towards upgrading sports pitches nearby.

6 30. Our initial findings also raised concerns with highway and pedestrian safety. In response, an Access Strategy has been prepared (Examination Document EXAM 113E) which proposes a number of highway improvements. The Highways Authority has confirmed that the measures on Station Road and Toddington Road would overcome the concerns expressed. Having assessed the Strategy, we have no reason to disagree with this view and are now satisfied that an acceptable and safe arrangement can be achieved through the planning application process. 31. However, the issue of parent parking remains. Whilst there would be a requirement to provide a school travel plan, there is still likelihood of parents parking on Westoning Road when dropping off/picking up their children. This would lead to congestion and potential highway safety concerns. In finalising the Main Modifications, it is therefore necessary to include a policy requirement to make appropriate provision for parent parking. The final detail would be for the planning application process to determine.



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WANT TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE? THEN ATTEND THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

12th April 2021	Full Council Meeting	7.30 pm
10th May 2021	Annual Council Meeting	7.30pm
7th June 2021	Finance & General Purpose Committee	7.30 pm
14th June 2021	Full Council Meeting	7.30 pm

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