

Harden Village Council



Clerk: Ken Eastwood, Harden Village Council, PO Box 572, Keighley BD21 9FE
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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a monthly virtual meeting of Harden Village Council, to be held by video conference, on **Thursday 14th January, 2021** at 7.15pm.



Clerk to the Village Council

9th January, 2021

Meeting access details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88051199794?pwd=VE5sZTlnYjdoTi9MNDVMaURiS0wyUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5119 9794

Passcode: 663991

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To consider apologies offered.

2. Disclosure of Interest

To receive disclosure of personal and prejudicial interest from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest;
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

3. Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)

- a) To agree the minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 10th December, 2020.
- b) To note the Outstanding Issues Report (information only, see Appendix 1).

4. Public Representation

Members of the public are invited to raise any matters of concern for a maximum of 15 minutes.

5. Planning Matters

To formulate observations relating to the following application: -

20/05713/FUL - Construction of detached bungalow at Pepper Hill Farm, Ryecroft Road, Harden.

(Planning applications can be viewed via Bradford Council's online system <http://www.planning4bradford.com/online-applications>).

6. Newsletter

To receive an update on the next edition of the Village Council newsletter.

7. Climate Emergency (see Appendix 2)

To review progress with the Climate Emergency Plan for the year, noting the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and to revisit planned actions and priorities.

8. Exchange of Information

To consider any concerns which may have been passed to the Village Council by residents.

9. Correspondence (see Appendix 3)

To receive the following correspondence and to formulate a response, if appropriate: -

- a) Emails re. petition for residents parking scheme at Goit Stock.
- b) Email from Bradford Council re. consultation on personal travel assistance budget.
- c) Email exchanges with Bradford Council re. overgrown footpaths.

10. Financial Matters

a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Payment No.	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	2020-21-40	£18.90	Expenses
Kay Kirkham	2020-21-41	£3.90	Postage
Bradford MDC	2020-21-42	£1,198.87	Salary payment
Digital Nomads Ltd	2020-21-43	£33.60	Printing
Harden Children's Gala Society	2020-21-44	£500	Small grant – Christmas lights

b) To note the following trial balances: -

Harden Village Council				
1st January 2021				
Item	Budget 2020/21	Expenditure to date	Budget Remaining	Forecast Shortfall (-) Surplus (+)
Staff Costs	9,000	10,326	-1,326	-4,795
Travel	300	28	272	200
Subscriptions	1,500	1,705	-205	-205
Insurance	500	438	62	62
Audits	400	380	20	20
Newsletter	850	95	755	515
Website	825	520	305	75
Parish Plan	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Neighbourhood Planning	5,000	1,732	3,268	1,828
Training	400	15	385	385
Repairs	100	0	100	100
Stationery	250	11	239	175
PC equipment	250	0	250	250
Small grants	1,000	0	1,000	500
Horticulture	1,000	999	1	-150
Projects & Assets	17,075	166	16,910	11,910
S 137	200	25	175	175
Other	125	183	-58	-58
	39,775	16,623	23,152	11,987

c) To note the following bank reconciliation: -

Cashbook balances

Balance 1 st April 2020	14,696.64	
Add: income to date	59,518.70	
Less: expenditure to date	(17,010.83) (incl. VAT)	
Total:		£57,204.51

Bank account balances 1st January 2021

Community Account	30,821.64	
Business Account	26,382.87	
Total:		£57,204.51

11. Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

To note minor items and items for the next agenda.

12. Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next virtual Village Council meeting as 11th February 2021, at 7.15pm.

THIS IS A MEETING HELD IN PUBLIC - ALL WELCOME

(A full version of the agenda with appendices is available at <https://hardenvillagecouncil.gov.uk>)

Appendix 1: Outstanding Issues

Subject	Issues	Responsibility	Date of last action	Notes
Allotments	Written representations received on the need for allotments.	Clerk & Members	November 2020	Preferred site not supported by Bradford MDC. Further contact being arranged with the Friends of St Ives to discuss community garden opportunities.
Neighbourhood Planning	Ongoing project.	Council, Clerk & Integreat Plus	November 2020	Next Project Team meeting 20 th January, at 5pm.
Telephone Kiosk	Adoption from BT, renovation and usage.	Clerk	September 2019	To consider fit out after renovation. Contact made with Addingham Civic Society re. fit out.
Benches	Replacement of village benches on rolling programme.	Clerk	December 2019	Two benches require concrete strip foundations (to be fitted weather permitting). Two further benches to be ordered.
Traffic Study	Commission traffic survey(s) and expert recommendations.	Cllr Townsend & Clerk	November 2020	Follow up actions to be progressed with Bradford Council.
Bingley St Ives	To consider registering the Estate, or parts thereof, as an Asset of Community Value.	Clerk & Chair	November 2020	Clerk preparing an application following advice provided by Bradford Council in October, 2020.
Emergency Plan	To develop an emergency plan for Harden.	Cllr Ahmed	December 2020	Cllr Ahmed refining draft and contacting Bradford Council re. resources and materials.
Signage & Wayfinding	Project to enhance boundary and village centre signage.	Clerk	January 2021	Outline proposals to replace boundary signs, develop a village centre map and finger post signage agreed in principle. Awaiting response

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				from Bradford Council (Highways contacted December 2020). Sign designs and options further researched.

Appendix 2: Current Climate Emergency Plan



Harden Village Council Climate Emergency Plan 2020-21

In 2019, Harden Village Council became one of the first rural communities in Yorkshire to declare a climate emergency, joining hundreds of larger councils (including Bradford) and the UK Parliament. We're now keen to work with local residents, groups and partners to bring this to life.

We based our declaration on our belief that all communities, including ours, have a part to play in averting this crisis, and scientific evidence showing: -

- we are likely to have only a decade left to turn the corner on emissions, to keep the Earth under a 1.5 degree temperature rise¹;
- going above 1.5 degrees will be devastating, causing mass harm, suffering, death and extinctions across the planet²;
- we are currently on course to hit a 2.4 - 4.3 degree temperature rise by 2100³;
- we are already feeling the effects of a destabilised climate, including making flooding and extreme weather more common in our part of the world.

The UK Government has committed to legally binding targets for net zero carbon emissions by 2050⁴, but experts argue, and the Government has said, we need to act more swiftly⁵.

Our overall aims

We want work with local residents, businesses and community groups to help Harden become carbon neutral by 2030, so we deliver least harm and maximum benefit to the environment. This will ensure our village is playing its part in addressing the global crisis, while benefitting local health, wellbeing, inclusion, resilience, our surroundings and nature.

We believe that this is especially important as we look to recover and 'build back better' from Covid-19.

We also want to share what we're doing with others, helping to show that rural communities too can play an important part in moving towards net zero emissions, reducing pollution and enhancing the natural environment.

Our broad commitments

¹ <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-how-much-carbon-budget-is-left-to-limit-global-warming-to-1-5c>

² https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2019/05/SR15_SPM_version_report_LR.pdf

³ <https://climateactiontracker.org/>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-theresa-may-we-will-end-uk-contribution-to-climate-change-by-2050>

⁵ <https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change-uk-carbon-target-global-warming-a9073256.html>

- Put the emergency at the forefront of discussions and decision-making, ensuring negative environmental impact is avoided, minimised or mitigated;
- Establish actions and principles for working with and supporting local residents, groups and businesses to be more sustainable, progress against which will be assessed regularly;
- Call on the Government and Bradford Council to provide the resources and powers so that our village can make its contribution to the UK's carbon reduction targets and help avert the emergency.

Areas of activity

We have identified five key areas where we can make, and influence, progress: -

- Nature and green spaces
- Transport and travel
- Waste and pollution
- Shops and food
- Homes and energy

Our plans in 2020-21

- Complete our Neighbourhood Plan, ensuring sustainability and climate are at the forefront, following local consultations showing how much residents care about the environment (we aim to move towards a referendum on the Plan likely to be in May 2021 due to current restrictions);
- Deliver regular communications to promote involvement in these actions, gathering input and views, and promoting individual actions and awareness;
- Continue progressing with Bradford MDC and neighbouring villages steps to improve walking, cycling and public transport as alternatives to driving, for local residents and our visitors, with consideration to local needs and the challenges from Covid-19;
- Support and promote campaigns and initiatives in our area to reduce waste and plastic, and encourage local residents and businesses to do so too;
- Encourage tree/hedge planting and biodiversity opportunities and set up events and initiatives as and when possible;
- Encourage and support local volunteering and other initiatives to connect people with nature and encourage pride in our local green spaces;
- Research sources of emissions and draw on other councils' examples and our local knowledge to draw up a 10-year framework for our village becoming carbon neutral.

Appendix 3: Correspondence

Emails re. Petition for residents parking scheme at Goit Stock

From: Tracey Sugden
Date: Thursday, 7 January 2021 at 14:13
To: 'Ken Eastwood'
Cc: Adrian Tumber
Subject: RE: Petition re. Parking at Goit Stock, Harden, Bingley

Dear Mr Eastwood

Thank you for passing Mr and Mrs _____ petition on to me. I will respond to them setting out their options for progressing the petition as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Tracey Sugden
Governance Officer
Committee Secretariat

From: Ken Eastwood
Sent: 22 December 2020
To: Petitions
Cc: Gerwyn Bryan; Cllr Paul Sullivan; Wendy Fisher
Subject: Petition re. Parking at Goit Stock, Harden, Bingley

Hello,

I've been passed a petition by residents of Goit Stock, Harden who have asked me to send this to yourselves for consideration.

The petition organisers, _____, have tried to get this to me by email for several months and have just posted a paper copy that I have scanned and attached. Their address and contact number are shown on the first page.

Kind regards,

Ken Eastwood
Harden Village Council Clerk

Email from Bradford Council re. consultation on personal travel assistance budget.

Date: Thursday, 31 December 2020 at 15:39

Dear Parish Councillor,

Please find attached letter regarding a consultation on proposed changes to the amount paid to parents/carers who transport their child to and from school using a personal travel assistance budget.

Regards,

Neil Jerome

Service Support Manager
Travel Assistance Service

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Department of Children's Services

RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE AMOUNT PAID TO PARENTS / CARERS WHO TRANSPORT THEIR CHILD TO AND FROM SCHOOL USING A PERSONAL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

On 9 November 2020, Bradford Council's Executive made the decision to hold a public consultation on its personal travel assistance budget (PTAB) rate.

A PTAB is the rate paid to some parents / carers who transport their child to and from school and is one type of travel arrangement available for local authorities under Section 508B of the Education Act 1996 (the Act). The Act deals with the duty on local authorities to make such travel arrangements as they consider necessary to facilitate attendance at school for eligible children.

The current PTAB rate awarded by Bradford Council is 75p per mile for compulsory school aged children. The rate of 75p per mile was agreed in 2016 when there were 100 children and young people in receipt of this type of travel assistance. Since 2016 the number of children and young people in receipt of PTABs has more than doubled. We are entitled to consider the Public purse when making these arrangements and must also consider the duty of best value. We have also considered the rates that are applied by our neighbouring authorities. These vary from 45 to 50 pence per mile.

Bradford Council currently awards a minimum mileage allowance of £6 per day for 5-7 year olds and £9 per day for 8-16 year olds.

Bradford Council currently awards parents / carers of pupils who require a shared escort an extra allowance of £1.39 per day and those who require a dedicated escort, an extra allowance of £5.00 per day.

The proposal under consideration is that the new PTAB rate of 45p per mile is introduced to bring it in line with the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) rate. The proposal also includes the removal of the minimum mileage allowance and the shared and dedicated escort allowances.

The consultation will begin at 00.01 hours on 15th December 2020 and will end at midnight on 31st January 2021.

The current PTAB rate of £7.90 per day awarded to post 16 students will be unaffected by this proposal.

It is important to ensure that all interested parties are given the opportunity to provide their views for consideration. I am writing to local MPs, elected members, parish councils, principals and head teachers of all schools across the district to inform them of the proposals. I am also writing to individual parents / carers who are currently in receipt of a PTAB.

I request your assistance in bringing the proposals to the attention of parents / carers of all children attending your school by contacting them and notifying them of the consultation in your usual manner on our behalf.

If you would like to express a view, make a comment or complete a short survey on the proposals, you are able to do so at:

<https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=235>

Alternatively, please email your response to schooltravelconsult@bradford.gov.uk or write to me at the above address before midnight on 31st January 2021.

What Happens Next:

Once the consultation period ends, the feedback received will be reported back to Bradford Council's Executive who will consider all views expressed and decide how to proceed. In coming to a decision about any changes, Executive members will also consider how any changes may be implemented and whether this might affect parents / carers who are currently in receipt of a PTAB, or whether it will only affect parents / carers who elect to receive a PTAB in the future.

Yours sincerely



Michael Bunting
Strategic Transport Manager – Bradford Council

Email exchanges with Bradford Council re. overgrown footpaths

From: Kevin Whitaker
Date: Thursday, 17 December 2020 at 08:50
To: 'Ken Eastwood'
Cc: Danny Stewart
Subject: FW: Harden Issues

Hello Ken,

Sorry for the late response, I have been off sick for the past week or so.

I had a quick look yesterday and as there is nothing actually growing from the highway in either location, this falls under the Network Resilience team for enforcement.

I have copied Danny in for his attention.

Regards

Kevin Whitaker

Area Highways Manager (Northern Area)
Highway Maintenance (North)

From: Dave Ruse
Date: Thursday, 10 December 2020
To: Ken Eastwood
Cc: Rick Hill
Subject: RE: Harden Issues

Good morning Rick,

We have Harden Village Council asking for an update on two overgrown footpaths detailed below, they were reported in October. Please could you let us know when the issues may be resolved.

Thanks very much.

Regards,

Dave Ruse
Area Rights of Way Officer

From: Ken Eastwood
Sent: 09 December 2020
To: Dave Ruse
Subject: Re: Harden Issues

Hi Dave,

The two footpaths are Bingley 244 and Bingley 169, accessed from Wilsden Road, Harden.

Thanks,

Ken

From: Ken Eastwood
Sent: 09 December 2020 17:40
To: Kevin Whitaker
Subject: FW: Harden Issues

Hi Kevin,

Harden Members have raised concerns about overgrown vegetation encroaching onto pavements: -

- Between Harden Grange Road and the entrance to St Ives.
- Wilsden Road, Harden (half way down on right hand side, viewed from Harden – attached screenshot illustrates location).

Many thanks for your help.

Ken Eastwood
Harden Village Council Clerk

From: Dave Ruse
Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 16:16
To: Ken Eastwood
Subject: RE: Harden Issues

Good afternoon Ken,

If Your concerns are about pavement issues you will need to contact Kevin Whitaker in Highways Maintenance. I can refer issues on public rights of way off metalled roads although I will need an exact location of each issue.

Regards,

Dave Ruse
Area Rights of Way Officer

From: Ken Eastwood
Sent: 30 November 2020 13:17
To: Dave Ruse; Rick Hill
Subject: Harden Issues

Hi,

Do you have an update on the overhanging vegetation on Wilsden Road Harden and the overgrown public footpaths, referred by Darren Hinchliffe in October?

In addition, Members have asked me to report that there is also overhanging vegetation on the pavement between Harden Grange Road and the entrance to St Ives.

I appreciate some of this growth is slowly dying back but it is still 'present' and will obviously quickly become a problem in the Spring.

Many thanks for your help.

Ken Eastwood
Harden Village Council Clerk