

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCILLORS  
HELD ONLINE ON 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 7.15PM**

**Present:** Cllr Kay Kirkham (Chair)  
Cllr Ann Taylor  
Cllr Jools Townsend  
Cllr Falak Ahmed  
Cllr Rob Hawthorne  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)  
1 Member of the public (until item 2)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bryan.

**2. Public Representation**

A resident of Wilsden Road attended the meeting and raised concerns about the speed of traffic on that road. She had spoken to the Police who don't consider the road a priority. She observed that there is no safe crossing route and a lot of parents and school children use the rear entrance of the school and cross the road in various places.

Councillors summarised the action taken to date by the Village Council and the ongoing discussions with Bradford Council about traffic calming measures, a possible 20mph scheme in Harden and possible active travel routes. The Village Council is also in discussion with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on bus services.

**3. Outstanding Issues Report**

A Councillor still needs to contact the Friends of St Ives to discuss community garden opportunities.

Cllr Townsend stated she had earlier in the day received a response from Bradford Highways with regard to the alternative proposals put forward for a 20mph scheme. The clerk to contact and arrange a meeting.

A response to the application made to the Shipley Climate Action Fund has not yet been received.

Cllr Ahmed will chase Bradford Council for a response to the draft emergency plan.

**4. Planning Matters**

Councillors discussed the following application: -

- a) 21/02632/LBC - Retrospective Listed Building Consent for replacement windows at Woodbank, Harden Road, Harden.

(Planning applications can be viewed via Bradford Council's online system

<http://www.planning4bradford.com/online-applications>).

The Clerk to respond **under delegations**, making no objection to the application.

#### **5. Village Council Action Plan & Climate Emergency**

Members discussed the 2020/21 action plan and the climate emergency plan. Cllr Townsend stated she still had a number of climate posters. Other Councillors agreed to help with distribution.

Cllr Hawthorne agreed to progress a tree planting project. It was noted that Cllr Bryan had previously agreed to progress actions on reducing waste, litter and plastics.

#### **6. Newsletter**

Members discussed the newsletter planned for the end of June. Cllr Kirkham offered to collate content and prepare the newsletter, incorporating the refreshed design graphics (to be provided by the Clerk). Newsletter content is required by 18<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **7. Horticulture**

The Clerk stated that further attempts to engage the nursery about the barrier baskets and maintenance of the beds had not been successful. The Clerk intends to discuss with the village gardener previously offering to undertake the work.

#### **8. Exchange of Information**

None.

#### **9. Benches**

To note that Harden WI have offered to pay for two new brass plaques for the replacement benches on Long Lane and Wilsden Road. The following wording has been proposed: -

Kindly donated by  
Harden Women's Institute & Harden Village Council, 2021

The Clerk stated he will purchase the plaques at £51.99 plus postage per plaque and the Council will re-charge Harden WI in due course.

The Clerk was asked to approach a local builder with regard to installation, including if required, installation of the second noticeboard.

#### **10. Christmas Lights**

Councillors asked the Clerk to progress the purchase of lamp post motifs, up to the available budget, **under delegations**.

#### **11. Correspondence**

Councillors discussed a letter from Bradford Council re. the unsuccessful Highfell Grove Village Green Space ACV nomination. It was observed that the response suggested that the purpose and status of the village green space had not been understood.

The Clerk proposed to write to the Council challenging the decision made.

## **12. Financial Matters**

The Clerk stated he will, **under delegation**, ask two Councillors to make the following payments: -

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Payment No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ken Eastwood	2021-22-12	£168.90	Expenses (mileage, ALCC Membership & Zoom subscription)
Bradford MDC	2021-22-13	£2,533.46	Salary payment, back pay & overtime
Christmas Plus Ltd	2021-22-14	£505.20	Christmas lights repairs
Imperative Training Ltd	2021-22-15	£282.60	Defibrillator service plus replacement pads
Digital Nomads Ltd	2021-22-16	£472.80	Website annual charge
Royal Mail	2021-22-17	£360	PO Box

Councillors noted the balances and bank reconciliation presented to the meeting.

## **13. Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda**

Cllr Kirkham stated that she would feedback from attendance at a recent YLCA branch meeting.

## **14. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be a meeting of Councillors and will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.08pm.