

HARDEN VOICE

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Official opening for new play area

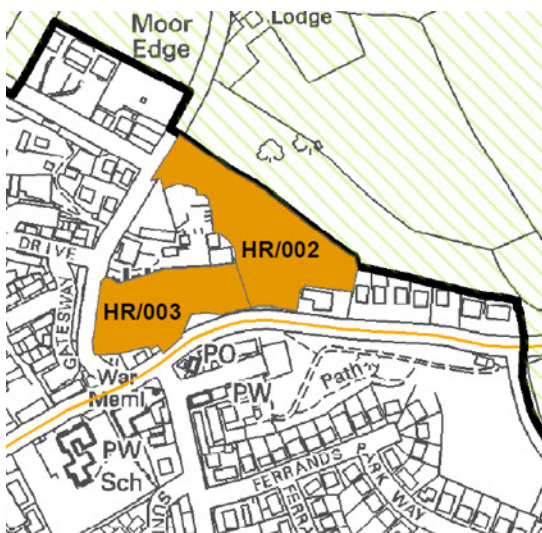


The new play area will be officially opened on Thursday March 26th at 2pm. Local children from the school and other organisations have been invited but everyone is welcome to come along.

The work, which cost £50,000 was paid for by a grant from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) and £5,500 from the Parish Council. Bradford Council paid to clear the site.

It was designed by local children and replaces the old play area which was put up in 1997 by the developers of the housing at Harden Mills.

New houses in Keighley Road?



On January 21st, David Hill surveyors held an open event in the Memorial Hall to consult on their intention to submit an outline planning application to build 25 houses on a site in Keighley Road - the site marked HR/002 on the plan.

This site has been safeguarded land for many years and open for development since 2008. HR/003 is currently allocated as village open space and is not therefore included in the application although the access road could be partly built over it.

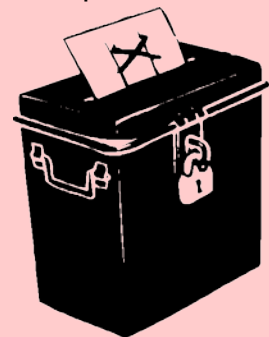
In January, David Hill said that they wanted to put in an application for outline planning permission fairly soon but as this newsletter went to print, they had not done so.

Residents expressed their views and will have plenty of chances to have their say if an application is made.

Parish Council elections

Elections to the Parish Council take place every four years. On May 7th - the same day as the General and Local Elections - seven places on Harden Parish Council will be decided.

If you would like to stand for election to be a parish councillor, nomination papers are available from Bradford City Hall. They must be completed and returned by 4pm on April 9th.



News from your Parish Council

Examination of the Bradford Local Plan Core Strategy

This boringly titled activity is actually a key moment in the production of the plan which will support all of the planning decisions in the area until 2030.

The examination in public will start on March 4th at Victoria Hall Saltaire in front of an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

Harden Parish Council has already made a written submission and Cllr Kirkham has been invited to attend the examination and speak in support of its submission.

You can read the submission on the parish council website and details of the hearings can be found on the Bradford Council website by searching :

Core Strategy DPD examination

Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

The agenda will be put on the notice boards 3 days before each meeting. The minutes are posted in the same place.

All meetings are open to the public.

Copies may be found on the website.

What you pay for the Parish Council

The precept is the amount collected from each household in the village each year. The amount you pay depends upon the council tax band of your home but a Band D household will pay £1.25 a month - an increase of 42p from last year.

The precept has remained at £10 a year since the council was formed in 2007 but in order to carry out projects and keep a reasonable sum in reserve, parish councillors decided to increase the precept for the first time this year.

The Parish Council will collect £12,000 from the precept but expects to spend about £18,000 including £6000 from reserves. Key items of spending next year include:

Small grants	£1000
Update Parish Plan	£1000
War memorial repairs	£1000
Horticulture	£1500
Christmas event and lights	£500
Newsletter	£650
Contingency	£1000

Full details of the budget can be obtained from the parish clerk or the council website.

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