

# HARDEN VOICE



*The newsletter of Harden Parish Council*

**March 2019**

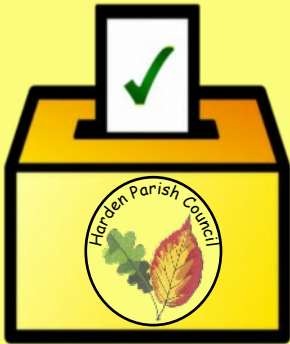
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## Could you be a parish councillor in Harden?

**F**our yearly elections to Harden Parish Council will be held on **May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019** - the same day as elections to Bradford Council.

The Parish Council is encouraging residents who are passionate about Harden to stand for election. There are some eligibility requirements, but by and large any resident over the age of 18 can stand.

We are looking for interested and enthusiastic residents to step forward.



We'd really like to see a few younger people join the Council this year.

It would be good if the make-up of the Council was more representative of Harden.

Parish Councils are led by democratically elected councillors from the local community. Local councillors decide on what services and projects the council will deliver. As representatives of the first tier of local government we are the closest to our communities and are well placed to find out what the real local issues are and how to overcome them.

### ***What to know more?***



***Drop-in session with some of the current councillors***

**Harden Memorial Hall  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

## Parish Council secures over £115,000 for local improvements



Following a long battle, the Parish Council secured over £150,000 from the developers of the land at Keighley Road to benefit the local area.

The developers had originally tried to back out of

Education	£46,708
Allotment project	£16,166
St Ives	£20,419
Memorial Hall	£31,894
Total	£115,187

It also included an obligation to provide the Village Greenspace in perpetuity.

## Memories of 1939-45

2019 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of war and the Parish Council is planning a follow up to its successful project about the village and its residents in 1914.

**To do this we need any information you have about Harden in 1939-45 including memories, photographs and documents about the people who lived and worked here.**

So far we have traced the thirteen casualties recorded on the memorial and more whose stories appeared in the local press but there were over 400 men living in Harden in 1939 and information about them is hard to find.

Women also played a vital part in the war effort but again information about them was often not recorded.

**If you can help, please contact the clerk.**

# More news from your Parish Council

## Parish Council Budget 2019-20

### Where the money comes from

Council Tax	£28,700
Balances	£6,925.00
Grant income	£3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£38,625.00</b>

The amount of Council Tax collected from residents will be £35 a year on a Band D house.



### How we plan to spend it

#### Community Projects

- Village benches	£1,000
- Defibrillator annual check	£175
- Playground painting and cleaning	£3,000
- Allotments	£1,500
- Telephone kiosk	£500
- Local service delivery	£2,500
- Speed reduction measures	£3,500
- Christmas lights	5850
- Grit bins	£50
- Contingency	£500

Staff Costs £8,500

Newsletter £850

Parish plan £1,000

Neighbourhood planning £3,000

Small grants £1,000

Horticulture £750

Christmas event £200

Administration, insurance etc £4,750

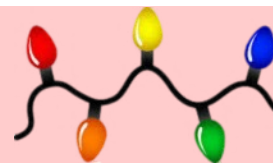
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## HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Neighbourhood plan survey. The Project Team is meeting regularly and has already drawn up its ten point Vision, Aims and Objectives and moved onto looking at key topics starting with transportation.

It is also planning to research local housing needs and draw up a design guide for future development.

We would welcome new members into the project team so if you are interested please contact the clerk.



### Lights Out!

The power cut in the village on December 2<sup>nd</sup> which led to the cancellation of the Christmas Lights ceremony was caused by the failure of a transformer at Beckfoot. The lights were successfully turned on a week later.

### Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. They may also be found on the website.

All meetings are open to the public.

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