

HARDEN VOICE

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YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

Five Harden residents have been nominated for seven places on the Parish Council. All were existing Councillors; Mike Andrews, John Bagnall, Hannah Cummins, Kay Kirkham and Alan Sykes. They are therefore elected unopposed.

But we really need two more people to bring the Council up to full strength. And we need people with fresh ideas and perspectives on what Harden needs.

We have a parish plan which the Council is following and have already worked on a number of initiatives including revitalising the Memorial Hall, the highly successful Christmas Lights

event, supporting the youth club, flower and bulb planting, traffic management, working with police, combating litter and dog fouling and commenting on planning applications.



But we could do much more.

The precept which every household pays, raises £8,000 a year and there are lots of ideas out there which could benefit from the support of the Parish Council.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, please contact any of the members. You will find their details on the back of this newsletter.



Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month and are open to the public. They are normally held in the Memorial Hall.

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

June 9th	August 11th	October 13th	December 8th
July 14th	September 8th	November 10th	

Members of the parish council and helpers have planted the beds outside the post office.

The plants were provided at a discounted price by Woodbank Nurseries who also lent a member of staff for the morning to help with the planting.

News from your Parish Council



The Parish Plan, put together following a survey of all residents identified a lack of facilities for young people.

The Parish Council worked with the Bradford Youth Service and a youth club, meeting on Tuesday evenings in the Memorial Hall was set up.

Now the Parish Council has now agreed to pay for a youth worker to enable the club to run a Friday evening session as well. Initially, this commitment is for one year and we will be looking to the club to raise money to meet its weekly running expenses

The Parish Council has bought a number of signs aimed at dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the pavements.

The signs have been erected at known hot spots but we are willing to buy more if you can identify any area which needs one.

They have to be put on an existing pole or lamppost to keep down the cost.



On December 5th, the Parish Council sponsored a very successful 'switch on' event with St Saviour's Church and the Gala Committee.

The Council bought and installed lights for the two trees behind the War Memorial which complemented the lights on the tree.

Over 100 residents turned out to support the event and enjoyed wine and mince pies in the church family room afterwards.

This event looks set to become a regular fixture in the village calendar.

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