

## **MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007 AT HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Sykes, Cllr Andrews, Cllr Kirkham, Cllr Archer, Cllr Booth.

Ali Mantle (Assistant Area Co-ordinator) Ian Shackleton Yorkshire Rural Community Council) Judith Hales (Harden in Bloom)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bagnall, Ward Cllr Margaret Eaton.

**1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Cllr Sykes welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### **2) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Judith Hales, Chair of Harden in Bloom introduced herself. She is concerned about the amount of weeds in wall bottoms and on verges, i.e. in the park and on Ferrands Park Way. Bradford Met has sprayed recently in some areas; however the effect is not satisfactory. The village is to be judged on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and therefore Judith is anxious that the situation is improved by then.

Cllr Andrews has already had some discussions with Ian Wood about future improvements e.g. bulb planting, hanging baskets and possible improvements to the flower beds outside the Post Office and the butchers. Bradford Met could be asked to donate plants and volunteers could do the bedding out. Ian Wood has agreed to have a site visit in Autumn 2007.

**Resolved** – The Harden Parish Council wish to support the Harden in Bloom initiative and work in conjunction with Judith Hales.

Cllr Andrews will contact Ian Wood, of Street Scene, to help get the weed situation rectified before the judges come. He will also ask him about whether the dying weeds are removed.

Cllr Andrews will also contact Gary at the butchers.

Ian Shackleton, of the Rural Community Council, supplied the Parish Council with details about the Calor Village of the Year Competition.

### **3) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed.

#### **Parish Clerk:**

**Resolved:** To delay appointment of Clerk until the need arises and to undertake further research into standard employment conditions.

Ali Mantle (Assistant Area Co-ordinator) will take minutes on 26<sup>th</sup> July, however, she will be unavailable on September 6<sup>th</sup> due to annual leave.

#### **Yorkshire Local Council's Association:**

A representative will meet the Parish Councillors on 5<sup>th</sup> July to explain what their organisation can offer. The Parish Council will decide whether or not to join at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

#### **4) CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS**

3 names have been suggested and these are being followed up.

#### **5) FINANCE**

A bank account is in the process of being opened with Barclays. The local branch will be in Bingley. The 3K from BMDC has been deposited.

#### **6) PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **Cllr Kirkham reported on the Planning Applications considered by Harden Parish Council Planning Subcommittee**

07/03317/FUL Granic Filling Station 242Harden Road BD16 1HT

07/03674/ful Springbank 2 Cockcroft Fold Harden Road bd16 1hu

07/03971/FUL .7 Goitstock Terrace Harden BD16 1JJ

07/03682/FUL Ivy Farm 2 – 4 Rycroft Harden

07/03884/FUL 27 Millbeck Drive Harden BD16 1TF.

07/04330/FUL Springbank Wilsden Road BD16 1JL

07/04299/FUL 2 Narrow Lane HARDEN BD16 1HX

#### **7) SCAPAG REP & LINKING WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

Ali Mantle explained the role of SCAPAG and the Area Committee.

**Resolved** – Cllr Sykes and Cllr Booth will be SCAPAG reps. Ali Mantle will forward their names.

**Resolved:** Parish Council will have a standard item on Neighbourhood Forum Agendas so that they can report on the work they have undertaken and heighten the profile of the Parish Council.

#### **8) THE WAY AHEAD – A DISCUSSION ABOUT PRIORITIES**

##### **Parish Plan**

Funding is available via the Area Co-ordinator's Office and the Yorkshire Rural Community Council if a Parish Plan is undertaken. Ali circulated a copy of the Cullingworth Parish Plan as an example and copies of a presentation given by Cllr Bryan Hobson about the process of compiling it.

Some discussion took place about the difference between a Parish Plan and a Design Statement.

Ian Shackleton outlined the role of the Yorkshire Rural Community Council.

**Resolved** – To join Yorkshire Community Council for the sum of £25, so as to qualify for help from their Parish Plan Officer and to be able to adapt their model consultation questionnaire.

Ian Shackleton agreed to ask Tom O Sullivan to contact the Chair of the Parish Council.

**Resolved** - Agreed that the Parish Council needs to consult the village , formulate a Parish Plan and agree priorities.

### **Newsletter**

**Resolved-** Cllr Kirkham will circulate a draft newsletter for comments. The newsletter, when completed, will be distributed to all households in the village.

### **Notice Board for PC minutes and other PC business**

**Resolved-** Cllr Andrews to discuss with Gary about using the existing site of the bigger notice board.

### **Village Website**

Ian Shackleton offered his expertise.

**Resolved** - Cllr Sykes to discuss with Dave Melling whether Harden PC minutes can be included on Bradweb.

Need to explore possibility of finding a volunteer in the village to set up a village website

## **9) AOB**

### **Ireland Bridge repairs.**

**Resolved** - Cllr Sykes will contact Mark Brundle (BMDC) and write to English Heritage asking that the bridge be restored to full operational condition ( i.e. for two lane traffic) as soon as possible.

### **Policing Issues.**

**Resolved** - PC Clare Lyness to be asked to include Cllr Sykes on the mailing list for the Bingley Rural Police Tasking Group.

**10) Date of Next meeting:** July 26<sup>th</sup> 2007