

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held 6th September 2007

at 7.15pm in Harden Primary School

Present

Councillors

Alan Sykes, Chairman
Michael Andrews
John Bagnall
Colin Booth
Kay Kirkham, Chair – Planning Committee

Ward Councillors

Margaret Eaton
Simon Cooke

4 Members of the Public

Glyn Broomhead, Acting Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies

Cllr Jeanine Wood
Cllr Douglas Archer

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Public Question Time

- 3.1 There was a complaint re “Horse Fouling” on pavements. Simon Cooke informed the resident that neither the PC nor Bradford MDC had any powers to prevent horses fouling the streets (In contrast to dogs). Cllr Alan Sykes agreed to contact Bradford MDC Legal Dept. to determine if anything could be done to stop horse using the pavements.
- 3.2 There was concern re the increased traffic from Goit Stock Caravan Site now that mobile homes are being replaced with Static Park Homes on the narrow lane and onto the bridge. It was not certain what Planning Permission had been given as to numbers nor whether any improvements had been required re access. The Ward Councillors agreed to contact Planning.

4 Finance

Cllr John Bagnall reported that in addition to the £3,000 already received the precept of £9,000 was expected within a few days.

Committed expenditure to date was :

£35.00	Yorkshire Rural Community Council
£70.00	Newsletter

subscription to Yorkshire Local Councils Association, amount not yet known.

Resolved to accept the verbal report and recommendation to prepare a Spending Plan for the year to 31 March 2008.

5 Planning Committee

Cllr Kay Krikham reported on the Minutes, previously circulated, of the Planning Committee Meeting held 16 August 2007.

With Cllr Douglas Archer resigning from the Council the Committee will no longer be quorate (minimum number 3).

Resolved that the Minutes be accepted and that Cllr Alan Sykes be co-opted to the Committee until its membership was to be determined at the next Council meeting.

6 Neighbourhood Forum

ShIPLEY Co-ordinators office had proposed that in addition to the normal meeting a "Café" style discussion be held afterwards.

Resolved that the proposed format be accepted.

7 Correspondence, for information purposes only

- 7.1 Bradford MDC – Notification of increased Car Park charges
- 7.2 Bradford MDC – Letter re School meals service, passed to Harden Primary School
- 7.3 YRCC support of residents of Ryecroft in application for a grant from Community Aggregates Fund re private water supply
- 7.4 Letter from Cllr Douglas Archer re his resignation from the Council
Cllr Kay Kirkham proposed a Vote of Thanks for the help and support Douglas had given in the formation of the Parish Council. All Members supported this.

Cllr Michael Andrews proposed that Items 8 & 9 be taken together, all agreed

8 Yorkshire Local Councils Association, process re appointment of a Parish Clerk

9 Office of Parish Clerk

The new position of Clerk was discussed as to the number of hours, duties and how and whether the post should be advertised.

Resolved, that Members would circulate their views on the above (by telephone/Email) amongst themselves.
Councillors Alan Sykes and Mike Andrews would consider the recommendations, calculate the number of hours necessary to fulfil the duties and draw up a Job Description. The Job Description and costings will be put to the next Council meeting.

10 Yorkshire Rural Community Council – Parish Plan

It was decided to defer any further action on a Parish Plan until after the next Neighbourhood Forum.

11 Parish Council News Letter

Cllr Kay Kirkham reported that it had been successfully produced and virtually all copies distributed, the remainder would be delivered by 15 September 2007.

12 Harden Park

Cllr Colin Booth reported that he took a great interest in the Park and had for many years been the contact with the various authorities to ensure necessary works/actions were undertaken. He questioned whether this responsibility should be passed to the Parish Council. It was agreed that he should retain the role of lead liaison.

There are currently three issues

- a) Young motorists driving round the park in old bangers. A retaining wall is to be built to prevent access
- b) It is hoped that action will be taken on a burst pipe to prevent further flooding
- c) Underage Drinking. There was a suggestion that the youths were obtaining the alcohol locally.

Cllr Michael Andrews stated that he believed that when previous "Mystery" Shopper testing had been undertaken the request for drinks had been refused. He agreed to contact the local outlet(s). Cllr Alan Sykes stated that he would write to Trading Standards if this was not successful.

13 Police Liaison

Cllr John Bagnall reported that he had attended the last Police Tasking Meeting, Harden had the lowest Crime figures in the whole of Shipley Division.

14 Village Notice Boards

There are two boards within the village, the smaller one belongs to the Village Society and it is believed that the larger one near the butchers is also owned by them.

Resolved that the Parish Council seeks to have the ownership transferred to them. Cllr Michael Andrews will contact the Village Society to put this into action.

15 Next Meeting

Parish Council, 7.15pm on Thursday 18 October 2007, at Harden Primary School.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm