

Harden Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held 18th October 2007

at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School

Present

Councillors

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

Hannah Cummins
8 Members of the Public
Glyn Broomhead, Acting Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies

Margaret Eaton, Ward Councillor

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeanine Wood re Item 17.2, Planning Application 07/07118/FUL

3 Public Question Time

- 3.1 Allocation of £100,000 (Airport money), is it known how the reported monies will be allocated.

Cllr Alan Sykes replied that the money had now been formally allocated on the basis of £100k to each City of Bradford MDC Ward. It was entirely at the discretion of the Ward Councillors as to how the funds should be spent, although he thought that the Parish Councils would be consulted.

- 3.2 Caravan Park – Owner present to give information on questions/concerns raised at previous meetings.

They have a Certificate of Lawfulness to change usage from caravans/mobile homes to permanent residential mobile homes. The numbers will reduce from 78 units to 55/60. The changes will take place at around 6 units per year.

The licence is for residents to be aged 45 or over therefore there will be no impact on local schools.

They believe that the amount of traffic will lessen as the number of touring caravans reduce.

They are not aware of any damage to trees.

4 Minutes of meeting held 6th September 2007 (Previously circulated)

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held 6th September 2007 be accepted as a true record.

The Minutes were signed by Cllr Alan Sykes

5 Co-option of a Member

The Parish Council under Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act 1995 **resolves** that Hannah Cummins be co-opted as a Member of the Council for the remainder of the four year term of office.

6 Acceptance of Office

Hannah Cummins signed the declaration of office, counter signed by G D Broomhead

7 Planning Decisions

Cllr Kay Kirkham reported result of planning applications that had previously been discussed by the PC.

07/05213/FUL Barn Cottage, Cockcroft Fold – Refused
The PC had objected

07/06094/FUL Blantyre House, Harden – Refused
The PC had objected

07/0234/FUL 10 Firbeck, Harden – Refused
The PC did not object

8 Membership of the Planning Committee

Resolved that all members of the Council be members of the Planning Committee.

9 Neighbourhood Forum

The Coffee Bar concept was well received, a list of the priorities of residents was drawn up. This will provide a basis for a Parish Plan. It was decided that members should meet informally to determine whether there were any actions that could be taken in the near future.

10 Parish Council Liaison Meeting (Held 26th September 2007)

10.1 Post Office closures. Cllr Alan Sykes reported that Harden was included in with Bradford in this process. It was recommended that the local postmaster be contacted to ascertain whether he had been approached with an offer for closure. Cllr Alan Sykes agreed to undertake this action.

In addition it was agreed to start to gather evidence immediately, before any decisions have been made, in order to try to stop local closure.

10.2 Parish Councils Charter

As Harden was not part of the process in drawing up the Charter, it is not included in the signing ceremony.

10.3 "Airport Money"

See also Item 3.1

Cllr Alan Sykes undertook to write to Ward Councillors seeking clarification of the consultation process envisaged.

11 Correspondence (and communications received)

11.1 Harden & Bingley Caravan Park

See Item 3.2

11.2 Sale of alcohol to minors

Cllr Michael Andrews reported that the actual sale within the village was not a problem, teenagers are buying/being given the alcohol elsewhere.

There are "parties" within the park on Friday & Saturday evenings, the Police have not acted upon reports made. Harden is considered a very low crime area and therefore is not a priority. Cllr Alan Sykes will pass onto Members the direct line telephone number of the appropriate superintendent.

11.3 Use of footways by horses.

A Footway is deemed a footpath over fields etc, and as such can be used by horse & rider. However this does not apply to pavements being adjacent to roads.

11.4 Wilsden Junior Football Club

The club is wanting to develop land behind the cricket ground for the benefit of all youngsters in the area, it is not known exactly what the club is seeking from the Parish Council. The PC supports this and Cllr Michael Andrews will contact the club.

11.5 Joint meeting of Cullingworth, Denholme, Harden & Wilsden Councils

Denholme will hold the co-ordinating role for this group of Chairmen and vice chairs. The first meeting will be held on October 29th.

12 SCAPAG

12.1 Cllr Colin Booth informed the Council that the report consisted of 160 A4 sheets and that he had not read it fully. It was agreed that the document be circulated to members, on a pass on basis.

12.2 HALE

Cllr Colin Booth reported that in the Groups/Activities section there were no entries for Harden. It was suggested that Sheila Driver be contacted as she was drawing up a newsletter to promote the various groups within the village. A further suggestion was once such a list was available it should be passed to Bradford MDC for inclusion as a "Flyer" with any un-issued magazines.

13 Office of Parish Clerk

Cllr Alan Sykes gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Michael Andrews for the work he has put in in developing the Job Description and Contract of Employment. All members concurred with this.

Resolved that an advertisement be placed in Bradford MDC's Jobs Bulletin at a cost of £66 and the job be advertised on local notice boards. The anticipated annual cost of employment is £3,100.

The timescale for appointment is: up to 2 weeks before inclusion in bulletin, allow 2 weeks for applications with interviews the following week, say last week in November 2007. Cllr Alan Sykes will write to those unsuccessful candidates from the Baildon post to see if they wished to be considered.

14 Police Liaison – Tasking meeting held 9th October 2007

Cllr Colin Booth reported that theft and other crimes were at a very low level.

An additional PC will be in the area shortly.

There may be a request for financial assistance in the purchase of a mountain bike.

15 Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer

Resolved that Cllr John Bagnall be appointed to the Statutory Role of Responsible Financial Officer.

16 Parish Council Website

Cllr Kay Kirkham reported progress on setting up a dedicated website, she had two offers of help, and it was agreed that she should continue to progress the development. The Council was keen that the site be independent of Bradford MDC. It is possible that Bradford MDC will provide funds of £500 to assist with the costs.

17 Planning Applications received for comment

- 17.1 07/07182/FUL Hill End Farm, Hill End Lane, Harden
Alterations to approved scheme to alter plots 2 & 3 into 3 dwellings
with separate garages.

Deferred to next Planning Committee

- 17.2 07/07118/FUL Land to West of Well House Farm, Ryecroft Rd, Harden
Sinking of borehole and construction of small building to house equipment

The Council supports this application
(Cllr Jeanine Wood declared an interest)

- 17.3 07/08188/FUL Beckfoot House, Beckfoot Lane, Harden
Conversion of garage to swimming pool and conversion of lower ground floor
void with other works

No plans were available, deferred to next Planning Committee meeting

18 Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 8.52pm