

## **MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Present**

Councillors  
Alan Sykes – Chairman  
Michael Andrews – Vice Chairman  
John Bagnall  
Colin Booth  
Hannah Cummins

Jessica Mathews – Clerk

2 members of the public

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Jeanine Wood  
Cllr Kay Kirkham  
Cllr Margaret Eaton  
Cllr Simon Cooke

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Michael Andrews declared an interest for item 18 on the agenda.

### **3. Public Question Time**

No questions. The Chairman reminded members of the public that they may only speak at the beginning of the meeting.

### **4. Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Michael Andrews and seconded by Cllr Colin Booth.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Alan Sykes.

### **5. Office of Parish Clerk**

It was proposed by the Chairman Cllr Alan Sykes that Mrs Jessica Mathews be confirmed as the Clerk to the Parish Council. A letter of appointment is to be sent out shortly. A decision will be made as to which organisation facilitates the payroll services for Mrs Mathews' salary. Cllr Bagnall agreed to explore this and report back at the next meeting. Expenses will be paid directly to her from Harden Parish Council.

## **6. Precept for 2008-2009**

The final version of the budget was presented by Cllr John Bagnall.

**Resolved.** The precept for 2008/9 will be £10 per Band D property. This will raise a sum of £8000.

Any funds remaining at Year end will be carried forward into reserves.

## **7. Payments for approval**

Cllr Bagnall presented a report detailing payments and will do so at each meeting.

## **8. Minutes of Planning Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.

## **9. Funding from Shipley Committee**

The Parish Council had requested funding to help with four areas under the first scheme. Cllr Sykes reported back on both schemes as follows;

### **BIG CLEAN**

- a) Millbeck Drive - yes
- b) Keighley Road - yes
- c) Area around the park - no. This is the responsibility of Park and Landscapes.
- d) Potholes in road leading to the Memorial Hall – undecided. It is unclear who owns this land and therefore whose responsibility the potholes are. Investigation into the ownership will continue.

### **SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

The Parish Council requested £500 to buy and install battery operated carbon monoxide detectors. This request was turned down because the Fire Brigade were unwilling to install these in people's homes as they feared that any problems associated with the use of the detectors might result in legal action against the Brigade. They would however fit battery operated smoke detectors in people's homes.

However colour changing carbon monoxide detectors are available.

## **10. Post Office Petition**

Approximately 600 leaflets delivered so far, the intention is to reach every house bar a very few that are more remote.

There has been a good response already, with 195 completed leaflets received at the Post Office. It is apparent from the replies that the Post Office is of particular importance to the older residents, and this should be drawn to the attention of the Post Office Services.

It was agreed that Cllr Sykes is to collate the information and write a short report. He will circulate the analysis for comment from other Councillors. A report will be

presented at the next meeting and if agreed on, it will be sent to the Post Office Services Ltd.

Copies will also be sent to Ward Councillors, the local MP and the Lord Mayor.

### **11. Allocation of Airport Money**

No feedback available yet.

### **12. Correspondence**

Received as follows;

- a) Invitation to nominate candidates for a Community Heroes award. Nominations to be received by January 25<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- b) Shipley Constituency Newsletter
- c) Letter for information from Bradford LEA regarding changes to admission numbers
- d) Community Clean Up application form to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008. A short discussion ensued about the use of volunteers charged with cleaning up a specific area. No areas were identified.
- e) Invitation to attend Shipley Funding Fair on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Kirkgate Community Centre.
- f) Email correspondence forwarded by Cllr Cooke from John Anderson to various Councillors about the current state of play with Ireland Bridge.
- g) West Yorkshire Police Community Trust offering a chance to community groups to bid for funding from their grants programme.

### **13. Parish Council's Liaisons Meeting**

Cllr Sykes reported on the substantial presentation which included information work to reduce carbon dioxide omissions.

### **14. Shipley Area Committee (SCAPAG)**

No feedback available.

### **15. Planning Application**

07/09925/FUL Single storey extension to front of dwelling to form ambulant disabled shower room at 11 Ferrands Close

A short discussion was held about the building line because the extension will be at the front of the house; however the Parish Council has no objection to the aforementioned application providing it does not contravene any building regulations.

Cllr Sykes will respond to the Council.

### **16. A.O.B**

Cllr Andrews mentioned the possibility of the school children designing a logo for the Parish council. This matter will be raised formerly at the next meeting.

**17. Date of next meeting**

To be held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.