

## MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

### AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Present

Councillors

Alan Sykes – Chairman

Michael Andrews – Vice Chairman

John Bagnall

Colin Booth

District Councillor Margaret Eaton

Jessica Mathews – Clerk

2 members of the public

1 member of the press

#### 1. Apologies

Michael Andrews – Vice Chairman

Cllr Hannah Cummins

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 3. Public Question Time

Questions/ comments as follows:

a) The timing of the local bus picking up at 09.29, means that those with a bus pass are not able to use the pass, as these are not valid until 09.30. **The Chairman will raise this issue at the next WYRTP meeting.**

b) Could more 'dog fouling notices' be erected in an around Millbeck? **This will be explored.**

c) Building work in Goit Stock Lane has led to the area becoming waterlogged and problematic for walkers etc. Were the developers required to re instate the tarmac there previously? **Cllr Eaton offered to look into this.**

d) Rubbish continues to be thrown onto woodland at the back of the garden centre near the caravan park.

e) The barrier to the park is being left unlocked allowing access for unofficial vehicles. This is leading to unsociable behaviour and litter. **This matter is already being dealt with by Cllr Booth**

f) The St Ives estate is to benefit from new facilities, but this will attract more visitors some whose intentions are not honourable; has more supervision from rangers been allocated to manage this? **Cllr Sykes indicated that he had raised this point at the Friends of St Ives AGM**

**Cllr Margaret Eaton indicated that she would try to organise a meeting at Bingley police station involving parish councillors to discuss possible solutions and necessary action.**

**The Parks and Landscapes Manager will be contacted again on the relevant points raised.**

The next Harden Neighbourhood Forum is on 11<sup>th</sup> March and the local police will be present where concerns can be raised directly. Areas managed by the Parks and Landscapes office can also be raised with the Area co-ordinators team at this meeting.

It was noted that the next Police surgery is at St Saviours on 27<sup>th</sup> February

#### **4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bagnall and seconded by Cllr Booth.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Alan Sykes.

#### **5. Resignation of Councillor Wood**

Cllr Wood has resigned for personal reasons and a notice of vacancy has been displayed in the village, with the opportunity for the residents to begin a petition for an election. As of the 21<sup>st</sup> February there had not been a petition started, however the full 14 days notice had not been completed. If there is no petition for an election, the Council will co-opt someone. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

#### **6. Proposed parish plan & neighbourhood forum - Presentation by Chris Murdoch, Partnership Officer, Shipley Area Coordinator's Office**

Chris explained that her role is to work with groups to produce a 'plan', to include information about the area and the views of local people as to how they would like to see their area develop. The plan would cover a wide range of topics that are important to all members of the community.

She is offering to help the Parish Council gather the information needed for the plan and to build on the information already gathered at a recent café style Neighbourhood Forum that was held. A suggestion that focus groups are held for those who don't attend the Neighbourhood Forums and that regular groups are consulted.

A questionnaire to every resident was also suggested.

There is a grant of up to £5000 available to help with any costs associated with the development of a parish plan.

It was agreed that Chris Murdoch would develop a strategy to begin the plan, including coming up with a list of who should be consulted.

## **7. Representatives**

Cllrs who regularly attend the following groups are as follows:

SCAPAG – Cllr Booth / Cllr Sykes  
Police Liaison – Cllr Booth/ Cllr Bagnall  
Parish Council Liaison – Cllr Sykes/ Cllr Andrews  
Safer Communities – Cllr Bagnall  
Planning – Cllr Kirkham

## **8. Payments for approval**

Cllr Bagnall presented a report detailing payments and will do so at each meeting. In particular it was agreed that the Clerk should register for the CILCA certificate. A cheque will be given to the clerk to cover her wages, which are still being arranged with the payroll department of BMDC. It was agreed that the clerk can purchase several items of stationery which can be reimbursed later.

The Chair wanted it noted that the Council are very grateful to Cllr Bagnall for sorting out and monitoring the financial matters, including the arrangement of the Clerk's wages.

## **9. WYRTP**

Whilst the various routes currently subject to consultation do not directly affect Harden the Council support any opportunity to improve access to the BRI. It was commented that Airedale Hospital is very difficult to access from Harden.

## **10. WRG challenge fund increase (to £2M)**

It was agreed that a meeting of the district and parish councillors should take place to discuss issues around Harden Memorial Hall. This would include finding out key facts about the building, in particular whether or not it would be appropriate and possible to attempt to repair the building. The road outside needs attention, the roof needs repair and the pre school group would need the building improved to meet Ofsted regulations.

## **11. Harden Post Office Survey**

**Resolved** - Cllr Sykes will send his report to Post Office Services Ltd. This was seconded by Cllr Eaton. The report will be sent by recorded delivery. It will also be sent to the local MP and released to the press.

## **12. Representatives for the Standards Committee**

Cllr Sykes had received information that the current elected representatives will continue in their posts, therefore no nominations are required.

### **13. Topical motions for debate at NALC conference, 20 to 22 May 2008**

No motions were offered but the Cllrs requested that they receive paperwork from the conference for future reference.

### **14. Local development framework consultation**

The Cllrs noted the dates of the consultation.

### **15. Parish Council Logo**

**Resolved** – A total of £35 would be spent on book token prizes for the children who win the school competition.

### **16. Correspondence**

B-supported training digest  
YRCC Internet funding event

Correspondence was noted.

### **17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Parish Council's response to the following planning applications as follows:

**A.** 08/00328/FUL - Demolition of conservatory and formation of extension to rear at 12 Millbeck Drive – **NO OBJECTIONS**

**B.** 08/00241/FUL - Single Storey Extension to the rear of the property - Chaos Cottage 5-6 Goit Stock Terrace – **COUNCIL UNABLE TO TAKE A VIEW DUE TO POOR DRAWINGS AND MAP**

**C.** 08/00213/FUL - Replacement of existing side conservatory with sun lounge, replacement of existing front conservatory with lounge extension, alteration and extension of existing garage to form utility room and additional bedroom - Glebe House, Wilsden Old Road. – **NO OBJECTIONS**

**D.** Construction of Conservatory to rear - 17 Valley View – **NO OBJECTIONS**

**E.** Construction of detached house and double garage - Spring Bank, Wilsden Road – **ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS OBJECTED AND THE COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE REMOVAL OF THE TREES, PARTICULARLY AS THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE NEW DESIGN MAYBE SMALLER BUT IS SIGNIFICANTLY TALLER.**

A previous application for 11 Ferris Close was granted.

Another Planning committee meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Harden Primary School

It was noted that training on planning matters is being offered by BMDC via Eliabeth Brookfield

**17. Date of next meeting**

To be held at 7.30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 in Harden Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.16pm.