

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th MAY 2008

AT 7.45PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present

Councillors - Alan Sykes – Chairman, Michael Andrews – Vice Chairman, Colin Booth, Kay Kirkham

Clerk - Jessica Mathews

BDMC - Chris Murdoch

1. Apologies

Councillor John Bagnall

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none. A question from the internal auditor was raised via Cllr Andrews, as to where the declarations of interest that the Cllrs signed were being held. The clerk will investigate.

3. Public Question Time

No questions.

4. To confirm minutes of meeting held 10th April 2008

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 10th April 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Andrews.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Alan Sykes.

5. Parish Plan Update

Chris Murdoch reported that she has now met with several groups and continues to do so to gather local views and issues about Harden. She reported that similar issues are mentioned from the various groups, including youth problems, litter, dog fouling and traffic.

Chris raised the idea of an evening 'do' to gather remaining groups informally to discuss their views, but the Council was not in favour of this and agreed that groups should be visited individually. It was suggested that an event may be appropriate later on in this process.

Cllr Kirkham and Chris Murdoch will draft a questionnaire for household and this will hopefully be approved at the July 10th meeting of the Council.

Some discussion was held about applying for funding to help with costs for the parish plan and this will be looked at in further detail at the end of June.

Chris also mentioned a Parks survey that will be received by Harden residents from BDMC collating views about the St Ives Estate, and a forthcoming consultation on Phase 3 of the Children's Centre proposed for Bingley.

6. Parish Logo

Three winning designs have been chosen and will be awarded book tokens of £20, £15, and £10 at a presentation in the school on May 16th. The press have been invited.

7. Harden Memorial and Harden Park

A discussion was held about the problems of getting in touch with the Parks and Landscapes Manager and gaining clear information on when issues raised by Cllrs will be addressed. It was commented that emails had been left unanswered and this was discourteous. It was felt that a realistic timeline as to when problems will be looked at was needed. The clerk will invite the Parks and Landscape Manager to the Council meeting in July to discuss the park and any other relevant matters, directly with Cllrs.

8. Harden in Bloom

Cllr Andrews will plant his bedding plants the week after this meeting and asked for any volunteers to help him. Judith Hale of Harden in Bloom will source hanging baskets for the village next year and can buy them at a discounted rate from BDMC's nursery. Bulbs will be supplied from the Horticultural Society. The judges of this year's In Bloom competition will meet Parish Cllrs during the first week of July. Cllr Kirkham highlighted some dead cherry trees as you enter the village on highway land. These will be reported to the relevant department at BDMC.

9. Post Office Closures

Great news, Harden Post Office will NOT be closing.

10. Payments for Approval

No payments for approval.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted from the YLCA. Cllrs asked that Dave Melling be invited to the August meeting to discuss the Parish Council Charter. Cllr Kirkham informed the Cllrs of Planning application training taking place in Baildon on the evening of 18th June.

12. Planning Committee

Minutes from meetings held on 6th and 20th March and the 24th April were approved by Cllr Kirkham.

13. SCAPAG

Cllr Booth reported that the last meeting centred on the Youth Parliament.

14. Planning Applications

No planning applications submitted for comment.

15. Date of next meeting

To be held at 7.30pm, 12th June 2008 in Harden Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.40pm.