

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10th JULY 2008

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present

Councillors – Alan Sykes, Chairman, Michael Andrews – Vice Chairman, John Bagnall, Colin Booth, Kay Kirkham
District Councillor Margaret Eaton
Co-opted Councillor Sue Whitehead

3 members of the public

Clerk - Jessica Mathews

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Public Question Time

Neil Munro raised the issue of the drains from Ryecroft Road down to the mini roundabout stating that not one drain works as it should and all are blocked. The clerk will raise this issue with the relevant department at BDMC

Roger Whitehead raised the issue of treating the weeds on the pavements in the Ferrands Park Estate and stated that he had been pursuing this since May with no luck. He has lodged an official complaint and will await the result before the PC become involved.

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 12th June 2008

Resolved. The minutes, of the meetings held on 12th June 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Booth.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Alan Sykes.

5. Chairman's Resignation

Cllr Sykes resignation was accepted by the Parish Council. Cllr Sykes said he wished to remain as a Parish Cllr and had decided to step down from being the leading person in a few of his voluntary responsibilities, including this one.

Cllr Eaton congratulated Cllr Sykes on getting the Parish Council off the ground and for doing a good job in its primary year.

6. Election of New Chairman

Cllr Andrews was nominated by Cllr Kirkham and Cllr Booth to become Chairman. This was agreed by the rest of the Council. Cllr Andrews and the Clerk signed the Declaration of Acceptance. Cllr Andrews also thanked Cllr Sykes for the doing such a good job as the Parish Council's first Chairman. Cllr Andrews and Cllr Booth then proposed that Cllr Sykes take up the position of Vice Chair which Cllr Sykes and the other members accepted.

7. Co-opted member

Long standing member of the village Mrs Sue Whitehead has been asked to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council. Cllr Andrews proposed that the Council accept this, seconded by Cllr Bagnall. The Council members welcomed Sue to the Parish Council and Cllr Whitehead was happy to accept.

8. Harden Park

Cllr Booth reported on a meeting that he and Cllr Sykes had with Malcolm Wright, the Parks and Landscape Manager at BDMC. Issues that have previously been raised were discussed and will hopefully now move forward. These included the arrangements for the security for the barrier at Harden Memorial Hall; the rubbish in the park; the cutting back of some trees and the usage of the municipal playing fields.

9. Volunteer Car Scheme

Cllr Booth reported on a meeting he attended with Wilsden Car scheme which currently has volunteers to drive members of the luncheon club. This scheme is looking to extend and would like to offer lifts to the medical centre and eventually the local hospitals. The scheme will be looking for volunteers from Harden to join. Cllr Booth will gather the necessary information when it becomes available and the Parish Council are happy to publicise the details in the notice board and Post office.

10. Parish Plan

To enable Cllrs to decide how best to move forward on this it has been decided to meet informally to discuss ideas. Chris Murdoch, who continues to meet with local groups, will also join Cllrs. The 21st August has been suggested and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

11. Payments for Approval

Cllr Bagnall showed the Council the cashbook. The only item to raise was that BDMC who facilitate the payment of the Clerks salary have yet to, despite being chased, charge for this service.

12. Internal Auditor

Cllr Andrews proposed that flowers be sent to the Auditor as a token of the Council's appreciation for her help with last year's audit. Cllr Booth proposed this be accepted and Cllr Sykes seconded it. A sum of not more than £40 was agreed could be spent

13. Correspondence

As follows;

Keighley Rd TRO – no action necessary

Ireland Bridge – Cllr Eaton has followed up the Council's queries

Airport money – the pre- school intend to improve their facilities in line with Ofsted recommendations, and are hoping to be assigned the funding soon. They have suggested that the work might be carried out this summer if the money is forthcoming.

The Area Panel has agreed finance for the traffic calming signs requested by the Parish Council

ShIPLEY Area Conference – to be held 27th Sept 2008

YRCC AGM – to be held 29th November 2008

YHA – details of the Integrated Regional Framework available at www.yhassembly.gov.uk/

Pharmalink Solutions Ltd - Cllrs cannot be seen to be supporting any commercial venture and it would be entirely inappropriate to make any comment at this time because to do so could prejudice the Council's future position if it became involved as a statutory consultee in any future planning application.

Standards Committee – met 9th July 2008. Cllr Sykes reported from the Parish Liaison meeting that Parish Cllrs will be electing a third member to sit on this committee.

Cllr Andrews closed this part of the meeting at 8.45pm. The Planning Committee, chaired by Cllr Kirkham then met to consider the recent applications

14. Planning Applications

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

08/03244/FUL Sport Turf Research Institute, St Ives Estate, Keighley Road, Bingley BD16 1AU. Proposed alterations and extensions to offices and stores.

Approve in principal but note with concern;

a) that there should be no light pollution created from the proposal

b) that the architect was not able to receive the appropriate support from the planning officers

08/03416/FUL Berkely House, Long Lane. Single storey extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

08/03652/FUL Playground in St Ives Estate. Play towers and access gate.

NO OBJECTIONS

08/03556/FUL 25 Ryecroft. Extend existing kitchen and garage and replace existing external door and windows.

NO OBJECTIONS

The meeting was closed at 9pm. The next meeting will be on 14th August at 7.30pm to be held at the Church (TBC).