

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14th AUGUST 2008

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Present

Councillors – Alan Sykes, Vice Chairman, John Bagnall, Colin Booth, Kay Kirkham, Sue Whitehead

District Councillor Margaret Eaton

16 members of the public

Clerk - Jessica Mathews

1. Apologies

Michael Andrews – Chairman

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Public Question Time

15 members of the public, either residents of the Goit Stock Caravan Park or the nearby Goit Stock Terrace were present due to a planning application proposing 15 further caravans on the Goit Stock House site. This item, although scheduled later on the agenda was brought forward to allow a discussion to ensue.

Cllr Kirkham explained that she had contacted the planning office to find out the current state of play with the application and had been told that a site visit had not yet taken place by the planning officer assigned to this proposal. It was therefore agreed that no decision or comment would be made by the Parish council until this had happened and that the deadline for comments would be extended. The item will be put formally on next month's agenda and a final decision will be taken at the Shipley Planning committee on September 25th.

The residents, all of whom were opposed to the application, made some key points of concern which the Parish council took note of. These included;

- Increase in traffic, both from heavy plant and building traffic and a further expansion of the park population
- The effect on the local wildlife and environment, which holds a David Bellamy gold award for conservation
- Access routes to and from the site
- The impact on the fragile drainage system
- Whether new residents will be over 45 as is current park home requirement

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 10th July 2008

Resolved. The minutes, of the meetings held on 10th July 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bagnall and seconded by Cllr Kirkham.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Alan Sykes.

5. Parish Council Charter

Dave Melling was unable to attend due to illness so this item will be rescheduled when he returns to work.

6. Harden Online

The Cllrs expressed interest in meeting Stuart Walker to further discuss his ideas for getting Harden Parish Council and other groups in Harden online using social networking site, www.ning.com. The clerk will arrange an informal meeting with Mr Walker.

7. Harden Park

Cllr Booth reported that previous difficulties were beginning to be resolved and whilst some things will take a while to be done, a promise that they will be completed had been made.

Council vehicles have been instructed to stop using inappropriate access routes.

Cllr Whithead raised the issue of mole hills in the park and Cllr Booth said he would raise this with the Parks and Landscape manager.

* Cllr Eaton informed the parish council that the airport money allocated to the pre school group who use Harden Memorial Hall has been granted and work to achieve Ofsted standards starts Monday 18th August. It was noted that the playgroup had been granted more than originally agreed.*

8. Remembrance Day

The newly formed Parish Council had agreed to provide a wreath at November's meeting in 2007. The vicar, Roger Brooks and the Minister, Liz Maitland have both been contacted and the Chairman, Cllr Andrews will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Currently wreaths in Harden village are laid by St Saviours, and the Horticultural Society. The clerk will contact the Lord Mayor's office to arrange a wreath to be collected.

9. Pharmacy Proposal

The consultation document sent to the PCT from Pharmalink Solutions has been received by the clerk and this was handed over to Cllrs for their perusal.

10. Meeting with the Police

Cllrs Bagnall and Booth attended a meeting held by the police to discuss issues affecting the local area. It was noted that neighbouring Cllrs felt that whilst co-operation had been good for the last 4-5 years, this seemed to have fallen down recently and this coincided with the introduction of a new regime at local level. Results appeared to have slipped.

Other Harden issues raised included;

Access only roads being used as 'rat-runs' – the police will monitor this;

Weekend teenagers causing a nuisance in the park until the early hours – PCs can be contacted on mobiles (numbers being sourced)

Sgt Collins did say that in the event of not being able to get hold of the relevant PC she can be contacted.

The West Yorkshire Police Authority Annual District Event is to be held at the Bankfield Hotel on September 16th. Cllr Bagnall will attend.

11. Payments for Approval

Cllr Bagnall showed the Council the cashbook. It was noted that BDMC who facilitate the payment of the Clerks salary have still not indicated a charge for this service. It was also noted that the cheques sent to the school for the hire of the premises for meetings have not been paid in.

Cllr Bagnall proposed that Cllrs accept the standing orders drawn up for the procurement of work, goods and services. This was seconded by Cllr Booth.

12. Correspondence

As follows;

Harden Neighbourhood Forum – Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the school.

Letter of thanks from Alison McGonigle for the flowers

Event, 'Use' em or Lose em' at Thornbury Centre Wednesday 8th October 9.30-4pm

Invitation to nominate your local grot spot for the Shipley 'Smart and Clean' Campaign (This will be an agenda item at the next meeting)

Electronic planning – Still awaiting the date for parish cllrs working group from Michala Bennett. Clerk will chase.

Cllr Sykes closed this part of the meeting at 9pm. 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:

08/04581/FUL 30 Effingham Road, Harden, Bingley BD16 1LQ - Construction of single storey extension. **NO OBJECTIONS**

08/04027/COU Goit stock House, Goit Stock Lane, Harden, Bingley BD16 – 15 caravans without limit on period of occupancy. **DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be on 11th September at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School