

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11th SEPTEMBER 2008

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present

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

4 members of the public

Clerk - Jessica Mathews

1. Apologies

District Councillor Margaret Eaton

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Public Question Time

No questions

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 14th August 2008

Resolved. The minutes, of the meetings held on 14th August 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bagnall and seconded by Cllr Booth.

The minutes were signed by Cllr Andrews.

5. Councillor training

Training for new and existing councillors is being offered by YLCA in Keighley on 24th September. Cllr Whitehead has expressed an interest in attending, the fee is £35.25. Cllr Andrews said that in principal the Parish Council should support members who wish to attend relevant training and events and as such reimburse the Cllr.

Cllr Sykes therefore proposed that Cllrs Andrew and Bagnall should have authority to decide if it is appropriate for the PC to pay any future training that Cllrs wish to attend. He also suggested that they should allow some discretion regarding travel expenses, depending on where the event is taking place.

Resolved – Fees to be paid, advance notice be given and a contribution to travel considered.

6. Harden Park

Update as follows;

The parks and landscapes manager has noted a request from Cllrs that some of the annual 'Parks and Recreation Grounds' budget be spent in Harden Park.

He has also informed Cllrs that he intends to fence off an area in the park that had previously been discussed instead of building a wall. Cllrs were reassured that this work will be carried out but that they needed to be patient as a start date was difficult to guarantee.

It was noted that a nuisance was being caused to residents because mopeds are being driven through the pedestrian gap of the barrier at night.

Cllr Andrews will speak to cleansing regarding the park and some of the problem areas. He has also spoken to the Probation Service about litter picking in the park and general area. In order to get a team from this service to attend an area there needs to be tea making facilities, a health and safety risk assessment completed, and somewhere to stack rubbish sacks. Cleansing has said that they would pick these up.

7. Questionnaire Update

The questionnaire has been prepared and will be sent out with the latest newsletter. It will be sent to every resident by the end of September with a S.A.E, and results will aim to be collated by the New Year. A public report will be published around March 2009.

The application form for a grant to help with associated Parish Plan costs, including the questionnaire and newsletter has been sent. A letter of support from Shipley Area Co-ordinator's office was included with the application. The Parish Council has asked for £3190 towards costs.

It is hoped that the questionnaire will be well received and will generate a response as success as the Post Office survey earlier in the year.

8. Shipley Smart and Clean Campaign

Items for nomination as follows;

Litter removed from the grass verges of Keighley and Ryecroft Road; new litter bins in the west end of the Park adjacent to the seat, near the playground, 2 outside the Memorial Hall and a replacement larger bin at the bus shelter; litter removed from under the bushes on the perimeter wall of the Park.

The Clerk will send the form to the Area Office.

9. Newsletter

Cllr Kirkham circulated a draft form of the newsletter for comment and will edit this and re-circulate.

10. Electronic Planning

The Parish Liaison meeting minutes did not refer to a working party of Parish Cllr representatives as had been understood by Harden's representative, Cllr Sykes. Instead it appears that training will be offered and comments noted at this point. Cllr Kirkham stressed that training is not needed and will not address the issue that for many Parish Council's using the planning portal is not practical. It is therefore preferable that a working party is set up and a negotiated position agreed. The next parish liaison meeting will be held on the 8th October 2008.

It is assumed that the planning office will continue to send paper plans to the Parish Council until a resolution is reached.

11. Payments for Approval

Cllr Bagnall showed the Council the cashbook. He informed the Council that the accounts had been successfully received by the Audit commission and that the relevant bill had been paid.

He has requested a deposit account which would not be liable for tax.

12. Correspondence

As follows;

Dave Melling will attend the next Parish meeting on the 9th October to discuss the Parish Charter; Members Year Book received by clerk and requested by some of the Cllrs; SELRAP letter asking for support will be considered by Cllr Kirkham; Stuart Walker will be contacted by clerk for a meeting; email from Cllr Eaton stated the preschool ofsted work will begin from the 15th Sept, later than previously stated, the planning application from Goit Stock House will be determined by committee unless a recommendation of refusal is made, she has received many letters from residents regarding this issue.

Cllr Andrews closed this part of the meeting at 8.30pm. 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:

a) 08/04027/COU Goit stock House, Goit Stock Lane, Harden, Bingley BD16 – 15 caravans without limit on period of occupancy.

The applicants were present and informed the Committee that they have received a letter on this day stating that their application had been declined. They were told that a flood report would be required and that the access issue was the main problem.

Cllr Kirkham has been told previously that this application could be deferred to this meeting and that the Parish Council views would be noted. Cllr Kirkham will raise this with the planning office.

b) 08/0227/FUL I Ferrands Park Way. Replace existing conservatory.

NO OBJECTIONS

c) 08/04191/FUL Heather Lodge. Extension of dwelling into adjoining barn

NO OBJECTIONS

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School.