

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9th OCTOBER 2008

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present

Councillors – Michael Andrews, Chairman, Alan Sykes, Vice Chairman, Kay Kirkham, Sue Whitehead

3 members of the public

Dave Melling, BDMC

Clerk - Jessica Mathews

1. Apologies

District Councillor Margaret Eaton, Cllr John Bagnall, Cllr Colin Booth

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Public Question Time

Comment was made about the groups of youths that congregate in the Park. Cllr Andrews stated that the police were well aware of the problem and had issued a number of ASBOs. Would the installation of lights in the park help the situation? The chairman agreed that the Council would contact BMDC to establish whether experience elsewhere would show this to be a beneficial move or not. The Clerk will look to action this. The tidying up of the bushes was welcomed.

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 11th September 2008

Resolved. The minutes, of the meetings held on 11th September 2008, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Bagnall and seconded by Cllr Booth.

5. Parish Council Charter

Dave Melling stated that this was designed to strengthen the relationship between BMDC and the Parish and Town Councils. It is believed to be the only such scheme in the Country. Plans to implement the system began when there were only 7 Parish Councils and there are now 17. All have signed except Harden. It aims to stimulate cross attendance at meetings and provide clear arrangements for consultation on issues such as finance and the standards of behaviour of Councillors. It also ensures that Parish and Town plans are recognised by BMDC.

Harden will consider its position at its next meeting.

6. Spring Planting

The Chairman proposed that daffodils be planted in the grass verges ready for spring next year. The Parks and Landscapes department will help identify the best locations. Cllr Andrews already has 3 volunteers to help from the recent Neighbourhood Forum, along with Cllrs Whitehead and Kirkham. He will contact them to arrange a weekend to plant. Cllr Andrews therefore proposed that he spend up to £40 on daffodil bulbs (discounted sacks from Woodbank nursery) and this was seconded by Cllr Sykes.

A brief discussion took place regarding horse riders using the grass verges and whether or not this was legal. Cllr Andrews will investigate and report back to the Council.

7. IT Demonstration

The School is happy to facilitate an IT demonstration for the Council which would allow them to see and discuss the options for having an online presence. The clerk will identify a suitable Thursday evening and liaise with Stuart Walker to arrange this.

8. Questionnaire Update

The questionnaire is printed and ready to go, the newsletter will also be completed and printed on glossy paper (at a cost of £66) and both should be sent out by the 17th October. The Council have received the grant they applied for to help fund any Parish plan costs, £3190.

9. Neighbourhood Forum

- The police attended and talked generally about their local remit. They identified the area they have to cover which is very large. Also highlighted was the burglary risk to houses fitted with PVC doors.
- Cllr Andrews informed those there to expect the questionnaire and hoped people would contribute.
- Leaflets on carbon monoxide detectors were distributed.

10. School Fire Risk Assessment

Cllr Andrews has spoken to the Head about this and will produce the appropriate document for the school.

11. Police Update

Bankfield – Cllr Bagnall attended but is absent from this meeting so no update available. ANPR – a presentation for local Cllrs was held to discuss the need for £350, 000 funding to enable the police to install ANPR cameras on the main arterial roads in the Bingley Area. The Police asked that Cllrs consider offering support for the scheme when funding is sought.

12. Probation Service

The probation service will carry out a litter pick during half term week in Harden Park. They will use the Memorial Hall for refreshments. Cllr Andrews proposed that the Council purchased some tea, coffee, milk and sugar for the participants to use. Cllr Kirkham seconded this.

13. Remembrance Day

The Clerk will organise the purchase and delivery of a wreath for the Parish Council to lay.

14. Payments for Approval

Cllr Andrews offered an update in Cllr Bagnall's absence.

A deposit account has been set up; VAT has been refunded; the school is yet to cash a cheque for room hire; the clerk's salary has still not been requested from BDMC

15. Correspondence

The Clerk distributed information on the following items; Bradford Link events; Affordable housing consultation & call for sites consultation; VCS common database.

Cllr Andrews closed this part of the meeting at 9pm. The Planning Committee, chaired by Cllr Kirkham then met to consider the recent applications

16. Planning Applications

a) 08/05207/FUL 2 Milligan Court. First floor side and ground extension.

The above application was withdrawn from the agenda.

17. Public access training

The Clerk will circulate the details to the planning committee.

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School.