

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2008

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham, Sue Whitehead , Colin Booth and acting parish clerk Angela Holmes.

4 members of the public

1 Apologies: None

2 Declarations of Interest: None were declared.

3 Public Question Time: No comments were received.

4 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 13 November 2008:

Resolved: The minutes were read, amended at item 14 - £170 to £107 back from Vat and approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Andrews and seconded Cllr Whitehead.

5 Parish Council Charter:

Cllr Andrews presented a copy of the chairman's comment to be included in the document . This was unanimously approved and would be forwarded to Bradford Metropolitan Council together with the parish council logo. **It was resolved** to adopt and sign the Charter at the Liaison meeting on 13 January 2009.

6 Parish Plan:

Of the 840 questionnaires delivered, 217 had been received by the deadline. Cllrs Andrews and Sykes are currently collating the information and will present the statistical analysis to the parish council after Christmas. Traffic, medical facilities, planning and disorderly behaviour are all high profile issues.

7 Freedom of Information Act:

It was resolved to formerly adopt the Act. Discussion took place regarding charging for any copies requested by the public and it was proposed that the acting clerk should contact YLCA and ask for a recommended scale of charges which would be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Christmas Gifts for the over 60's:

The distribution of packages from the Horticultural Society to every pensionable person over 60 (one per household) has been carried out for many years and comments have been received that this could be directed in a more profitable way to those in need. It was not considered a matter for the parish council to comment on and it was suggested that, should anyone be embarrassed to receive the gift when not in need, please contact Steve Johnson on 01535 273301 to be taken off the list. Likewise should anyone wish to receive a package who is eligible has not already done so, please get in touch with the Society.

9 Harden Park:

Cllr Booth reported that dog fouling was a great cause for concern. In one particular morning there had been 35 dogs in the park and some dogs were let loose to foul at will from parked cars. In the holidays children took their pets for a walk and did not use bags. **It was resolved:** to contact the Dog Warden Service and ask for a visit, to ask for leaflets on generating evidence for prosecutions and to look at provision of waste bins and dog fouling notices. The acting clerk would contact the Service and report back at the next meeting.

10 Daffodil planting:

Cllr Andrews reported that 2 sacks of bulbs had been bought and the grass verges from the Harden sign towards the village have been planted to provide a good display next spring. It was planned to buy a further 6 bags next year to plant on the verges of Wilsden Road. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Andrews for organising the planting.

11 Allotments:

No information was forthcoming from Bradford as to how many people had put their name down for an allotment at Bingley. If 6 people applied to the parish council for provision of allotments in Harden the council would be required to provide suitable land. **It was resolved** that the acting clerk would obtain guidance from Bradford Council about how to proceed and also contact YLCA for information on the statutory rights of provision.

12 NPT:

Cllr Booth reported from the meeting.

- There had been a drop in youth issues in Denholme, Cullingworth and Wilsden but 35 youths had been moved on from behind the Memorial Hall and letters had been delivered.
- There had been 5 youths served with warning notices and two with final notices. Also an adult has been given a warning letter for providing drink to youths. High visibility policing has been light in the outer areas due to a PSCO being taken off village duty.
- Issues involving traffic using Narrow Lane to avoid the roundabout and school traffic parking on Ferrands Park Way have not improved.
- The local authority has recruited 50 people to concentrate on school areas across the district to reduce speed to 20 miles per hour. PSCO's are warning of a fixed penalty parking fine. Decriminalised parking has been delayed but should come into force in the New Year.

13 Payments:

Cllr Bagnall reported on the following:

Grant received for the Parish Plan £3,000

Bulbs and insurance paid for next year

The clerk's salary has still not been requested by BMDC

A budget recommendation to determine the Precept for 2009/10 would be presented at the next meeting.

It was resolved to send flowers to the clerk when news of the birth was received.

14 Correspondence: Cllr Andrews announced the date of the South Pennine Leader Programme to be held at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth on 17 December.

Councillor Andrews closed this part of the meeting at 8.38pm. The planning committee then met to consider the recent applications.

The planning chairman reported on the poor service received from the planning office now centrally placed at Bradford. Serious concerns were expressed at the erratic notifications and failure to deliver plans for inspection, in time for consideration. **It was resolved** to draft a letter to Cllr Adrian Naylor about the service.

1 member of the public present

15 Planning applications:

08/07004/CLP Goit Stock House, Goit Stock Lane

Siting of 15 caravans on caravan site

The parish council considered it was not competent to make comments about the siting but recommended refusal on the access and impact on people already there.

Recommend refusal

08/06969/FUL Beckfoot House, Beckfoot Lane

Retrospective planning application for a general purpose agricultural building

The parish council was not in apposition to judge on the permitted development but objected to it being in the Green belt and it was not being used for agricultural purposes.

Recommend refusal

08/07103/FUL 2 Milligan Court

Construction of first floor side and two storey rear extensions

Recommend approval

The next parish council meeting will be held on 8th January 2009 at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School