

## MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 08 January 2009

### AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Present:** Cllrs Mike Andrews, John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham, Sue Whitehead,  
Colin Booth and Liz Balding, standing-in for acting parish clerk Angela Holmes.

10 members of the public

- 1 **Apologies:** Alan Sykes,
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** None were declared.
- 3 **Chief superintendent Alan Doherty** divisional commander of the Northern district Bradford and Airedale division of the West Yorkshire Police spoke about the work in the division and particularly in Harden. He said in the previous month, seven crimes had been reported which represented a low level of criminality in comparison with the remainder of the division. He thanked the parish council for its donation towards the cost of the ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) initiative, which in a few seconds can access the police data base to see if a vehicle has been stolen, used in a crime etc, so is a significant step forward in detecting crime. He said the PCSOs provided vital continuity within the community and would stay within in. He thanked councillors for supporting and attending the ward tasking groups . He then invited questions from the floor. Concerns raised including imposing fines for dog fouling, reducing traffic speed, imposing a weight restriction on Ireland Bridge to avoid over-large/long lorries getting stuck at The Twines, inappropriate parking and whether the Community SpeedWatch initiative could be implemented in the village more often.
- 4 **Public Question Time:** Concerns raised included how damage by horses to footpaths and verges could be minimised. The question was whether a verge is part of the pavement or highway? A query was also raised regarding an agenda item at the previous meeting to do with the Harden Beck Horticultural Society distribution of festive parcels to the over 60s. The chairman explained that the matter had been brought to the parish council by a resident and that the parish council had subsequently decided that it was not a matter for them as indicated in the December minutes.
- 5 **To confirm minutes of meeting held on 11 December 2008:**  
**Resolved:** The minutes were read and approved.
- 6 **Parish Council Charter:**  
Cllr Andrews will be signing the Charter at the Liaison meeting on 13 January 2009.
- 7 **Parish Plan:**  
The information is currently being disseminated.
- 8 **Freedom of Information Act:**  
**It was resolved** to recommend that no more than 10p per sheet of A4 paper be charged.
- 9 **Harden Park:**  
Cllr Booth reported that a meeting with the dog warden had yet to take place and he would again be contacting him the following week if he heard nothing before then.
- 10 **Allotments:**  
There was much discussion and **it was resolved** to defer the matter to a neighbourhood forum, when Bradford council officers could give guidance.
- 11 **Precept 2009/10:** the budget was ratified by the parish council. The precept will remain as last year's namely £10 per band D household. The budget shows a requirement of £12,140 and Councillor Bagnall said that the difference of around £8,000 from last year would be made up from reserve funds accrued last year.

- 12 Planning:** Councillor Kirkham said that plans were extremely slow coming to her and it was difficult turning them around in the 21 days as required by the planning department. She also said it had been impossible in the previous few days to access the Bradford Council website to look at plans, let alone download them. **It was resolved** to ask at the forthcoming Liaison Meeting when the parish/town council working party was going to meet to discuss the way forward for the majority of parish councils who do not have the funding or facilities to download and review plans properly, which is part of a parish council's statutory rights.

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

No members of the public present

**13 Planning applications:**

**08/07249/COU** retention of outside and indoor dog training centre resubmission

The parish council considered it would not pose a highway safety risk and were keen to encourage employment. If the planners are so minded to refuse they ask that the application be considered by the Area Planning Panel please.

**Recommend approval**

**08/07236/COU** Goitstock Terrace

resubmission of previous application 07/09517/COU

The parish council believe that the reasons by the Shipley planners as outlined in the refusal for the previous planning application still hold good, including poor location, restricted site, relating poorly to the existing character of the locality, adverse impact on the amenities of occupiers of adjacent properties etc.

**Recommend refusal**

**08/07234/FUL** Goitstock Terrace

resubmission of previous application 07/09512/FUL

The parish council considers a two-storey garden store to be inappropriate and would relate poorly to the existing character of the locality. It would be detrimental to the street scene and will overshadow the neighbouring garages – and there is no justification for a two-storey construction. It also believes that the reasons as outlined by the Shipley planners to refuse the previous planning application still hold good, including highway safety and losing open amenities.

**Recommend refusal**

The next parish council meeting will be held on 12 February, 2009 at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School