

**MINUTES of
HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held 12th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School

Present: Cllrs Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham, Sue Whitehead, Colin Booth and Glyn Broomhead, standing-in the Parish Clerk

2 members of the public

1 Apologies

None

2 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

3 Public representation

The members of the public present did not wish to bring anything to the Council's attention

4 Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2009 (previously circulated)

Resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting, they were signed by the Chairman Cllr Mike Andrews.

5 Parish Plan Questionnaire

This has now been analysed, and consists of a loose document. Councillors are to meet on 22 February to decide what elements should be included in the Plan

Outline feedback will be given to local residents at the next Neighbourhood Forum, 17 March 2009.

Cllr John Bagnall thanked Cllr Mike Andrews for all his efforts in developing the document, the other Councillors endorsed this.

6 Neighbourhood Forum

The following were suggested as items to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Allotments, request that BMDC staff attend.

Dog Fouling – this continues to be a problem, Dog Warden staff have offered to attend. PCSO's are authorised to issue tickets, but West Yorkshire Police do not have any of the documents.

Cllr Mike Andrews has written to the Police re the damage done to grass verges by horses, the response is not satisfactory in that it does not answer the question raised as to whether this was an offence or what constituted the highway, pavement or footpath. Cllr Sue Whitehead will obtain addresses of local stables and the Clerk is requested to write to them asking that their members cease damaging the verges.

7 Ireland Bridge

The Clerk was asked to write to the main service providers – West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, City of Bradford Highways Dept., Metro and the Bus operators to ask for written statements detailing their positive contingency plans to ensure continued service delivery during the closure of Ireland Bridge.

8 Electronic Planning

Cllr Kay Kirkham updated the Council, following a meeting she attended on 11 February. The electronic processing has come about mainly because the Government has restricted the number of paper plans BMDC can request to 4.

The Parish Liaison committee has set up a working group to oversee the introduction. The main point was that this process will happen.

As the planning portal is not robust or reliable enough to use during a Planning meeting it will be necessary to download the data (plans etc) prior to the meeting onto a laptop. Projection equipment will be needed to display the plans.

The potential cost will be in the order of £1,200 (Laptop £600, projector £500 plus £100 for a screen), also the Clerk will need a Broadband connection, say £15 per month.

The Parish Councils are seeking to get some financial support from BMDC in introducing this new process.

9 Minor items for Planning

Adjourned to the next meeting

10 Standing orders for the Parish Council

The Parish Council does not have Standing Orders, and the model ones currently held are believed to be non current.

The Clerk is asked to contact YLCA to obtain a copy of the latest model standing orders.

11 Payments for approval – recent payments reported by Cllr Bagnall

Cllr John Bagnall listed the payments made.

Resolved that the list be approved.

12 Correspondence

12.1 CNET – Grass Roots Project - £130 million programme- Grants not available to Statutory bodies, letter to be passed to Village Society

12.2 BMDC have produced a guidance booklet for senior citizens, it is available through Age Concern.

12.3 Invitations to a Civic Reception to be held by The Lord Mayor were circulated.

13 Next meeting – Thursday 12 March 2009 at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School

The meeting closed at 8.50pm