

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12 MARCH 2009

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, Kay Kirkham, Colin Booth and acting parish clerk Angela Holmes.
Ward Councillor Margaret Eaton
11 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed Station Manager Andy Newman from Bingley Fire Station who addressed the meeting:

5 Bingley Fire Station - Ireland Bridge would be closing for a significant length of time which would affect Harden, Wilsden and Cullingworth, causing delays in getting fire appliances to the villages. The route will be taken though Bingley, Cottingley Haworth Road, Wilsden to Harden during the closure. **All attendances** will be updated by one appliance and the next available appliance will be called for every incident. (Minor Fire F3 – only one appliance normally sent.)

Fire risk is minimal in Harden- incidents in the last 5 years:

Primary fires	27
House fires	2
Special Services (people trapped	18
Minor rubbish fires	21

Between now and July the Fire Service aimed to reduce the risk in properties by carrying out home safety checks in the area, checking smoke detectors and a poster campaign in all 3 villages. Officers will come out and fit smoke detectors and give advice. Help was needed to identify high risk people over 65.

- 1 Apologies:** None
- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None were declared.
- 3 Public Question Time:** Pharmacy: There had been a good response from the village and the proposal had been approved by the Local Primary Care Trust. The pharmacy would share business with the Post Office and the opening times would be in concordance with the local doctors' practice times.
- 4 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 12 February 2009:**
Resolved: The minutes were read and approved as a true and accurate record.
Proposed Cllr Sykes and seconded Cllr Booth.
Whitehead.
- 6 Ireland Bridge:** This would be discussed fully at the Neighbourhood Forum on 17 March and details included in the next newsletter.
- 7 Neighbourhood Forum:** The main item would be Ireland Bridge and also analysed responses would be given from the village questionnaire
- 8 Harden's Medical facilities:**
Responses received regarding the absence of facilities in the village, difficulty in making appointments etc. would be sent off to the Primary Care Trust for comment.
- 9 Memorial Hall:** The working party set up since Christmas had been overtaken by events. Bradford Met wished to reduce expenditure on the Hall and the parish council had met with Brian Hayton Asst Director of Culture Services to outline the situation. The Hall was not up for sale but up for debate as to what to do with it. Ward Cllr Margaret Eaton fully supported the parish council to find a resolution. It was complex and needed careful thought.

- 10 **Volunteer Car Scheme:** The service assists people in Wilsden to access doctors, hospitals and the pharmacy and residents of Harden are taking advantage of it. There was need of more drivers and information of income and insurance would be placed in the notice board and displayed in the next newsletter.
- 11 **Parish Liaison Meeting:** a) The Parish Charter was signed on behalf of the chairman by Cllr Sykes. b) Difficulties were still being experienced with planning applications. c) More information on Ireland Bridge was needed for all parishes.
- 12 **Harden Day of Action:** The Police Van would be parked in the centre of the village on Monday next and residents were invited to visit it. The Gully cleaning team and litter picking team would also be in the village to clean the grot spots. Gullies from Rycroft down the main road and on Keighley Road to Long Lee will be cleared.
- 13 **Village Traffic & Road Safety:** The questionnaire highlighted residents' concerns about vehicle and pedestrian hazards, speeding and traffic calming. **It was resolved:** to seek views from the Ward Councillors how to progress. Talks with Highways agencies had taken place regarding a safer crossing between the Post Office and general dealers. A 5-10 year programme of improvements was being looked at.
- 14 **Minor items for planning: It was resolved:** not to support the South Pennine Branch in parish councils' determining small applications themselves.
- 15 **Payment for Approval:** There was nothing to report.
- 16 **Correspondence:** a) Valley email: The two contact persons regarding the noticeboards to be donated to the village no longer work for Valley Printing but it was understood that the boards were being made. b) Playbuilder Funding: £100,000 – expressions of interest required by 31 March. c) Harden Village Newsletter: **It was resolved:** to give £10 for a little space saying contributed by the Parish Council and wishing them well.

The next parish council meeting will be held on 9 April 2009 at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School

The meeting closed at 8.50pm