

MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9th April 2009

AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Present

Councillors – Michael Andrews, Chairman, Alan Sykes, Vice Chairman, John Bagnall,
Kay Kirkham, Sue Whitehead, Colin Booth
4 members of the public
Hannah Cummins
Clerk - Jessica Mathews

1. Apologies

District Councillor Margaret Eaton

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Public Question Time

Allotments were mentioned and this was referred to the Neighbourhood Forum.

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 12th March 2009

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 12th March 2009, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Booth and seconded by Cllr Sykes. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

5. Co-option

Cllr Sykes proposed that the Council welcomes Hannah Cummins back as a co-opted Cllr. This was seconded by Cllr Bagnall. The Chairman welcomed Hannah. All vacancies on the Council are now filled.

Resolved. Hannah Cummins is co-opted as a Cllr.

6. Planning subcommittee

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April were accepted and Cllr Kirkham signed them.

7. Parish Charter

The Chairman asked the Council to formally accept the Charter which has been signed by Cllr Sykes. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sykes for his efforts.

8. Ireland Bridge

Over 200 people attended the Neighbourhood Forum demonstrating the depth of feeling in Harden and the neighbouring villages. The Police and Ambulance services attended

but not the bus companies. The Parish Council agreed this was disappointing. A special meeting will be held on the 30th April in Bingley which will be attended by the bus companies. Any information regarding the bridge closure will be displayed on the noticeboard.

9. Village medical arrangements

Resolved. A letter summarising the comments from villagers will be sent to the PCT Chief Executive. The letter will emphasise the need for a surgery. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the Senior Medical Practitioner at Wilsden/ Cullingworth surgery with emphasis on the appointment system.

Cllr Booth suggested that the Practice Manager be invited to a Parish meeting.

10. Traffic

Cllrs Andrews and Sykes will meet Simon D'Vali once a date has been agreed. The District Cllrs are hoping to get a new crossing in the village.

11. Volunteer drivers' scheme

Volunteers are needed. A notice will be put up in the village to publicise the scheme. It will be mentioned in the next newsletter.

12. Tree replacement

BMDC will replace the trees knocked down during the snowy weather and will walk round with Cllrs Andrews, Booth, and Sykes to see if any others need replacing.

13. Memorial Hall

Cllr Bagnall reported back on his findings;

Legal – the hall is held under a trust and responsible to the Charities Commission. Any political activity would be restricted. Historically it exists for the benefit of parishioners and should not be sold because of this.

Profit/Loss – Very little money is spent. The hall has a small income from the preschool activities held there.

Maintenance – 2003 survey found that £150,000 repairs needed. Under the DDA Act proper access would need to be installed.

Future – Youth and older residents need facilities

A group with the Probation Service is due to be painting the inside of the hall over the Easter break. The chairman formally thanked Cllr Bagnall for supplying them with the paint.

14. Payments for approval

Cllr Bagnall presented the draft accounts which are due to go to the Auditors next month.

15. Correspondence

The following items were noted; Summer Holiday Activities for Children and Young People; Brad Met Council Courier; Dogs Trust; BEAT; legal advice to Parish Council; Shipley Area Committee Action Plan 2009-2011;

Cllr Andrews closed this part of the meeting at 8.50pm. The Planning Committee, then met to consider the recent applications

16. Planning Applications

09/00746/COU Blantyre House Harden Road Long Lee Keighley
Change of use of out buildings part field to stabling (for hire) car parking menage

The committee adjourned the decision due to inadequate information. Cllr Kirkham will contact the relevant planning officer and the committee will reconvene at a later date.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th May at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.