

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING  
& THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**AT 7.30PM & 7.50PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Present**

Councillors – Michael Andrews, Chairman, Alan Sykes, Vice Chairman, John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham, Hannah Cummins, Colin Booth  
2 members of the public  
District Councillor – Michael Ellis  
Clerk - Jessica Mathews

**1. Apologies**

Councillor Sue Whitehead, District Councillor Margaret Eaton

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bagnall declared an interest for item 7 and will not participate in that discussion.

**3. Public Question Time**

None

**4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009, are a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Sykes. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

**5. Street Scene**

A meeting took place with Brian Dobson and his colleague regarding the area in front of the Butchers shop. The PC plant annuals here while Street Scene maintain the shrubs. Street Scene agreed to trim the outer shrubs to make room for the annuals in the summer and for Autumn the shrubs will be removed and bulbs planted. This will extend the floral display in this area from February through to October/ November.

**Resolved** Cllr Andrews will spend £150 on bedding plants.

Harden will not be entered into the Yorkshire in Bloom competition this year. Entry into next year's competition will be put on the October agenda. Peter Allison chair of Wilsden PC will be contacted for advice on hanging baskets.

**6. Nuisance Youth**

Cllr Cummins reported on problems she and her neighbours on Spring Row are having with young people at night. Criminal damage is being caused, trespassing in carports and garages, along with drug taking and drinking. The parents have been approached but those aggrieved have received hostile receptions and are beginning to feel intimidated. The police have asked residents to record incidents in log books. Those

involved come from neighbouring villages as well as Harden. The problem does not affect villagers unless they live near to the park making many unaware of the disturbances. BMDC Park ranger patrols only work until 9pm.

District Cllr Ellis said that a meeting is being arranged between the Police tasking force and the parks management to address the issue of adequate by laws to deal with the problem youths. They will also establish whether this is a district wide problem. He will keep the PC informed of progress.

Cllr Cummins will approach the young people to warn them that action is being sought to deal with their anti social behaviour.

## **7. Medical Facilities Update**

Cllr Sykes has not received a response from his letters sent to the Chief Executive of the PCT and the Senior Practitioner of Wilsden surgery on the 10<sup>th</sup> April and again by recorded delivery on 5<sup>th</sup> May. He expressed his disappointment at this and for those parishioners who used the recent questionnaire to express their issues with local medical facilities.

## **8. Memorial Hall Update**

Cllrs have been on a site visit. The boiler has broken. Cllr Bagnall has met with District Cllr Eaton to discuss a way forward. Cllr Eaton will approach the BMDC Cultural dept to check the official position. An income stream is needed. A letter has been received from a commercial organisation interested in using the hall.

## **9. Newsletter**

The latest newsletter has been produced and delivered. The Chairman extended his thanks to Cllr Kirkham. The next one is scheduled for September.

## **10. Worth Valley Community First Responder Service**

Cllr Andrews was contacted by this service which trains people in the community so that they can provide immediate first aid for anyone suffering chest pains. There is a scheme running in Haworth.

## **11. Traffic Issues update**

Cllrs Andrews and Sykes will meet with Simon D'Vali from BMDC Highways Dept to discuss points raised in the questionnaire. Cllr Kirkham is interested in setting up a Speedwatch scheme in the village.

## **12. Ireland Bridge**

A special meeting was held in Bingley by BMDC to discuss the closure of the bridge. Subject to finding bats under the bridge the work will begin on **July 13<sup>th</sup>**. The official diversion route to Harden will be through Cullingworth. Metro will post revised timetables and routes in the bus stops. The PC will put any information they receive on the noticeboard. Pedestrian access will be possible at all times across the bridge. Work will be carried out between 7am-7pm Monday to Friday and on Saturday mornings. No work

on Sundays. Local businesses have now been consulted. A new footpath to Bingley is being explored as part of the renovation work

### **13. Volunteer Driver scheme**

Cllr Booth reported that 3 volunteers have come forward. The scheme was publicized in the PC newsletter.

### **14. Planning subcommittee**

**Resolved.** The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April were accepted and Cllr Kirkham signed them.

### **15. Payments for approval**

Cllr Andrews and the clerk signed the relevant parts of the 'Statement of Accounts' as prepared by Cllr Bagnall for the external auditor. The PC auditor has checked these over.

The precept of £8000 has been received and banked.

Payments: £576 to BMDC for payroll services; £76 for room hire at the church; £260 for the room hire at the school; £71 printing newsletter

### **16. Correspondence**

District wide listed buildings survey.

Cllr Andrews closed the meeting at 9.18pm.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held  
on 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School.**