

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 9th JULY 2009 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present

Councillors – Michael Andrews, Chairman, Alan Sykes, Vice Chairman, John Bagnall,
Kay Kirkham, Colin Booth, Sue Whitehead
Clerk - Jessica Mathews
Terry Singh BDMC Animal Services Manager

1. Apologies

Cllr Hannah Cummins
District Cllr Margaret Eaton
District Cllr Ellis

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Question Time

None

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 11th June 2009

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 11th June, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

5. Dog Fouling

Terry Singh provided an informative discussion on his role as Animal Services Manager. He urged residents to report irresponsible dog ownership whether that is due to dog fouling, loose dogs or dangerous dogs. Leaflets will be distributed with the next newsletter in the Autumn. The PC will consider purchasing stickers for bins to encourage proper disposal of dog mess and may work with Mr Singh to identify new sites for bins.

6. Medical Facilities

The PCT asked permission to copy the PC's letter to the Cullingworth/Wilsden surgery to highlight the current complaint about the appointment system. The surgery has been asked to respond. Cllr Sykes provided consent on behalf of the PC.

7. Speed Watch

Volunteers are needed to run a speed watch scheme in the village. Cllrs were asked to provide times and days of the week when they are available.

8. Memorial Hall

Cllr Bagnall has met with Cllr Eaton and BDMC officer in charge of the Cultural Division. A follow up meeting is to be arranged by Cllr Eaton. The PC sub committee for the Memorial Hall should also meet soon.

Cllr Bagnall has also met with the manager of Wilsden's community hall. Wilsden generate an income from their hall by providing space for the following activities: pre and post school clubs; Scouts and Brownies; youth club; yoga; fitness classes; private parties.

The Village society will look into applying for funding to help with repairs.

9. Harden Park

Points raised regarding the park as follows:

- the fence has been repaired
- the fence erected to prevent unauthorised vehicles is not wide enough
- the dog fouling sign has been knocked down
- there are 5 distinct groups now using the park on Friday and Saturday nights

Cllr Ellis has met with agencies across Bradford to tackle the problem of drinking in the parks. The police are to request a new by law to address this problem. The PC will be kept informed as the situation develops.

The Youth Service has not responded to a request for local information and advice.

10. Village Flower Beds

The Chairman had the signs made and they are being displayed. He will store them when they are not in use. The PC extended their thanks for his efforts.

11. Parish Liaison Meeting

Cllr Booth will attend with Cllr Cummins. They will pay special attention to agenda items on planning protocol, parish plans and youth services across the district.

12. Post Office

The Post office is to house a pharmacy from the 22nd July, run by Pharmalink. The current owner will remain for another year. The PC expressed concern that the Post office remains open particularly as a survey regarding the possible closure of the Post Office received a big response from residents keen to keep the service in the village. Pharmalink are to be invited to the next PC meeting.

13. Volunteer Driver Scheme

The scheme currently has 4 volunteers. Cllr Booth is to revise his existing sign calling for more volunteers.

14. Justice Seen, Justice Done

The Chairman reported back on a useful course run by the Home Office.

15. Payments for approval

Payments this month include: £57.50 flowerbed signs; £1.50 phone bill; £192 clerk's salary.

16. Correspondence

The Chairman has written to Mr S Haggas, of Valley, regarding the promise of a notice board for the PC at the end of last year. Mr Haggas has responded and is looking to resolve the matter.

The clerk asked the Cllrs to look at visionwebsites.co.uk who have partnered with the YLCA. The PC website will be on the agenda next month.

The regional training conference will be held in Scarborough.

Cllr Andrews closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

17. Planning Applications

096/02381/HOU 31 Lane End Construction of two storey rear extension
**NO OBJECTIONS BUT THE PC WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THE
NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED.**

09/0234/HOU Blantynes Barn. Hill End Lane. Construction of detached stable block with hay store and tack room for private use.

**NO OBJECTIONS BUT WOULD LIKE THE COMMITMENT BY THE OWNER TO
'PRIVATE USE' TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF ANY CONSENT DOCUMENT TO
AVOID FURURE AMBIGUITY.**

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held
on 13th August at 7.30pm in Harden Congregational Church.**