

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 10th SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present

Councillors

Cllr Michael Andrews, Chairman,
Cllr John Bagnall,
Cllr Hannah Cummins
Cllr Alan Sykes
Cllr Kay Kirkham

District Cllr Margaret Eaton

Acting Clerk – Glyn Broomhead

2 Members of the public

Apologies

Cllr Colin Booth,
District Cllrs Ellis & Cooke
Clerk - Jessica Mathews

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Question Time

The two members present did not wish to raise any issues.

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 13^h August 2009

Resolved. That the minutes, of the meeting held on 13^h August 2009, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

5 REPLACEMENT PARISH COUNCILLOR - update

The statutory period has closed and a notice has failed to encourage anyone to put themselves forward. Members are aware of 2 potential candidates, Cllr Hannah Cummins will contact the first one to determine whether she wishes to stand.

6 NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM – items for discussion

Members asked Cllr Mike Andrews to raise the following issues:

- Progress on Village Plan
- Memorial Hall, problems as to boiler
- Young people and their needs
- Ireland Bridge, closure and problems relating to use of unsuitable options
- Speedwatch
- Road planning, eg yellow lines

7 MEETING WITH ALI MANTLE – report back

and

8 VILLAGE PLAN – update

and

9 PHOTOGRAPHER – proposal to spend £250 on photos for the village plan

The Village Plan had stalled, and at a meeting with Ali she produced several plans developed by other parishes. Mike was not enamoured by their style and subsequently he met with Cllr Alan Sykes to move the plan forward.

They were both of the opinion that the plan should more reflect the village and the residents wishes for the future.

The proposal is therefore that the plan will include:

- A general description of the area and its topology
- History of the village
- Demographics
 - And the following 4 key elements
 - What we asked residents in the questionnaire
 - What they told us
 - What we have already done
 - What remains to be done in the future and an outline time-scale

To make the document more readable and pleasing to the eye several photographs of the village and the various activities will be included. A professional photographer has already taken some photographs, others will be sought from organisers of the events, eg Harden Gala and the cricket club.

Cllrs Mike Andrews and Alan Sykes will work on the first draft, it is proposed that the Plan will be published in this financial year.

10 MEMORIAL HALL – ideas/ options for meeting with Cllr Eaton

Members were concerned that they had had no official information as to the fate of the hall, who was to run it, and the fact that the boiler had irretrievably broken down. Most of their information had come from Angela Parker who runs one of the toddler groups.

Members considered that City of Bradford MDC was ultimately responsible and should undertake the necessary repairs/replacement of the boiler. Failure to do so would result in the hall closing with the loss of facilities necessary for the safe running of various kiddies groups.

Cllr Margaret Edwards is to meet Cllr John Bagnall on 11 September 09, she will endeavour to have the responsible council staff available.

11 MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE – ongoing discussions

Cllr Mike Andrews met with a professional youth worker to discuss what young people wanted and if the PC could meet their needs/desires. He stressed that it had to be a two way process and the young people would have to take responsibility for any material things provided.

She will go away and discuss with them as to what they want, the ideas will be of the young people. The next meeting is likely to be in mid October.

12 SPEEDWATCH – report back

Cllr John Bagnall has been trained, other Councillors have dates arranged. A session had to be cancelled due to the “stabbing” incident in Keighley.

Future dates for undertaking an actual speed check have been agreed.

13 VALLEY GROUP – update on discussions/planning permission

The Valley Group had approached the Council about working together, at a meeting Cllrs Sykes and Andrews had requested that they provide 2 Notice Boards.

Unfortunately no action took place, Cllr Mike Andrews reminded their Chief Executive, it has now been agreed that they will supply and fit 2 brushed aluminium boards, and arrange a publicity shoot. It has been determined that Planning permission is not required.

14 NPT MEETING - report back

Cllr Colin Booth met with the team and has reported back that there has been a vast improvement in the levels of crime. Only 4 crimes had been reported and both the police and the council were pleased with this low level.

15 PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – payments to be ratified

Cllr John Bagnall circulated a schedule of payments.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Mike Andrews reported two items of correspondence he had received:

A resident on an un-adopted road was concerned that the number of incidents of unauthorised parking was rising. As it was a private road there was nothing the parking wardens could do. It was not practical to erect a gate as the school had a right of access along the road. Cllr Kay Kirkham suggested that the residents may wish to consider having the road adopted.

Harden Congregational Church had written asking if the PC wished to have an entry in their Christmas newsletter. This cost £10 last year, **Resolved** that the Council would again take an “advertisement”. Cllr Mike Andrews to provide the church with the text. It was also suggested that the PC should produce another newsletter of its own.

17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – to consider the PC’s response to the following applications:

09/03822/REG Land at Harden Road,
Temporary change of use to Park and Ride

No objections provided that the materials used are re-cycled and that the land is reinstated to existing.

09/03803/FUL Woodhead, Rycroft
Construction of replacement house,

Although the land is in the Green Belt, no objections in principle,

concerns relate to

- 1 that an assurance is received that the existing building will be demolished say 1 month after completion/occupation of the new.
- 2 that the footprint of the new is acceptable, the plans did not give any scaling. It is believed that the existing bungalow had already been

extended and the overall increase may exceed that permitted on buildings in the Green Belt

- 3 clarification of parking proposed, application shows Existing 4 , Proposed 4, Difference 4.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm, this was followed by a Planning Committee meeting dealing with Item 17

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 8th October at 7.30pm in Harden Primary School.