

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Present**

Councillors – Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, Kay Kirkham, Colin Booth, Sarah Bladen, John Bagnall, Hannah Cummins  
Clerk - Jessica Mathews  
Cllr Peter Allison

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Public Question Time**

Cllr Peter Allison, Chair of Wilsden Parish Council informed the Council of the following; Wilsden PC has recently adopted a new operating protocol for the Volunteer Car Scheme. It is involved with Denholme TC to identify new volunteer drivers there in addition to those in Harden and Wilsden. It will also be further encouraging Cullingworth PC to recruit volunteer drivers.

He asked that Harden Parish Council consider being involved in establishing a joint management committee for the scheme with representatives from all participating councils.

**4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

**5. Memorial Hall**

The PC hopes that the hall will become its new venue for meetings as well as a meeting place for young people in Harden.

A meeting between the custodian of the hall, Mark Davies, the Chairman, Cllr Bagnall and the clerk will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to progress these plans.

The PC Memorial hall sub committee will meet again in January (Cllr Bagnall to organise) to discuss the long term future and development of the hall. This will include ideas for fundraising and a meeting with existing groups using the hall to gain a picture of day to day activities.

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**6. Venue for Meetings**

The Memorial Hall is the preferred choice of venue for meetings as of January 2010. The school is now too expensive to hire. Using the hall on a regular basis will hopefully help to encourage further community use.

## **7. Meeting with young people**

A meeting took place between local young people, youth workers and Cllrs at the beginning of the December. The group asked for the PC's help to get a youth shelter located in the park for them to meet in. The young people gave a presentation about youth shelters they had visited in neighbouring villages to help explain what they were looking for. A useful discussion ensued regarding fundraising and the group indicated they were keen to help out within the community to prove their worth. The PC indicated they were happy to look into this.

The PC talked to the group about meeting in the evening at the Memorial Hall. The group were happy to consider this. The PC will explore this with the custodian of the Hall and also with the Youth Service, who are likely to also be involved. Cllrs Bladen and Cummins expressed their interest in leading on this project. The Chairman will remain in contact with the detached youth workers and will also meet with Christine Clavering of Youth Services, BMDC, to discuss this further.

## **8. Volunteer Driver scheme**

See **Public Question Time**

## **9. Rural Transport**

The Parish Plan questionnaire findings on transport have been passed on to the secretary of the West Riding Rural Transport Partnership.

## **10. NPT**

Whilst crime figures remain low the school has been broken into again.

A letter has been emailed to Sgt Collins and Inspector Croasdale detailing an ongoing parking dispute at Ferrands Park Way.

## **11. Parish Plan**

Ali Mantle of Shipley Area Co-ordinator's office will assist Cllrs in getting the plan ready for the printing stage. A photo of the Cllrs was taken to be included in the final document.

## **12. Newsletter**

The newsletter has been delivered to residents. Cllr Kirkham proposed that future newsletters will be produced in May, September and January.

## **13. Website**

The Clerk demonstrated a website she had been trialling on behalf of the PC. A full set of costs for the set up and first year will be presented at January's meeting.

## **14. Speedwatch**

This has been suspended until the new year when the evenings become lighter.

### **15. Payments for Approval**

Cllr Bagnall presented the cashbook for Cllrs to inspect.

### **16. Correspondence**

BMDC Allotments officer enquiry

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH HARDEN'S  
RESIDENTS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**