

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 11th February 2010 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors – Mike Andrews, Colin Booth, John Bagnall,
Clerk - Jessica Mathews
4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Councillors Hannah Cummins, Alan Sykes, Kay Kirkham,

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Question Time

- Re. The proposed Tesco development in Bingley. It was noted that Tesco's consider the catchment area for the new store to include Cullingworth, Wilsden, Denholme and Harden furthering increasing the potential for extra traffic through the village. The PC will continue to monitor the development.
- 616 Bus missed one of its scheduled rounds on Tuesday causing local residents to have to wait in the cold for next bus half an hour later.
- Progress Avenue is blocked at one end by bollards but in the bad weather it becomes impossible to access its entrance at the other end. The PC was asked to investigate whether the bollards could be replaced by non static ones that can be operated by a key so that in extreme cases this end of the road can be opened for residents to get their cars in.

4. To confirm minutes of meetings held 14th January 2010

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 14th January 2010, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

5. Youth

a) A successful meeting was held on January 20th with Christine Clavering, Area Manager for Shipley Youth Service and a senior youth worker to discuss using the Memorial hall as a venue for young people to meet. It was agreed that the YS would meet with the duty officer of the hall to be handed over a set of keys to enable them to access the building on Tuesday evenings. It was also agreed that the PC would fund the hire of the hall to get it going for the foreseeable future.

The Chairman reported that since this meeting the YS have now agreed to fund the hire of the hall themselves but still want the PC to be fully involved in the development of this youth group. Anthony Casson of the YS asked that the PC help to support the group financially in the purchase of any equipment.

b) The group met for the first time on Tuesday 9th February and held a successful session. Cllr Hannah Cummins attended and has been asked to become a voluntary youth worker so that she can fully participate in activities.

Resolved Any costs of training and the CRB check that Cllr Cummins requires will be met by the PC.

c) The PC will explore using the Community Chest funding to raise money to help the group. This would need to be accessed by the group themselves and would require them to open and manage their own bank account, have a constitution and a treasurer. Cllr Cummins could be a signatory, a youth worker could be another and the treasurer should be a young person involved with the group. The group will work towards this goal. It was also mentioned that the Village Society has been maintained as a possible organisation that could bid for funding for local groups.

7. Village Plan

The plan is ready to be printed subject to the PC's agreement. It would then be ready to be distributed this month.

Resolved. The plan will be printed at a cost of **£2,150** for 1000 copies. The plan will then be distributed through the Shipley Area Co-ordinator's office at a cost of **£521.50**. 850 copies will be posted.

8. Website

An invoice has been received from Vision Websites for design, set up and hosting costs of the website. The amount is **£ 349.56**.

The PC logo has been sent to Vision and they will use the colours to design the site. The clerk will continue to add content and develop the site.

Possible web addresses were discussed.

Resolved. The website address will be **hardenparishcouncil.co.uk**

9. NPT Meeting

Cllr Booth has been visited by the PCSO about the ongoing issue of parking and access only in Ferrands Park Way. He has been assured that strict parking regulations will be adhered to for everyone from next week.

10. Neighbourhood Forum

Suggested topics for the PC report back at the Forum include traffic arrangements; Parish plan feedback; Youth club; Memorial Hall.

The Chairman will also ask the Area Office to consider holding this and future meetings in the Memorial Hall, thus helping to support the PC's wish to get the hall used more for local events.

11. Finances

Cllr Bagnall reported as follows;

a) Likely spend this year 2009/10 is £5048 against a budget of £12140, leaving a surplus of £7092.

b) **Resolved.** The budget for 2010/11 is approximately £10990

- c) **Resolved.** The precept will remain the same as the last two years with the PC asking for £8000.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bagnall for his contribution as the Responsible Financial Officer and signed the budget resolution document.

12. Payments for approval

Cllr Bagnall had circulated the cashbook for Cllrs to inspect before the meeting.

Payments to be noted this month are

- Printing and postage for the Parish Plan - £2671.50
- SELRAP membership subscription - £50
- The website invoice - £349.56

14. Correspondence

- BEAT funded free energy support for Community Centres
- Policing Priorities 2010/13 Consultation
- Developing your community's assets event
- Standing Orders YLCA
- NSPCC poster
- Spinal Injuries Association press release

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
11th March 2010 at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**