

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

Councillors – Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, John Bagnall, Hannah Cummins, Kay Kirkham  
District Councillor – Simon Cooke  
Clerk – Jessica Mathews  
Sgt Diane Collins  
Chris Murdoch – BDMC  
1 member of the public

**01/1110. Apologies**

Cllr Colin Booth

**02/1110. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**03/1110. Public Question Time**

Sally Padgett, owner of Ivy House Farm, invited the Parish Council Planning Committee to visit her property where she is extending a ménage to enable her to ride her horses. The Planning Department at BDMC have rejected her application to carry out this work but she is currently appealing against the decision. At the time of the application the Parish Council had accepted BDMC's objections and also objected. However the Parish Council can write to the Inspectorate and make a '3<sup>rd</sup> party representation' if it felt that its view had changed. The Parish Council Planning Committee meet again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will discuss the matter fully then.

**04/1110 To confirm minutes of meetings held 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

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

**\*\* Please note the council did not meet in October so there are no minutes for that month.\*\***

**05/1110. Police Visit**

Sgt Collins spoke to the Parish Council updating it on police issues in Harden. Details are as follows;

- Crime figures in Harden remain very low
- Targeted priority areas are the Memorial Hall car park and Harden Park. These areas are patrolled every day and a log of any activities kept. Weekends are the busiest; recently 16 young people were caught with alcohol and were sent letters home. A newsletter was sent to local residents whose houses are near the park keeping them informed. During the winter numbers do decrease.
- Sgt Collins has applied to the Community Pay Back scheme for work such as litter picking and chopping trees to be done

- There is some 'proceeds of crime' money available that needs to be applied for to the Inspector, and can be spent on community projects. The Youth Club would be a good cause to consider accessing some of this money to help towards activities.
- Castle Grove where there have been problems with parking has been looked at by the Highways Dept. A temporary compromise has been achieved by parking the cars against the wall to allow access. It is not an offence to park on a pavement unless it causes an obstruction or forces pedestrians into the road.
- Narrow Lane is being monitored and some tickets have been issued regarding using it as a 'rat run'.

The Chairman will undertake a night time walk around the village with the PCSO. Suggested dates and times were Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 3am: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4pm – 2am: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5pm -3am.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Collins for her time in visiting the Parish Council.

### **06/1110 Arrangements for IT Equipment/ Electronic planning**

The IT equipment has been delivered and paid for. Insurance will be taken out to cover the new items. The Clerk and Planning committee will liaise to test the equipment once it's been set up. The Parish Council will then aim to 'go live' with planning applications as soon as possible. The Planning Committee will meet every month on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, unless the meeting is cancelled due to no current planning applications.

The Planning Committee needs another regular member and this will be alternated between the other Cllrs depending on availability.

### **07/1110 Youth Club**

The Youth Club now boasts a membership of 30, ages ranging between 13-19yrs. The meeting time has been altered to Tuesday evenings 6.30pm – 8.30pm. The Youth workers respond to requests for various activities every week including baking and knitting.

It was suggested that the Youth Club members help to host the forthcoming Christmas lights event by serving some of the food and soft drinks.

### **08/1110. Bingley Rural Parishes**

A good meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October with discussions on various local issues, including traffic, district councillors and the impending cuts. It was agreed that representatives from each Parish would be happy to meet again in about six months to keep in touch of relevant local matters.

### **09/1110 Remembrance Service**

A service will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November to mark Remembrance Day. The Chairman will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council; Cllr Cummins will lay one on behalf of BDMC and the Horticultural Society will also lay one.

### **10/1110 Christmas Lights**

The Parish Council will hold a 'switching on' event on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December for members of the village to attend. The newsletter will feature details. Light refreshments and drinks will be available. Goods will be bought at Sainsbury's for the wine and the local shop will be offered first refusal on providing mince pies, soft drinks etc.

### **11/01110 Representation of the PC at local and district meetings**

- Police Tasking ( held every 6 weeks at 7pm in Bingley) – Cllr Bagnall will attend and if he cannot Cllr Kirkham will replace him
- Parish Council Liaison – Cllr Sykes will continue to represent the PC
- Proposed meeting with Cllr Ellis re. the Memorial Hall's future will be represented by the two members of the committee for the Memorial Hall, Cllr Bagnall, Cllr Cummins or Cllr Andrews.

### **12/1110 Harden In Bloom**

No progress to date. The Chairman will email contact details to Cllr Kirkham.

### **13/1110 Payments for Approval**

- **£750** received in funding from BDMC for the purchase of IT equipment for electronic planning
- **£447** has been added to the above funding to purchase the IT equipment

### **14/1110 Correspondence**

- BDMC will plant spring flowers outside the Post office in the existing flower beds.
- The missing seats removed during the culvert work will be reinstated and repaired if necessary
- It has been raised that parish Council's will have to fund the costs of by-elections – Cllrs Sykes will seek clarification at the next meeting of the Parish Liaison group.

Cllr Kirkham asked that a letter be sent to BDMC asking that the poles that had the signs for Ireland Bridge's closure be removed.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**