

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

Councillors – Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham  
Clerk – Jessica Mathews  
1 member of the public

**01/1210. Apologies**

Cllr Hannah Cummins

**02/1210. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**03/1210. Public Question Time**

Sally Padgett, owner of Ivy House Farm, returned to the public forum to invite the Parish Council Planning Committee to visit her property. The Planning Department at BDMC have rejected her application to carry out an extension on an existing ménage but she is currently appealing against the decision. Mrs Padgett made the following points: the ménage is smaller than the standard size and means she cannot train her horse; the ménage will be for her use only, not hiring out; she has only altered one side and has improved the previous work which was carried out poorly; the current view would not be altered.

The Parish Council will consider her comments in the Planning Committee meeting.

**04/1210 To confirm minutes of meetings held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

**05/1210 Election Costs**

The Local Authority paid all election costs for existing and new Town and Parish Councils up until April 2009. After this date costs have to be met by the Town or Parish Council. Costs may include postal votes being sent out, presiding officers, ballot papers and so on for a by election that was being held separately to a general or district election.

A consultation carried out by Sarah Kirk at BDMC suggested by election costs could be as much as £10, 000. This in many cases is more than the annual precept collected by the local Parish Council. It has also been suggested that the cost may be nearer to £2000. A working party is being set up to look into this further, Cllr Sykes has volunteered to be part of this. Cllr Bagnall suggested that any figure paid should be no more than 10% of the precept.

**06/1210 Co-opting New Councillors**

The Parish Council can co-opt replacement Councillors on a temporary basis for the period before the Elections in May 2011. A notice will be put on the noticeboard to advertise the vacancies in the local press.

**07/1210 Christmas Lights**

The event to switch the lights on went very well with a turn out of over 100 people. Wine and mince pies were enjoyed and the lights look very impressive. The Chairman extended his thanks to everyone involved on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **08/1210. IT Equipment Trial**

Cllr Kirkham and the Clerk successfully tested the IT equipment. With the exception of paper documents being provided for lengthy plans and details, the Parish Council will aim to view all applications online by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

### **09/1210 Payments for Approval**

- £123 Electrician for the lights
- £66 food for lights switch on
- £81 rent for the Memorial Hall
- £80 West Riding Supplies (newsletter)
- £7.68 stamps for posting newsletter

### **10/1210 Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

### **11/12/10 Planning Applications**

- **10/04658/HOU Braes Castle - NO OBJECTIONS**
- **10/05368/HOU + 10/05247/LBC Hill End Farm - NO OBJECTIONS**
- **10/05447/VOC land at Grid Ref 409965 438948 - NO OBJECTIONS PROVIDED THE WORK IS COMPLETED AFTER THIS ADDITIONAL 6 MONTH PERIOD.**
- **10/01171/FUL Cuckoo Nest Playing Fields - SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A CAR PARK - SUGGEST THE CRICKET CLUB USE IT IN THE SUMMER. EXPECT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO COME TO A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CONFLICT OF ACCESS.**
- **10/01171/FUL Ivy House Farm – MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL VISIT THE PROPERTY IN THE NEW YEAR TO VIEW THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**