

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 10th FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors – Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham, Hannah Cummins
Clerk – Jessica Mathews

01/0211. Apologies

None

02/0211. Declarations of Interest

None.

03/0211. Public Question Time

None

04/0211 To confirm minutes of meetings held 13th January 2011

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 13th January, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

05/0211 Dog Fouling

Signs to deter dog fouling can be made and installed through the Dog Warden's service at BDMC. A sign for an existing lamppost would cost approx. £50 with an installation cost. If a new post is needed the additional cost would be approx. £45. Cllr Sykes has identified 4 lampposts near where offences are committed and the PC agreed to install signs on these. (Keighley Road, Millbeck Drive area). The PC also identified during the meeting a 5th area where there are repeat offences, where it would like a sign installed. (Ferrands Park Way area). The Clerk will speak to the Dog Warden's office to arrange the new signs.

The next Newsletter will highlight the problem of dog fouling and the PC's action to tackle the issue. Members of the village are welcome to submit suggestions for more signs for the PC to discuss.

06/0211 Parish Council Liaison Group

The next meeting has been postponed until after BDMC's final budget meeting to be held on 24th February.

Current key areas of discussion for the Group are the Localism Bill and proposed election costs. Briefly the Localism Bill "provides greater recognition of the role of local (community, neighbourhood, parish, village and town) councils along with a range of new powers". Harden PC is aware that should the Bill become law its role and powers would change significantly and will monitor developments.

A small working party of Group members has been formed to meet with BDMC officers to negotiate figures associated with Parish Council election costs, some of which will as of May 2011's elections have to be paid for by Parish Councils. The working party have so far sent back the first set of suggested shared costs and await the next meeting with officers.

07/0211 Topics for the Neighbourhood Forum

The Chairman will suggest the following items to the Area Co- Coordinator's office;

- Parish Council Report
- Elections – looking for new councillors
- The Localism Bill - how it could affect the village
- Youth Club Development

Cllr Sykes and Cllr Cummins will attend and speak on the subjects listed.

08/0211. Youth Club Funding

A useful meeting was held with the Youth workers, Cllr Cummins and Cllr Bagnall about funding from the PC to buy new equipment. The members of the Youth Club will pay £1 each towards larger items and 50p towards smaller items to encourage ownership and responsibility. The Youth Club aims to purchase a table tennis table and karaoke machine first. Some of the money raised will also go towards refreshments during sessions. Any new items purchased will be added onto the PC's current insurance.

09/0211 Parish Council Vacancies

Cllr Cummins will help to design and print a 'poster' for the noticeboard advertising current vacancies on the PC. The Newsletter will also include details of vacancies. Printing the Newsletter in colour is being investigated by Cllr Kirkham.

10/0211 Royal Wedding

Owing to the time restraints of the current Councillors the PC will not be organising an event for the Royal Wedding. The PC hopes that members of the village will celebrate the event if they so wish.

11/0211 Payments for Approval

None

12/0211 Correspondence

- YLCA Training programme
- Country Air newsletter
- Waste Management Consultation
- Local Transport Consultation

13/0211 Planning Applications

- a) **11/00245/HOU** 9 Meadow Close Harden
Two storey extension to house – **NO OBJECTIONS**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**The next meeting will be held on 10th March 2011
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**