

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 14th JULY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors – Acting Chairman Alan Sykes, Kay Kirkham, Hannah Cummins, John Bagnall
Clerk – Jessica Mathews

01/0711 Apologies

Mike Andrews

02/0711 Declarations of Interest

None.

03/0711 Public Question Time

None

04/0711 To confirm minutes of meetings held 12th May 2011 and to note the meeting held on 9th June 2011

Resolved. The minutes, of the three meetings held on 12th May 2011, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Sykes signed a copy of them.

The meeting held on the 9th June was not quorate, with only two Councillors present, so the minutes from this meeting are noted only. The payment of £5.40 brought to the meeting is confirmed.

05/0711 YOUTH CLUB – a) Resolved The Parish Council agreed to pay **£1832** for a Youth Worker from BDMC to assist in the running of a second night at Harden's Youth Club for a 1 year period. It is anticipated that the first session will be on Friday 22nd July 2011.

b) It was noted that the grant of £1832 to BDMC Youth Service will be made using the power of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

c) A meeting was held with Christine Clavering and Akhtar Malik (BDMC Youth Service) on 4th July 2011 to discuss opening a second session of the Youth Club in Fridays. Main points from this meeting are as follows;

- The principle of charging a small fee for each session is agreed by both the Youth Service and the members of the Parish Council.
- The Youth Service will set up a bank account where the money can be paid in
- Youth workers will sign the young people in
- The Parish Council will meet the Youth Service in November 2011 to review the budget that will be available in 2012 to continue the Youth Club sessions.
- There will be no charge payable for the use of the Hall during the youth sessions.

Cllr Cummins told the Parish Council that since the meeting on the 4th July, a fee of 30p had been agreed by the members of the Youth Club which is in line with the fee for other youth provision in the Shipley area.

Resolved. That the principle of making a contribution to each visit should be upheld and that the fee to each session should be reviewed annually.

06/0711 Parish Liaison

Cllr Sykes reported that the main issue from the meeting was the ongoing concern of election costs. Parish Councils in the Bradford area will from 2015 need to contribute towards direct election costs and pay 50% of any costs for elections not held on the same day.

BDMC have not made it clear exactly what is included in these costs and have therefore left Parish Council's unable to properly budget for an election.

07/0711 Christmas Lights

The Parish Council agreed that the success of lighting the trees last Christmas could be built on but that the focus should be on the 'heart of the village'. It was suggested that the Post Office building could be an ideal central building to add some lights to and Cllr Sykes offered to talk to Gary Snowdon the owner of the property. The Vicar has suggested that Wilsden brass band play at the 'lighting up' event and Cllr Cummins will investigate the costs and availability for this. Potential date for the event is the 11th December to be in line with the village Christmas tree going up.

08/0711 Future of Neighbourhood Forums

The recent Area Committee meeting held on the 22nd June 2011 proposed that Neighbourhood Forums be held only once a year instead of twice in Bingley Rural. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to speak to the Area office and confirm if this proposal was accepted and whether if a specific issue were to arise over the year there would be provision to hold a special meeting in the area affected.

09/0711 Payments for Approval

A cheque for **£140**, for the cost of the colour printing of the Newsletter.

10/0711 Correspondence

- The Clerk will suggest to Cllr Cooke that a meeting regarding the Memorial hall be held next month on 11th August at 6pm
- The Clerk will reply to Mr. Mapp who has enquired about an unadopted track on Harden Brow Lane. The Parish Council is not permitted to undertake any work or use any funding to repair this area but it will submit the area to the Shipley Smart and Clean Initiative which is currently seeking nominations for areas that need improvement across the 5 villages.
- The Clerk will draft a letter of reply for the Chairman to send to Mr. King regarding his letter of complaint about the proposed second night for the Youth Club. The matter has been looked into by the Parish Council and the Youth Service. The Parish Council is satisfied that residents were properly consulted about youth work in Harden and that the consensus from replies supported developing much needed activities for young people in the village. The Youth Club has proved a huge success and is closely monitored by BDMC Youth Workers and a Parish Councillor who volunteers her time. The Local PCSO regularly drops in on sessions.
- The email from Leiston – cum- Sizewell was noted. The Parish Council is not minded to become involved.

11/0711 Planning Applications

a) 11/02960/FUL 2 Wilsden Road Harden Bingley West Yorkshire BD16 1JP.
Change of use of pharmacy office to personal training studio

NO OBJECTIONS

b) 11/02343/LBC Hill End Farm Hill End Lane Harden Bingley West Yorkshire
BD16 1DE. Alterations and refurbishment of farmhouse

NO OBJECTIONS * the Parish Council felt that the door ought to be more in
keeping with a 17th Century design.

**The next meeting will be held on 11th August 2011
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**