

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

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

**01/0811 Apologies**

None

**02/0811 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**03/0811 Public Question Time**

None

**04/0811 To confirm minutes of meetings held 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**Resolved.** The minutes, of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

**05/0811 Youth Club – a)** The Friday sessions have been quiet so far and will be reviewed with the Head of Youth Services if attendance doesn't pick up. Cllr Cummins will speak to the members of the Tuesday night session and emphasise the need to support the new session. The clerk will look at ways to publicise the session in the local press. The Parish Council will consider suspending the sessions until the winter months if there is not sufficient need at the moment.

Arising from the discussion on the Youth Club the Parish council raised the issue of the state of the Memorial Hall and it was resolved to write a letter to BDMC regarding the matter.

**b)** The Parish Council have received another letter from Mr King regarding young people attending the Youth Club and congregating outside the Chemists. The Clerk will reply to Mr King highlighting the need for facilities for young people in the village and the Parish Council's commitment to honour the questionnaire requests to tackle the lack of activities and a place to meet. The Parish Council can in no way condone any bad behaviour in the centre of Harden but is satisfied the Youth Club is well monitored by the Youth Service and its own representative.

**06/0811 Christmas Lights**

A meeting was held with David Howes of Festival Lights to discuss further enhancing the village lights for Christmas this year. He has been asked to prepare a quote. The budget this year for lights is £1000, to include the switching on event. Initially the Butcher/ Post Office building was considered but this proved unsuitable. Another tree has therefore been identified as a possible for lights, adjacent to a lamppost, almost opposite the trees with lights and the Christmas tree area. The Chairman will contact Mr Crowther who owns the land and tree. Street Lighting have been asked to make a site visit to ascertain whether the tree is suitable and if the electricity supply can be taken safely from the lamppost. Wilsden band have been contacted to see how much it would cost to hire them for the Lighting up event.

## **08/0811 Payments for Approval**

A cheque for **£120**, for the Auditors.

## **09/0811 Correspondence**

- The Auditor's report was received with one comment added to it regarding the need for an Asset Register to be kept by the Parish Council. The RFO has actioned this.
- Mr. Mapp replied thanking the Parish Council for its efforts but that he was not hopeful that the Smart and Clean Initiative will allocate money to the unadopted road in question. The clerk will keep Mr. Mapp informed of any progress.
- A notice is on the board with details of the closure of the twines. The bus details are not yet confirmed.
- Letter from the RHS regarding 'In Bloom' competition – to go on agenda next month
- Letter from Mr. Threapleton regarding litter in the touchline area after football matches – noted by the Councillors.

## **10/0811 Planning Applications**

**a) 11/03196/HOU** 35 Ferrands Park Way Harden  
Convert garage to utility room and single storey side and first floor side and rear extension

**NO OBJECTION**

**b) 11/03329/HOU** 8 Poplar Grove Harden  
Retrospective application for decking to rear

**NO OBJECTION**

**c) 11/03429/HOU** Beechfield South Walk Harden  
First floor extension (part two storey) and alterations

**NO OBJECTION**

**d) 11/03303/HOU** Bettys Lodge St Ives Estate Keighley Road Harden  
Loft conversion and internal alterations (revised scheme)

**OBJECT - CONCERN OVER WHETHER THE ROOF LIGHTS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE BUILDING'S CHARACTER**

**e) 11/03412/HOU** Beckfoot House Beckfoot Lane Harden  
Construction of single storey extension to rear of existing house

**NO OBJECTION**

**f) 11/03414/FUL** Midgeham Cliff End Quarry Ryecroft Road Harden  
Restoration of quarry void through the deposit of un-recyclable material from imported construction and demolition waste and the associated production of recycled aggregates

**OBJECT**

**In August 2010, the PC commented on the earlier application**

**'The Parish Council support in principle the filling in of the quarry but identify four areas of concern – water supplies for Ryecroft, access routes for HGVs, types of waste accepted and the restoration of the site'.**

**The Parish Council re-iterates these comments and adds that it 'notes the Hydrogeological Appraisal and supports the suggestion in para 6.3 that to 'better understand the detailed hydrogeology of the site .....specific**

investigation boreholes are required'. Further, the Parish Council supports the investigations proposed in para 7 to 'establish the potential for a connection or pathway between the quarry and the Rycroft water supplies'.

The Parish Council has serious concerns about the HGVs regarding the following; the number of HGVs during operating each day, the working hours over each day and the number of days of the week that the HGVs operate.

The Parish Council also wishes to state that modification should be made to the entrance of the site to prevent entry and egress from the site via Rycroft Village.

The Parish Council feels that due to the nature of the application it should be determined by the Area Panel and not solely by the Planning Officers.

**g) 11/03483/FUL** Playground South Of Sport Turf Research Institute St Ives Estate Keighley Road  
Use of land for 12.2 x 8.4 metre steel container for storage of equipment for Aire Valley Archers

**THERE WAS NO DOCUMENTS TO VIEW AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING - BUT THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVES THE CONTAINER TO BE ALREADY ON SITE AND IF THIS IS THE CASE IT OBJECTS - THE CONTAINER IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE AREA IT IS IN.**

**The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**