

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 8th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

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

01/0911 Apologies

None

02/0911 Declarations of Interest

None.

03/0911 Public Question Time

None

04/0911 To confirm minutes of meetings held 11th August 2011

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 11th August 2011, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

05/0911 Appointment of new Clerk

The resignation of the current clerk was accepted by the Parish Council. There has been some interest in the position which is advertised on the notice board and on the YLCA website. The Parish Council discussed further advertising but it was decided that the current places were sufficiently targeted to attract an appropriate replacement. The deadline for applications is the 30th September. The present clerk will receive any enquiries and inform the Councillors. Interviews for the post will be held in the first week of October, ideally on the 6th October, by an interview panel consisting of Cllr Sykes, Cllr Andrews and Cllr Kirkham. Interview questions will be circulated and agreed by email. The present Clerk's contract of employment will be adopted after basic changes have been made. The Chairman will take advice from the YLCA about rates of pay.

06/0911 Christmas Lights

Street Lighting has confirmed that the 'street column' nearest the proposed tree is able to be used to provide the electricity for any new lights. The work can be done and any equipment supplied by BDMC for **£250**.

A quote for tree lights has been received from Festival Lights for **£480**.

There would be an installation charge which has not yet been confirmed but the Clerk will chase this.

The item will be on October's agenda, hopefully with a full cost to be discussed and agreed.

07/0911 August Meeting

The Chairman proposed that there be no meeting in August or another month to reduce the yearly meetings as a whole but it was decided after some discussion that the Parish Council will continue to meet 12 times a year.

08/0911 In Bloom

Cllr Kirkham will contact Judith Hayles regarding the Parish Council re-entering the 'In Bloom' competition.

09/0911 Meeting Room

A key has been found for the piano. BMDC cannot pay for its disposal. Cllr Ellis may have a contact that could help with its removal; Cllr Kirkham will ask him for a quote. The clerk will get ask Bingley Arts to put in writing that they are happy for it to be removed and also that they are happy for the Parish Council to refurbish the room.

Cllr Cooke has sent an email to Tony Stephens in Asset management regarding the Memorial hall which the Clerk will circulate and will also ask Cllr Cooke for any news on a reply to this.

It is understood that the District Concillors are to spend their local budget on a feasibility study for both the Memorial Hall and Denholme Mechanics Institute.

10/0911 Autumn Planting

Any budget cuts to planting in the district will not affect Harden's beds around the War Memorial or the Post Office. The clerk will ask if the raised beds in front of the Post Office be cleared of summer bedding plants and replanted.

11/0911 Anti Dog fouling signs

RESOLVED The Parish Council agreed to purchase an additional post for a sign on Lane End banking at the cost of **£100**.

12/0911 Payments for Approval

- The clerk's final travel expenses will be sent to Cllr Bagnall to be signed.
- £10 to *Tittle Tattle* for an article (to centre around the need for additional Parish Concillors)

13/0911 Correspondence

- The Neighbourhood Forum will be held on September 28th in Harden. Cllr Andrews will make an appeal for new Councilors. Other items that might be considered by the Area Office for discussion are 20mph traffic calming measures and activities at St Ives by night.
- A further letter from Mr. T King regarding the Youth Club was read to the Parish Council.
- Cllr Cummins reported that the Youth leaders would like to meet with the Hall manager to discuss various items and issues regarding the weekly sessions.

14/0911 Planning Applications

- **11/03870/FUL** Ivy House Farm Ryecroft Harden
Construction of extension to existing horse menage and timber fence around boundary of ménage
NO OBJECTION TO THE NEW PROPOSAL PROVIDED IT IS CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SATISFY THE COMMENTS OF THE INSPECTOR.
- **11/03610/FUL** Cuckoo Nest Barn Harden Road Harden
New dwelling formed from existing derelict barn
NO OBJECTION PROVIDED IT IS DONE IN LINE WITH COMMENTS FROM THE CONSERVATION OFFICER

- **11/03543/OUT** Land east of 24 Valley View Harden
Construction of detached dwelling and parking
OBJECT. THERE IS A REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT THE RESIDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO PARK ON THIS AREA AS THEY HAVE BEEN DOING SO OVER SUCH A LONG NUMBER OF YEARS. AS THE AREA PREVIOUSLY HOUSED GARAGES FOR PARKING THAT WERE RENTED BY THE RESIDENTS FROM THE COUNCIL IT IS NOT ACCEPTED THAT THIS PARKING CAN BE 'UNAUTHORISED' . NO MEASURES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED TO COPE WITH SOME 15 CARS IF THEY COULD NO LONGER PARK IN THIS AREA. NO MEASURES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED TO COPE WITH EMERGENCY VEHICLES OR THE REFUSE LORRY. IN ADDITION THE SHARED ACCESS SUGGESTED WITH NO. 24 IS PROBLEMATIC AND THE PARISH COUNCIL FEELS THAT SHARED ACCESS IN GENERAL SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS.
- **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
MINDFUL THAT THIS UNSIGHTLY BUILDING HAS BEEN THERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THE PARISH COUNCIL FEELS IT IS UNFAIR TO ASK THE ARCHERS TO REMOVE IT. HOWEVER THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE IT MORE SYMPATHETIC TO ITS SURROUNDINGS

**The next meeting will be held on 13th October 2011
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**