

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 13th OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors – Mike Andrews, Alan Sykes, Kay Kirkham, Hannah Cummins.
Also in attendance – Eve Haskins (Clerk designate)

01/1011 Apologies

Cllr John Bagnall and Jess Matthews (clerk)

02/1011 Declarations of Interest

None.

03/1011 Public Question Time

None

04/1011 To confirm minutes of meetings held 8th September 2011

Resolved. The minutes, of the meeting held on 8th September 2011, are a true and accurate record. Cllr Andrews signed a copy of them.

05/1011 Appointment of new Clerk

The panel consisting of Cllr Sykes, Cllr Andrews and Cllr Kirkham, which was appointed at the previous meeting with delegated authority, interviewed three applicants on October 6th and agreed unanimously to offer the post to Eve Haskins. Ms Haskins has accepted the appointment, subject only to formal confirmation of the job description and contract of employment. She will formally take up her post on November 1st. The chairman formally welcomed Ms Haskins to the meeting.

06/1011 Christmas Lights

Following the publication of the agenda for this meeting, the Parish Council had been informed that the contractor for the installation of the electrical connection to the street lighting column is not properly certificated to carry out this work. As a result a decision to proceed cannot be made at this stage. The clerk is in consultation with BMDC to resolve this matter. However, it may result in an increase in the cost to approximately £1100 to £1200.

The (existing) Christmas Lights will be switched on on Sunday 11th December

07/1011 Resignation of Cllr Hannah Cummins

Cllr Cummins stated that the Youth Club had been described as the best in the Bingley area. She agreed to ensure that the staff of BMDC Youth Service would liaise with the Parish Council about progress particularly in relation to the Friday evening session.

Cllr Cummins had tendered her formal resignation as a parish councillor as a consequence of a change in her circumstances; most notably her decision to move out of Harden Village. Her resignation was formally accepted by the council and she was thanked by the chairman.

08/1011 Local Development Framework (LDF)

Cllr Kirkham summarised the aims of the LDF. The report was scheduled to be received by the Executive Committee of BMDC on 14th October. This will be followed by a 12 week consultation period and then by a public enquiry. The LDF strategy will estimate housing needs up to 2028. This process is additional to the Localism Bill. A paper copy of the LDF will be made available to each Parish/town Council within Bradford. It is also available for public viewing on the Bradford Council website.

09/1011 Parish Councils' Liaison Meeting

Cllr Sykes reported on the meeting held on 21st September. The Liaison Group members, having received a presentation about the LDF (see above), have agreed to form a working group to consider its implications. The West Yorkshire Fire Service will make a presentation of its Integrated Risk Management Plan to the Liaison group on 19th October. The plan proposes the reallocation of resources at seven locations across its area, It is available on the website www.westyorksfire.gov.uk

10/1011 Meeting Room

The Council agreed that in principle it would proceed with the refurbishment of this room. For this purpose Cllr Kirkham will investigate the costs of replacing the curtains and of removing the piano. Cllr Andrew will consider the costs of painting, replacement of the carpet and removal of the shelves. However, no commitment will be made to carry out any work until the Feasibility Study of the Memorial Hall and Denholme Mechanics Institute, organised by Cllr Cooke and his fellow Ward Councillors, has been completed

11/1011 Harden in Bloom

BMDC has not made its position clear in relation to winter planting in the flower beds. Cllr Sykes undertook to clarify the situation with BMDC as a matter of some urgency.

Cllr Andrews has been approached with a request for financial support from the School, which has been granted funds by the Shipley Area Committee for hanging baskets in the Village. He will seek clarification from the School of what they plan to do and what resources they are seeking from the Parish Council

12/1011 Payments for Approval

- £17 for the purchase of a Remembrance Day wreath.

13/1011 Correspondence

- The council has received an email from Louise Hobson of Eldwick alleging vandalism around Cow House Beck and has referred the matter to the police. The council will respond to Mrs Hobson advising her that this is entirely a police matter and if she has further evidence of vandalism and littering it should be passed directly to them.

14/1011 Planning Application

- **11/04529/HOU** 24 Wilsden Road Harden
Conservatory
NO OBJECTION.

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