

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

Present

Councillors Mike Andrews (Chairman), John Bagnall, Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes
Clerk Eve Haskins

In attendance No members of the public were present

01/1111 Apologies

None received.

02/1111 Declarations of Interest

None received.

03/1111 Public Question Time

None.

04/1111 To confirm minutes of meetings held 13th October 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2011 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

05/1111 Christmas lights

RESOLVED that:

1. Christmas lighting be pursued at a cost of **£1117 + VAT** for purchase of lights (Festival Lights £480), installation (Charlestown £487 + VAT) and supply and power (Street Lighting £150);
2. Refreshments for event to be purchased by Chairman (12 red and 12 white bottles of wine; to borrow glasses also) and Cllrs Kirkham and Sykes (144 mince pies);
3. Clerk to confirm from former Clerk that lights are to be installed in time for switch-on on 11th December, and that Chairman is made aware of the mechanics involved.

06/1111 Flower beds

Cllr Sykes provided an update on this situation, explaining that the flowerbeds outside the Post Office are the responsibility of BMDC Highways Department (no budget set for this), however Shipley Area Committee provided some bedding plants from surplus stock last year, which they may do again this year for winter plants. In the summer, the Parish Council have purchased the plants and Chairman led a team to plant them.

RESOLVED that:

1. Cllr Sykes to liaise with Mark Wright at BMDC requesting removal of summer plants and enquiring as to surplus plants again this winter; if BMDC refuse to clear the beds, Chairman to make arrangements to have them removed at cost of **£50**;
2. Parish Council to continue purchasing summer plants – may request that BMDC plant them.

07/1111 Harden Primary School planting proposal

RESOLVED that Parish Council support Harden Primary School's hanging basket scheme by donating £125; Chairman to contact school representative accordingly, requesting that Parish Council's support be acknowledged in any publicity concerning this scheme.

08/1111 Memorial Hall feasibility study by BMDC

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk liaise with Simon Cooke, ward councillor, to determine what, if any, terms of reference were proposed for this scheme and what the proposed timescale is;
2. Clerk to email Denholme Town Council to provide update on this issue in response to their request for a meeting;
3. Cllr Sykes to contact local volunteer who expressed an interest in helping with the Hall to determine his qualifications, experience and proposed intentions.

09/1111 Boundary changes

RESOLVED that Clerk contact Boundary Commission for England to inform them that the Parish Council are disappointed with the proposition to abolish the Shipley Constituency and include Harden within Bradford West Constituency, and that they feel that is unacceptable that Bingley Rural is being separated from Bingley.

10/1111 Election costs

Cllr Sykes reported that a recent Parish Council Liaison Working Party had agreed unanimously that the election costs agreed by BMDC earlier this year were unreasonable for Parish Council elections held on the same day as BMDC elections and believed that Parish Councils should only have to pay any extra costs directly attributable to the parish election. For a stand-alone Parish Council by-election Harden would have to pay approximately £5600.

RESOLVED that Cllr Sykes take this matter back to the Parish Council Liaison group to discuss and clarify practicalities.

11/1111 Youth Club

Clerk reported that the Youth Club representatives had provided a brief update of activities including news that, although Tuesdays are still well attended, numbers on Fridays were low.

RESOLVED that:

1. A report from the Youth Club regarding attendance be provided to the Parish Council in January 2012, with a view to reviewing the funding position for Friday evenings if attendance is still poor – Clerk to contact representatives accordingly;
2. Friday evening Youth Club to be publicised in next Parish Council newsletter.

12/1111 Payments for Approval

- **£497.45** for annual insurance from Aon
- **£50** for gardener (if required)
- **£17** for Cllr Sykes as reimbursement for funeral wreath (previously approved and paid)

13/1111 Correspondence

- Chairman received an email advertising a funding information surgery for Heritage and History Projects for small groups on 5th December 2011 in Brown Cow, Keighley –
RESOLVED that Clerk attend workshop;

- Email received from Richard Spencer volunteering to help out with the Memorial Hall – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Sykes contact him (see 08/1111 above);
- Email received from BMDC regarding a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which is to be installed on Harden Road – the Parish Council unanimously welcome this measure.

14/1111 Planning Application

- **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.
PARISH COUNCIL NOTED THAT THE STUDY INTO DETAILED HYDROLOGICS OF SITE HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THE PROPOSAL TO INFILL THE MIDGEHAM CLIFF END QUARRY WITH INERT WASTES WILL NOT HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE LOCAL WATER ENVIRONMENT.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 12th December 2011
at 7.30pm in Harden Memorial Hall**