

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 9TH AUGUST 2012 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors Mike Andrews, John Bagnall, Julia Gregson, Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance One member of the public was present
 Margaret Eaton (BMDC)

1/0812 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gore.

2/0812 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gregson expressed an interest in item 6 and the decoration aspect of item 7. She left the room and neither commented nor voted on these matters.

3/0812 Public Representation

1. Sale of land at Valley View

A member of the public expressed concern at upcoming auction of the land at Valley View by BMDC on 11th September. He explained that this land is currently used for residents' parking, and although BMDC have the responsibility to maintain it, they have not done so in over 23 years. Margaret Eaton explained that this sale has now been withdrawn from auction and feels that leasing the land to residents may be a possibility.

2. Flower beds outside Post Office

A parish councillor expressed concern regarding the bushes outside the Post Office, obscuring the windows of the businesses. Chairman has spoken to BMDC about this, and will do so again.

4/0812 To confirm minutes of meeting held 12th July 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2012 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/0812 Sale of land at Valley View

RESOLVED that Parish Council support the residents in their wish that this land should not be sold, and that a letter be written to BMDC stating their relief at the land's withdrawal from auction, requesting to be kept informed in future (see 'Public Representation', 3/0812, above).

6/0812 Queen's jubilee: tree planting plinth

RESOLVED that:

1. The quote from Andrew Gregson be accepted for the plinth; Chairman to liaise with him to proceed and Clerk to contact both quoters accordingly;
2. Plaque to read, 'This oak tree was planted by Harden Parish Council to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2012'; Clerk to pursue plaque quotes.

7/0812 Memorial Hall

RESOLVED that:

1. Nigel Awcock's quote be accepted for decorating work: Clerk to contact both quoters accordingly; also to clarify that work will involve all paper being stripped from ceiling and replaced, all walls need to be lined and painted, and the existing curtain poles removed;

2. Another quote be pursued for joinery work, as only one received thus far: work will involve removal of old shelving and coat hooks, construction of one cupboard at window side of alcove (including shelving) up to the picture rail with filled-in cupboard above;
3. It was noted that no response had yet been received from Cultural Services at BMDC re feasibility study meeting: Margaret Eaton to research into this for Parish Council.

8/0812 Financial Regulations

RESOLVED that the amended Financial Regulations were duly signed by Chairman and RFO and adopted, effective immediately

9/0812 Code of Conduct

RESOLVED that the latest revised Code of Conduct is adopted, effective immediately.

10/0812 Register of Interests form

Clerk informed all that these forms no longer require a signature; to await receipt of forms from all members before placing them on website.

11/0812 Neighbourhood Planning

RESOLVED that Parish Council would not pursue Neighbourhood Planning at present.

12/0812 Payments for approval

Cash book was circulated and duly examined.

13/0812 Correspondence

- Email from police re tasking meeting: acknowledged, no comment;
- Email from YLCA re electronic payments: members to send in individual responses;
- Email from BMDC re proposed traffic calming: agreed to place plans in notice-boards as requested.

14/0812 Planning decisions

- 12/02234/FUL – Harden Primary School, Long Lane, Harden
New roof light windows – GRANTED
- 12/02085/FUL – Woodbank Nurseries, Harden Road, Harden
Construction of agricultural glasshouse - GRANTED

15/0812 Planning applications

- a) **12/02652/FUL** – Sport Turf Research Institute, St Ives Estate, Cross Gates Lane, Harden – proposed demolition of existing machinery store and construction of replacement machinery store – **NO OBJECTION, SUPPORT APPLICATION;**
- b) **12/02808/HOU** – Ivy Farm, 2-4 Ryecroft, Harden – proposed construction of a single storey double garage (upon existing concrete slab) forming part of the existing driveway – **OBJECTION, DUE TO THE APPLICATION NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY AMENDED FOR IT TO BE DEEMED ACCEPTABLE;**
- c) **12/02806/FUL**, d) **12/03001/FUL**, e) **12/03005/FUL** – Woodbank Nurseries, Harden – proposed construction of agricultural glasshouses – **NO OBJECTIONS;**
- f) **12/02794/FUL** – 45 Ferrands Park Way, Harden – proposed construction of one detached dwelling in place of existing bungalow – **NO OBJECTION.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be held on 13th September 2012 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall