

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors Mike Andrews, John Bagnall, Matthew Gore, Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance No members of the public were present
Margaret Eaton (BMDC)

1/912 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Gregson and the reasons for absence were accepted by the council.

2/0912 Declarations of Interest

None.

3/0912 Public Representation

1. Post Office closure

Clerk updated all that Harden Post Office is currently on short term temporary closure, according to information from the main post office team in Bradford. They could not advise when it will open again but advised that in the meantime Wilsden Post Office should be used. Agreed that Clerk to write to main post office on behalf of concerned residents of Harden to ascertain exact time scales for the closure of this valuable post office and to ask why there has not been an in-lieu postmaster appointed.

2. Narrow Lane pavements and wall

Cllr Eaton updated Parish Council that she has put in a request to have poor pavements on Narrow Lane resurfaced; and also that she is working to resolve the problem of the concrete slabs that are present in that area where a wall is coming down.

3. Valley View land update

Cllr Eaton updated Parish Council on this situation: BMDC planners have twice refused to allow the build of a house on bottom corner and have now said that houses could lease parking land off them for £200 per annum per house.

4/0912 To confirm minutes of meeting held 9th August 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2012 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/0912 Queen's jubilee: tree planting plinth plaque

RESOLVED that Clerk to:

1. Order plaque to be fitted onto the plinth, with agreed wording, "This oak tree was planted by Harden Parish Council to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2012", in font style 'Gill Sans' and font size 12mm, in white gold lettering on stonewashed corian;
2. Liaise with Andrew Gregson re fasteners before ordering same;
3. Request a proof of this sign to circulate to the parish councillors before order is confirmed.

6/0912 Memorial Hall refurbishment

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk be Project Manager for this refurbishment and liaise with all tradesmen (previous quotes agreed to be pursued again for new rough quotes);
2. Cllr Kirkham be responsible for new carpets and curtains (to match colour scheme of room – green agreed): curtains to have pulls/poles, not rings, and to reach just below the window, net curtains also required;
3. Two cupboards to be built by joiner at either side of chimney breast, right up to ceiling, two doors to be on each cupboard, and each cupboard to have (approx) four usable shelves up to picture rail (old cupboards to be removed);
4. Projector screen to be fixed on wall between cupboards: joiner will need to be asked whether this can be done, with mounting brackets etc.;
5. Joiner to also install new rails for curtains and remove coat hooks near door and any other debris before decorating work starts;
6. Picture rail and case in corner holding stone to remain in room, piano to be removed;
7. Electrician to be sought to remove fire, to move plug socket in left hand alcove so it is within the room and to provide advice on new ceiling lighting (work to be done before decoration) – Chair to provide contact details of local electrician to Clerk;
8. Clerk to research into position on Health and Safety re pre-school children within the building (possible for work to be done in the holidays?).

7/0912 Memorial Hall: feasibility study meeting

Cllr Margaret Eaton updated the Parish Council on this meeting with BMDC, stating that she had spoken to Tony Stephens, Assistant Director for Culture and Tourism, who informed her that he needs to discuss potential proposals with the portfolio holder first before attending the meeting. Clerk to contact Cllr Eaton in two weeks to request further update on this issue.

8/0912 Bingley Rural Neighbourhood Forum

RESOLVED that Chair to attend above forum in Harden on 10th October to provide an update on Parish Council work (e.g. new trees, commemorative plaque, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas lights etc.); Clerk to inform Wendy Fisher, BMDC, and to verify that Long Lane traffic calming measures will be on the agenda for public discussion (NB the Parish Council do not have a collective view on these measures).

9/0912 Remembrance Sunday

RESOLVED that the Chair to order wreath from British Legion to be delivered to him for placing on Sunday 11th November 2012.

10/0912 Christmas lights

RESOLVED that Parish Council host usual annual event at beginning of December (date to be confirmed by Gala Committee and church), including lighting up ceremony (using same lights as last year), followed by drinks at the church hall (refreshments to be provided by Parish Council). To be included on next agenda for confirmation.

11/0912 Standing Orders: Pecuniary Interests

RESOLVED that Parish Council create a new Standing Order (effective immediately) as advised by YLCA, which reflects the provisions of their revised Code of Conduct in respect of the actions of councillors when they have an interest in an item of business at a council meeting (Clerk to use suggested wording as provided by YLCA).

12/0912 Payments for approval

- £36.00 Cllr Kirkham for initial laptop repairs
- £17.80 Clerk's expenses

13/0912 Correspondence

- Emails from Wendy Fisher, BMDC, re posters for two 'Creative Support' initiatives aimed at the over 55s, and re invitation to rural support event being organised by KIVCA on 13th September (now cancelled) – Chair has placed posters on notice-boards;
- Email from concerned resident re planning issues on Ryecroft – Clerk responded referring her to Planning Enforcement department;
- Email from BMDC re Budget 2013-2014 Early Consultation – no PC response;
- Email from BMDC re upcoming conference 'Localism beyond the city in a city region contact' on 4th October – no-one from Parish Council will be attending;
- Cllr Kirkham reported back from Bradford Housing Requirements Workshop on 5th September, which concluded that methodology was sound but concerns were raised re missing items (e.g. homeless).

14/0912 Planning decisions

- 12/02652/FUL – Sport Turf Research Institute, St Ives Estate, Harden - Demolition of existing machinery store and construction of replacement machinery store – GRANTED
- 12/03001/FUL, 12/03005/FUL, 12/02806/FUL, 12/02594/FUL – Woodbank Nurseries, Harden Road, Harden - Construction of agricultural glasshouses – GRANTED
- 12/02808/HOU – Ivy Farm, 2-4 Ryecroft, Harden - Construction of a single storey double garage (upon existing concrete slab) forming part of the existing driveway – REFUSED
- 12/02794/FUL – 45 Ferrands Park Way, Harden - Construction of one detached dwelling in place of existing bungalow - GRANTED

15/0912 Planning applications

- a) 12/023045/FUL, b) 12/03046/FUL, Woodbank Nurseries, Harden – proposed construction of agricultural glasshouses – **NO OBJECTIONS BUT CLERK TO CONTACT PLANNING TO ENQUIRE WHY SO MANY SEPARATE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SAME PLACE HAVE BEEN PUT IN INSTEAD OF JUST ONE BIG ONE;**
- c) 12/03304/HOU – 13 Ryecroft, Harden – proposed construction of single storey lean-to garage in place of an under used patio area opposite no. 13 against an existing garage and garden wall – **NO OBJECTIONS;**
- d) 12/01434/VOC – Midgeham Cliff End Quarry, Ryecroft Road, Harden – application to vary conditions 14, 26 and 27 of planning permission 11/03414/FUL to modify permitted operating hours, relax a recycled aggregate output restriction and simplify record keeping requirements – **NO FURTHER COMMENTS TO ADD TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS;**
- e) 12/03177/FUL – Wilsden Medical Centre, 2 Lingbob Court, Wilsden – proposed construction of pharmacy and alterations to car park, all ancillary to the existing Medical Centre – **OBJECTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE APPLICATION IS CONTRARY TO PLANNING POLICY CRITERIA CR4A;**
- f) 12/03433/HOU – Cliff Farm, Keighley Road, Harden – proposed construction of two storey extension with the addition of juliet balconies to south elevation and alterations to porch – **NO OBJECTIONS;**
- g) 12/03372/FUL – 1 Shackleton Terrace – proposed construction of house attached to existing dwelling – **DO NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE BUT FEEL THAT ALL THE ROOF AND WINDOW LINES SHOULD MATCH (I.E. SHOULD ALL BE THE SAME HEIGHT).**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be held on 11th October 2012 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall