

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 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 Two members of the public were present

1/1112 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Gregson and reasons for absence were accepted by the council. It was also noted that Ward Cllr Eaton had sent an apology for her non-attendance.

2/1112 Declarations of Interest

None.

3/1112 Public Representation

Two members of the public expressed concern regarding the local Post Office and listened to the discussion on item 11 (see item 11 below).

4/1112 To confirm minutes of meeting held 11th October 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2012 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/1112 Queen's jubilee: tree planting plinth plaque

Clerk informed all that the commemorative plaque has now been received and passed it onto the Chairman to pass it onto the stonemason to affix to the plinth.

6/1112 Memorial Hall: refurbishment of meeting room

RESOLVED that the decision taken at the meeting held on 11th October 2012 regarding the joinery work in the meeting room of the Memorial Hall was ratified.

7/1112 Memorial Hall: feasibility study meeting

Clerk updated all on the meeting held on 5th November 2012 to discuss the future of the Memorial Hall, attended by members of BMDC, the Parish Council, Harden Pre-school, the After-school Club, the Gala Committee and village residents. All agreed that the future of the building lies in the hands of the local residents, in particular the parents of the children who use the Hall. The Pre-school and the After-school Club, the two main users of the Hall, are to have a meeting to discuss whether they wish to be part of the driving force behind any fundraising group to help maintain the Hall, and are to contact the Parish Council with the outcome of this meeting before the next Parish Council meeting on 10th December - if affirmative, then the Parish Council are to send out a letter to all Pre-school and After-school Club parents, requesting their help for the future of the Hall. Clerk to contact both Bingley Voluntary Services and the Area Coordinator's Office at BMDC for advice and help on this matter if applicable.

8/1112 Remembrance Sunday

RESOLVED that wreath to be laid by Chairman on Sunday 11th November at 11.00am; to congregate at 10.45am beforehand.

9/1112 Christmas lights

RESOLVED that:

1. Confirmed that Parish Council to host usual annual event at approximately 6.30pm on Sunday 9th December, parish councilors to be at church hall for 5.30pm;
2. Refreshments at the church hall afterwards to provided by Parish Council: Chairman to purchase 18 bottles of wine (12 white and 6 red), 4 bottles of pop, 2 pints of milk and a small jar of coffee, and to borrow 96 glasses; Cllr Kirkham to purchase 8 dozen mince pies;
3. Chairman to switch on lights (will check that they are working beforehand);
4. Cllr Kirkham to include event in latest Parish Council newsletter to advertise it.

10/1112 Budget

RESOLVED that this item deferred until next meeting: Clerk to investigate cost/hours involved in employing a local litter picker.

11/1112 Harden Post Office

RESOLVED that Clerk to send strongly worded letter immediately to main Post Office requesting further information and clarification regarding Harden Post Office and its possible downgrading/closure, coping in all three local ward councilors and the local MP; and another one querying why undelivered parcels need to be collected from Eldwick, and not Harden, Post Office.

12/1112 Payments for approval

- **£325.00** Electrical work in Harden Memorial Hall (approved subject to suitable documentation being received by BMDC by electrician)
- **£22.00** Remembrance Sunday wreath
- **£108.00** Cllr Kirkham for laptop repairs
- **£24.10** Clerk's expenses

13/1112 Correspondence

- Email from BMDC re Midgeham Cliff End Quarry planning application – submission of details: submissions were inspected and discussed by Parish Council;
- Email from Denholme Town Council re request for support opposing wind turbines across South Pennines: Parish Council agreed that each application should be considered individually on its own merits – Clerk to contact Denholme Town Council accordingly;
- Email from BMDC re consultation re Council Tax Benefit and Social Fund changes: no Parish Council response, agreed to respond individually if so inclined.

14/1112 Planning decisions - None received.

15/1112 Planning applications

- a) **12/04186/FUL** – Harden Primary School, Long Lane, Harden – new velux roof light windows – **NO OBJECTIONS**;
- b) **12/04183/FUL** – Cuckoo Nest Barn, Harden Road, Harden – conversion of an existing derelict barn to form new dwelling – **NO OBJECTIONS**;
- c) **12/03988/FUL** – 1 Meadow Close, Harden – addition of pitched roof to existing garage and construction of extension to rear – **DECISION DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED ON APPLICATION**;
- d) **12/04421/HOU** – Springbank, 2 Cockcroft Fold, Harden Road, Harden – construction of first floor extension – **NO OBJECTIONS**.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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