

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

Councillors     Mike Andrews, John Bagnall, Matthew Gore, Julia Gregson, Kay Kirkham,  
                         Alan Sykes  
Clerk             Eve Haskins  
In attendance   Two members of the public were present

**1/1212 Apologies**

None received.

**2/1212 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Kirkham and Sykes declared an interest in item 3/1212 once the members of the public opened the discussion regarding their concerns regarding Millbeck Drive estate, and took no further part in the discussion on this subject.

**3/1212 Public Representation**

Two members of the public expressed concern regarding the fact that the gate to mill pond, adjacent to their homes on Millbeck Drive, was always open, despite the fact that residents of Millbeck each have a key to lock this gate. Their enquiries with the land agents have been met with the response that BMDC are now insisting that this gate is kept open as it is an amenity and classed as public land. The members of the public were particularly concerned that the pond area is now accessible to small children, to whom it may be a danger, and to youths, who reportedly use the area for drug taking. Agreed that Clerk to send letter to land agents, copying in the ward councillors and local police superintendent, relaying these concerns and suggesting that the Section 106 agreement (agreement between the developer and the planning authority) be amended so that gate could be kept locked for public safety.

**4/1212 To confirm minutes of meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**5/1212 Queen's jubilee: tree planting plinth plaque**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Ceremony to be performed for official unveiling of the commemorative oak tree plinth in the spring (to be included on March agenda for discussion) and local publicity to be sought for this ceremony;
2. Clerk to investigate £500 funding from Ward Cllr Ellis to ascertain if this is still available;
3. Clerk to liaise with BMDC re purchase of two new trees for Harden Park in the spring.

**6/1212 Memorial Hall: refurbishment of meeting room**

Clerk informed all that the next stage of the refurbishment will commence in early 2013 (first the joinery work, then the decorating, to be followed by carpets and curtains to be sourced by Cllr Kirkham). Clerk to continue to liaise with all parties re this issue.

**7/1212 Memorial Hall update**

Clerk distributed to all a letter from Harden Pre-school and JSC After-school Club stating that they do not wish to be part of the driving force behind any fundraising group to help maintain the

Hall (although they would help to send out letter to parents if requested), and are still rather concerned about the unknown ownership of the Hall.

**RESOLVED** that Parish Council to publicise this situation in the next newsletter early in the new year, to be delivered to every household in the area, requesting help to 'Save our Hall'.

#### **8/1212 Budget**

**RESOLVED** that these ideas for possible Parish Council sponsorship be considered in 2013:

1. Updating of playground in park;
2. Contributing to Youth Club assets;
3. Hosting a village garden party;
4. Planting further trees in the village.

#### **9/1212 Road closure in Harden village for Remembrance Day 2014**

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to investigate this issue for a future meeting.

#### **10/1212 Summer flower beds**

**RESOLVED** that a local gardener be employed to help with the upkeep of the flowerbeds (watering and weeding); Chair to bring potential contact details to future meeting.

#### **11/1212 Christmas lights event**

**RESOLVED** that the following changes be made to the event in 2013:

1. 108-120 mince pies be purchased;
2. 9 bottles of red and 9 of white wine be purchased;
3. Drinks for children: 2 bottles of Fanta, 2 bottles of Irn Bru, 1 bottle of Diet Coke and some dilutable squash be purchased;
4. More wine glasses, 105, to be borrowed;
5. Sweets and chocolates to be purchased to distribute to the children.

#### **12/1212 Newsletter delivery**

**RESOLVED** that the team that deliver the Bingley Rural publication be approached to deliver future newsletters; Clerk to liaise with the delivery team and Cllr Kirkham to provide detailed map of area.

#### **13/1212 Parish Council Liaison Meeting**

Cllr Sykes provided an update from the recent Parish Council Liaison meeting, which included the impact on parish councils to the way budgets are set (council tax reductions etc), and the Localism Bill and its change to local councils taking over community roles (e.g. public toilets).

#### **14/1212 Standing Orders**

**RESOLVED** that this issue be deferred until next meeting.

#### **15/1212 Payments for approval**

- **£36.84** Cllr Sykes (Christmas expenses and postage for newsletters)
- **£156** Vision ICT
- **£85.32** Cllr Andrews (Christmas expenses)
- **5.20** Clerk's expenses

### **16/1212 Correspondence**

- Notice of appeal to Secretary of State from BMDC re planning application 12/00841/FUL;
- Email from Suzan Hemingway, City Solicitor: briefing note re Localism Act;
- Letter from Post Office re Harden Post Office;
- Letter from Royal Mail re parcels at Eldwick Post Office: agreed that Clerk to write strongly worded letter to them, asking again why parcels cannot be left at local post offices (e.g. Harden or Bingley) or distributed among local post offices;
- Letter from BMDC re statutory consultation re expansion of school buildings 2014-2015;
- Email from YLCA re consultation on speed limit for HGVs on single carriageway roads;
- Letter from Pre-school/After-school club re their meeting to discuss the Memorial Hall (see 7/1212 above).

### **17/1212 Planning decisions**

- a) 11/00940/MAF – Wilsden Medical Centre, 2 Lingbob Court, Wilsden – Construction of a pharmacy and alterations to car park all ancillary to existing Medical Centre – GRANTED.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

### **18/1212 Planning applications**

- a) **12/04570/HOU** – 1 Meadow Close, Harden – single storey extension to front of property – **NO OBJECTIONS**;
- b) **12/04790/FUL** – Braes Castle, Long Lane, Harden – construction of 4 detached residential dwellings including garages and associated access roads - **NO OBJECTIONS**

The Chairman closed the planning meeting at 9.45pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall**