

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

Councillors Matthew Gore, Julia Gregson, Robert Hartley, Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes  
Clerk Eve Haskins  
In attendance No members of the public were present

**1/313 Apologies**

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

**2/313 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Gregson and Hartley expressed a non-prejudicial interest in item 12 (letter from Harden Primary School).

**3/313 Public Representation**

None received.

**4/313 To confirm minutes of meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**5/313 Memorial Hall: refurbishment of meeting room**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Carpet to be fitted next week, already ordered (at cost of £658.62 + VAT);
2. Decisions on furniture to be deferred until next meeting when Chair is present;
3. Venetian blinds were agreed at £264 + VAT for two, and colour chosen to match walls;
4. Cllr Kirkham to obtain framed pictures of existing photographs of Harden for walls;
5. Cllr Kirkham to source new coat hooks also.

**6/313 Local publicity**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Publicity for Parish Council works to be actively pursued;
2. Cllr Kirkham to do press release for each agenda and to write article regarding the situation with the Memorial Hall, in collaboration with the Clerk;
3. Reporter from T+A to be contacted again when plinth is unveiled (see item 7 below).

**7/313 Commemorative plaque plinth**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Unveiling ceremony for plinth to take place: suggested provisional date: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June;
2. Clerk to contact Margaret Eaton to see if she is available to perform the unveiling;
3. Clerk to contact the local churches to determine whether they would allow their rooms to be used for refreshment afterwards;
4. Cllr Gregson to liaise with stone mason to organise siting of plinth as soon as possible.

**8/313 Environmental Funding Project 2012-13**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Daffodil and crocus bulbs to be purchased with the funding;
2. Cllr Sykes to liaise with BMDC contact re planting of bulbs on Harden Road;
3. If there is any funding remaining, Parish Council to look into possibility of planting three new cherry trees on Wilsden Road also;
4. Cllrs Gregson and Gore to send contact details of local gardeners to Clerk;
5. Clerk to liaise with local gardeners to obtain quotes for planting bulbs in early autumn.

### **9/313 Asset and Services Grants from The Social Investment Business**

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact The Social Investment Business again regarding the situation with the Memorial Hall to see whether they could provide a grant to help towards the upkeep etc.

### **10/313 Harden Post Office**

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact the Post Office's Communication and Consultation Team to determine whether any new information has been received upon this issue if the Parish Council does not hear from them before the next meeting.

### **11/313 Payments for approval**

- **£55.50** Clerk's expenses (travel and newsletter delivery reimbursement)
- **£18.50** Cllr Sykes' reimbursement for newsletter postal delivery
- **140.00** Printing of newsletters
- **£16.25** Cllr Kirkham's reimbursement for net curtains and runners
- **£10.00** Contribution to 'Tittle Tattle'

### **12/313 Correspondence**

- Email from local reporter re article on commemorative oak tree plaque: see item 6 above;
- Letter from Harden Primary School re academy status consultation: the Parish Council responded as individuals rather than as a Parish Council body, although they did want it noting that they were disappointed by the lack of information within the letter;
- Email and letter from Post Office re Harden Post Office: see item 10 above;
- Email from Bradford and Keighley Catholic Trust re academy consultation: correspondence acknowledged, no response;
- Email from YLCA re South Pennine Branch meetings: Clerk to contact YLCA stating that it is impossible for the Parish Council to host a meeting due to lack of facilities;
- Letter from Post Office in response to Clerk's letter re parcels at Eldwick: Clerk to contact neighbouring parish clerks and local groups to see if they have anything to comment about this issue and to determine whether they would wish to send out a collective response to the Postal Review Panel.

### **13/313 Planning decisions**

- a) 13/00014/HOU – B16 St Ives Grove, Harden – Single storey extension to rear – GRANTED.

### **14/313 Planning applications**

- a) **13/00652/HOU** – Ferrands Barn, Hill End Lane, Harden – construction of front porch – **OBJECTION DUE TO THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION NOT BEING SYMPATHETIC WITH LOCAL ARCHITECTURE (THE DWELLING IS NEXT DOOR TO A GRADE II LISTED BUILDING): THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE AWARE THAT THE SITE IS IN GREEN BELT LAND, WHERE RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT APPLY AND CONVERSIONS MUST BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CRITERIA, INCLUDING RETENTION OF EXISTING FEATURES AND A PROHIBITION ON EXTENSIONS;**
- b) **13/00620/FUL** – Braes Castle, Long Lane, Harden – construction of 4 residential dwellings including garages and associated roads – **NO OBJECTIONS;**
- c) **13/00401/HOU** – Woodlands, 5 Firbeck, Harden – construction of first floor side extension over garage/utility room and single storey rear extension – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall**