

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13th JUNE 2013 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

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

1/613 Apologies

None received.

2/613 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3/613 Public Representation

None received.

4/613 To confirm minutes of meeting held 9th May 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/613 Memorial Hall: refurbishment of meeting room

RESOLVED that Clerk to order 2 rectangular tables from Office Furniture Ltd, to be delivered with already agreed chairs to the home of Cllr Gore (the Chairman requested that it be noted that he voted against the decision regarding the purchase of the said tables.)

NB Cllr Kirkham left the meeting during the discussion of item 5/613, during which time items 6/613 and 7/613 were discussed; she returned to the meeting to complete discussion of item 5/613 and stayed for the rest of the meeting.

6/613 Summer plants outside Harden Post Office

RESOLVED that the Bradford Works team, who have successfully planted the bedding plants outside the Post Office, should also be employed to maintain them.

6b/613 Harden Post Office – risk of closure

RESOLVED that:

1. A public meeting be called for Monday 24th June with a view to ascertaining public opinion on the issue of the closure of Harden Post Office (shop to be closed on 30th June);
2. Cllr Kirkham to organise notices and send out press release for meeting;
3. Cllrs Bagnall and Sykes to talk to landlord of shop to request that he keeps the shop open for a while longer;
4. Clerk to send letter to Philip Davies MP, copying in all the ward councilors and Post Office Ltd, outlining the situation and requesting support;
5. Clerk to contact YLCA with a view to obtaining advice on whether Parish Council could legally support the post office financially if that is the wish of the public.

7/613 Commemorative plaque plinth

The parish councilors who attended the unveiling event reported that this was a great success, with several villagers turning out to attend, and was featured in the 'Telegraph and Argus' newspaper. Agreed that Clerk to write to Baroness Eaton thanking her for her role at the event.

8/613 Ideas for spending of reserves

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until a future meeting when the situation with the local post office has been clarified.

9/613 Village green

RESOLVED that the idea of registering the fielded area of land in the village as village green be discarded as it does not fulfill the criteria for village green status; agreed however that the Parish Council should work to ensure that this land is not allocated for housing purposes.

10/613 Payments for approval

- **£16.59** Clerk's expenses
- **£6.75** Cllr Gregson for jubilee ribbon
- **£307.77** Summer plants
- **£138.00** Payroll charge from BMDC

11/613 Correspondence

- Email from Council Warden re local updates: acknowledged;
- Email from Post Office Customer Services re Harden Post Office: acknowledged, see item 6b/613 above;
- Email from Keighley Town Councillor re Midgeham Cliff End Quarry traffic concerns: Cllr Kirkham agreed to be contacted re this issue if necessary;
- Email from resident re mountain biking in St Ives: agreed Clerk to respond to resident explaining that Parish Council are supporting the concerns of the 'Friends of St Ives' re aggressive mountain bike activity in the area.

12/613 Planning decisions

- a) 13/01298/HOU – construction of front porch at 11 Glen View, Harden – GRANTED;
- b) 13/01150/HOU – construction of summer house at Hill End Farm Cottage, Hill End Lane, Harden – GRANTED.

13/613 Planning applications – None received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will be held on 11th July 2013 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall