

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors John Bagnall, Matthew Gore, Julia Gregson, Robert Hartley, Alan Sykes
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance One member of the public was present

1/913 Apologies

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

2/913 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3/913 Public Representation

1. Goit Stock ladder

A member of the public expressed concern regarding a local campaign to have this ladder removed. He asserted that their Facebook page is biased, providing only one view of the situation (see 10/913 below);

2. Traffic calming on Long Lane

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the recent speed restrictions installed on Long Lane, stating that the bumps can cause bad backs/bones to hurt when driving over them. He questioned why there had not been chicane-type structures installed instead. The Parish Council explained that reducing speeding has always been a priority issue in the village, as outlined in the Parish Plan, and that the speed restrictions are helping to reduce speeding in a significant place (i.e. next to the school).

4/913 To confirm minutes of meetings held 8th August 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/913 Spending of reserves

RESOLVED that the following ideas for spending of Parish Council reserves be further investigated re actual costings before being discussed again at the next meeting on 10th October 2013:

1. Benches in village: re-painting (£500 earmarked);
2. War memorial: cleaning and walls re-pointing (£250 earmarked);
3. Speed limit road signs designed by local children (£500 earmarked);
4. Children's play area in park: re-vamp (£3500 earmarked);
5. Weeds on paths around village: removing (£500 earmarked);
6. Flowering baskets on lampposts etc around village (£500 earmarked);
7. Flower beds in park (£250 earmarked);
8. Youth Club wish-list (£1000 earmarked).

6/913 Harden Neighbourhood Forum

RESOLVED that Chair to attend the Forum to provide a brief report on recent and upcoming actions of the Parish Council, including the following:

1. Acted as facilitator in the Post Office closure threat, liaising with Post Office representatives to find a way to keep it open;
2. Currently investigating the issues listed above in 5/913 with a view to spending money to improve the village;

3. Inform and invite the public to the Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremony and the Christmas event at the beginning of December.

7/913 Village Society

This item was deferred until the next meeting when the Chair/Liaison Officer is present.

8/913 Harden Post Office

Agreed that this issue seems to be resolving itself and that Post Office is looking likely to stay open.

9/913 Traffic calming measures

RESOLVED that:

1. The Parish Council note the comments received by local residents expressing concern re the new speed restrictions on Long Lane;
2. Clerk to contact Shipley Coordinator's Office re the upcoming Harden Neighbourhood Forum to suggest that it may be advisable to invite BMDC's traffic engineers to this Forum to provide answers to the questions of the public.

10/913 Goit Stock ladder

RESOLVED that:

1. The Parish Council note the dissenting views re this recently installed ladder at Goit Stock;
2. The Parish Council fully respect the wishes and rights of others to express their views both in support and in opposition to this ladder;
3. The Parish Council will remain impartial to this issue.

11/913 Remembrance Day

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk to contact British Legion to arrange the usual wreath for the Parish Council representatives to lay at Harden War Memorial on Remembrance Day;
2. Clerk to contact Lord Mayor's Office to inform them of the above and enquire whether any representatives of BMDC will be attending also.

12/913 Payments for approval

- **£5.40** Clerk's expenses

13/913 Correspondence

- Email from Wendy Fisher, Shipley Area Coordinator's Office, re Harden Neighbourhood Forum to be held on 8th October 2013: see item 6/913 above;
- Email from local resident re Goit Stock ladder: see item 10/913 above;
- Email from BMDC re Bradford District Housing Requirements Study addendum report: acknowledged.

14/913 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council

- 13/02606/HOU – Springbank, 2 Cockcroft Fold, Harden – construction of conservatory to side – REFUSED;
- 13/02185/FUL – Land 407373 438103 Ryecroft Road, Harden – agricultural worker's dwelling – GRANTED.

15/913 Planning applications – None received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on 10th October 2013 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall