

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

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

1/1013 Apologies

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

2/1013 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3/1013 Public Representation

None.

4/1013 To confirm minutes of meetings held 19th September 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/1013 Spending of reserves

RESOLVED that the following actions be taken for the spending of Parish Council reserves:

1. The quote of £70 per bench + materials be accepted for the re-painting of the benches around the village (Cllr Hartley to clarify the cost of materials);
2. Cllr Hartley reported that the War Memorial has been re-pointed this week (£250 earmarked);
3. Clerk to contact Highways Dept of BMDC again re speed limit road signs designed by local children (previously told that this would not be allowed – Clerk to clarify this position);
4. Clerk to continue to liaise with BMDC re the re-vamp of the children's play area in park - to defer to next meeting;
5. To defer the subject of the weeds on paths around village until next spring (possibly consider the Smart and Clean funding for this);
6. The quote of approx £600 for flowering baskets on lampposts around village and approx £500 for annual maintenance be accepted from Bradford Works (Cllr Sykes to continue to liaise with Bradford Works re this idea; Chair/Cllr Sykes to do survey of number of lampposts in the parish which could be used);
7. To discard the idea of planting bulbs in the park, due to the amount of Parish Council funding already allocated to planting bulbs in the village, and use the £250 earmarked for this project to contribute towards the flowering baskets idea (see above);
8. Clerk to continue to liaise with Youth Club representatives regarding their wish-list.

6/1013 Harden Neighbourhood Forum

Chair reported that he and Cllrs Sykes and Kirkham attended the Neighbourhood Forum the previous night, at which the following were discussed:

1. Local bulky refuse collections;
2. BMDC spending;
3. Community Chest grants;
4. Report from local police (including unlocked car theft warnings and information hand-outs);
5. Speed restrictions (Long Lane) explanations;

6. Report from Parish Council provided by Chair (including information re facilitation of Harden Post Office, unveiling of jubilee plinth, planting of bulbs and trees, and advance notice given of Remembrance Day and Christmas event).

RESOLVED that Chair to liaise with Shipley Coordinator's Office regarding the poor attendance at Neighbourhood Forums, and to verify whether action is being taken to review their communication with villages.

7/1013 Village Society

RESOLVED that Parish Council to liaise with Village Society if approached but otherwise to leave them to conduct their own business.

8/1013 Harden Post Office

Parish Council understands that the new postmaster is now in place and post office service is operational.

9/1013 Harden Mill Pond

RESOLVED that Cllr Kirkham to contact owners again to determine whether they have any plans to clear this area, but agreed that it does not warrant a health and safety issue at present.

10/1013 Remembrance Day

RESOLVED that Chair to collect wreath from Bingley shop to lay at Harden Memorial on Remembrance Day (£25 cost to be reimbursed by Parish Council).

11/1013 Payments for approval

- **£691.20** Bradford Works for maintenance of flower beds

12/1013 Correspondence

- Email from Leader of Bradford Council re Council Budget Consultation: acknowledged, agreed that members to answer individually if they wish;
- Email from Wendy Fisher, Shipley Area Coordinator's Office, re agenda for Harden Neighbourhood Forum to be held on 8th October 2013: see item 6/1013 above.

13/1013 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council

- 13/02620/FUL – Braes Castle, Long Lane, Harden – construction of four detached residential dwellings including garages and associated access roads – GRANTED.

14/1013 Planning applications

- a) **13/03748/HOU** – Harden Grange, Harden Road, Harden – construction of conservatory/sun lounge with bi-folding doors – NO OBJECTION.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

**The next meeting will be held on
14th November 2013 at 7.15pm in
Harden Memorial Hall**