

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

**Present**

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

**1/1113 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gregson, and the reasons for absence were approved.

**2/1113 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**3/1113 Public Representation**

1. Post Office

A member of the public has expressed concern to the Chair re the minutes from the last Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013, which claimed that the post office service is now operational. It appears that the Post Office is still experiencing a low turnover due to poor utilisation within the village.

**4/1113 To confirm minutes of meetings held 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**5/1113 Spending of reserves**

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

1. Harden Memorial Park playground: Cllr Kirkham reported back from the meeting held this week to discuss the playground with two members of BMDC and also Cllr Gregson and the Clerk. It was confirmed that BMDC are not in a position to contribute financially to the modernising of the playground but they can help the Parish Council apply for funding (from WREN) to facilitate this. This funding would involve the Parish Council paying £5500 in order to gain funding worth £50,000, which would be a sufficient amount to modernise the playground. Agreed to the spending of the £5500 in principle and that Cllr Gregson and Clerk to liaise with the Project Manager of BMDC to bring solid plans and costings to a future meeting before proceeding with this expenditure;
2. Hanging baskets: Cllr Sykes reported that there are four lampposts between the bottom of Long Lane and the Golden Fleece pub, where the baskets could be hung, plus flowers to be placed in troughs on the railings on the north side of Long Lane, opposite the school. Cllr Sykes to continue to liaise with Bradford Works re this idea, and Clerk to liaise with BMDC Highways to request permission to put the baskets on the lampposts;
3. Benches: Cllr Hartley confirmed his received quote of £70 per bench + £10 per bench for materials, for sanding down, re-painting and re-varnishing. Of the seven benches that require this work, five are in a decent condition, therefore the work can go ahead in the spring, but two are in poor condition therefore may require further joinery work before being painted. Cllr Hartley to investigate the condition of the latter two benches, and to liaise with a local joiner for advice;
4. Youth Club: Despite attempts by Chair and Clerk to obtain a wish-list from the local Youth Club, no response has been received – Clerk to continue to pursue the leaders to request a wish-list from them and also to request that the table tennis table stored in the meeting room be removed for the days when the Parish Council are meeting;
5. War Memorial: Cllr Hartley reported that the re-pointing work on the War Memorial has now been completed, at a cost of £200.

**6/1113 West Yorkshire Community Payback**

**RESOLVED** that Parish Council do not pursue the idea of nominating the area for Community Payback as we do not have the resources to provide all tools/clothing/essential facilities that would be required.

**7/1113 Harden Youth Club**

See 5/1113/4 above.

**8/1113 Harden Mill Pond**

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council do not pursue this issue with either BMDC or the property consultants as the Mill Pond is not viewed as a safety hazard.

**9/1113 Christmas event**

**RESOLVED** that the following be purchased for the Christmas lighting event on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013:

1. 120 mince pies – Cllrs Kirkham and Sykes;
2. 9 bottles of red wine, 6 bottles of white wine – Chair;
3. Drinks for children: 2 bottles of Fanta, 2 bottles of Irn Bru, 1 bottle of Diet Coke and some dilutable squash be purchased - Chair;
4. Wine and pop glasses to be borrowed - Chair;
5. Tea, coffee, milk – Chair;
6. Sweets and chocolates to be purchased to distribute to the children – Chair;
7. All parish councillors to be at church family room for 5.30pm, and jobs allocated as follows: wine – Cllrs Bagnall and Hartley; children's drinks – Chair; mince pies - Cllrs Sykes and Kirkham.

**10/1113 Remembrance Day**

Chair reported that he and other parish councillors attended the War Memorial on Sunday and that five wreathes were placed at the War Memorial.

**11/1113 Revised Standing Orders**

**RESOLVED** that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

**12/1113 Payments for approval**

- **£8.50** Clerk's expenses
- **£17.00** Remembrance Day wreath
- **£200.00** Re-pointing of War Memorial

**13/1113 Correspondence**

- Letter from Benjamin Bentley Property Consultants re Mill Pond: see 8/1113 above;
- Email from YLCA re Standing for Elections in the UK: acknowledged;
- Email from YLCA re Standing Orders: acknowledged, to be adopted at next meeting;
- Email from YLCA re Parish Precepts – Grant from Central Government: acknowledged;
- Email from Shipley Area Coordinator re Winter Warmth Campaign 2013: acknowledged.

**14/1113 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council - None received.**

**15/1113 Planning applications**

- a) **13/04477/FUL** – Ivy Farm, 2-4 Ryecroft, Harden – conversion of existing field and overgrown pond – NO OBJECTION.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.15pm in  
Harden Memorial Hall**