

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 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 No members of the public were present

1/1213 Apologies

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

2/1213 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3/1213 Public Representation

1. Village Society

A member of the public has expressed concern to one of the parish councillors re the newly formed Village Society and wished to know whether a formal Annual General Meeting has been held to reconstitute the organisation. Agreed that Chair to liaise with members of Village Society to ascertain their status and request that the Parish Council be kept up to date with their work.

4/1213 To confirm minutes of meetings held 14th November 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/1213 Spending of reserves

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

1. Harden Memorial Park playground: Clerk reported that recent correspondence with the Project Manager of BMDC has informed that Parish Council need to begin initial consultations with local children re playground before solid plans can be designed – agreed that Clerk and Cllr Gregson to continue to liaise with BMDC to begin these consultations;
2. Hanging baskets: Cllr Sykes reported that BMDC will not allow the placing of hanging baskets on the lamp-posts on Long Lane, therefore Parish Council agreed to concentrate on placing flowers in troughs on the railings on the north side of Long Lane, opposite the school. Agreed that four troughs be sought from Bradford Works, at a cost of £135 each plus compost and plants to fill them (£60 each) plus maintenance for the next year – to be reviewed in 12 months time. Cllr Sykes to continue to liaise with Bradford Works and Clerk to liaise with BMDC Highways to request permission to put the baskets on the railings;
3. Benches: Cllr Hartley reported that he has investigated the two benches in the village that needed more work than the five others: one needs sanding and varnishing, and the other one has uneven paving stones underneath. The latter one has a plaque that states it was presented by the WI, as was another bench in the village. Agreed that Cllr Hartley to organise for the five benches to be re-painted and for Chair to liaise with the WI re the other two;
4. Youth Club: There has still been no response received by the Youth Club despite attempts by both the Chair and Clerk to obtain a wish-list from them. Agreed that 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 (Youth Services manager to be copied into the message);
5. War Memorial: The re-pointing work on the War Memorial has been completed, at a cost of £200, all paid.

6/1213 Christmas Event

Chair reported that the recent Christmas lighting event went really well, although it was not as busy as in previous years due to the poor weather. Agreed that same number of mince pies and bottles of wine to be purchased for next year's event.

7/1213 Standing Orders

RESOLVED that Cllr Kirkham to look at these Standing Orders in more detail and bring a report and recommendations for their adoption at the next meeting.

8/1213 Neighbourhood Planning

RESOLVED that the Parish Council to begin preliminary collaboration with Wilsden Parish Council re a joint plan for the area – Cllr Kirkham to liaise with them accordingly.

9/1213 Core Strategy Stakeholder Briefing

Cllr Kirkham provided a presentation from the above briefing she recently attended, highlighting the following points:

- Harden is classed as a 'local service centre';
- Harden will be required to build 100 homes (this figure has decreased from 150 due to wildlife habitats);
- By 2030, 42,100 homes need to be built over the Bradford district;
- Growth areas include Bradford city centre, Shipley and Canal Road corridor and south east Bradford (including Holme Wood urban extension);
- Work due to commence on Allocations Document by summer 2014;
- Cllr Kirkham to keep Parish Council informed of developments.

10/1213 New Police Sergeant

RESOLVED that the new police sergeant for the area be invited to meet with the Parish Council members – Clerk to liaise with him.

11/1213 Parish Council Liaison meeting

Cllr Sykes reported that he missed this meeting due to the bad weather last week.

12/1213 Meeting dates for 2014

RESOLVED that the Parish Council adhere to the current schedule for 2014, therefore meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

13/1213 Clerk's appraisal

RESOLVED that Chair and Cllr Bagnall to perform this appraisal early in the new year – to liaise with Clerk re dates for appraisal meeting.

14/1213 Payments for approval

- **£18.80** Clerk's expenses
- **£72.51** Christmas drinks
- **£24.81** Mince pies
- **£443.80** Insurance

15/1213 Correspondence

- Email from YLCA re combined authority for West Yorkshire: acknowledged;
- Email from YLCA re Council Tax Benefit Support Grant: acknowledged;
- Email from police re new police sergeant for area: see 10/1213 above;
- Email from concerned resident re closure of footpath at Ryecroft: Clerk reported that this concern has been passed onto Rights of Way at BMDC;
- Email from YLCA re future of local audit – draft regulations consultation: acknowledged;

- Email received by Chair from local vicar requesting that one of the parish councillors perform a reading at the church service on Sunday 22nd December – Chair to liaise with Cllr Gregson re this.

16/1213 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council - None received.

17/1213 Planning applications

- a) 13/04803/HOU** – 25 Millbeck Drive, Harden – construction of two storey side extension with integral garage and single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage into playroom – OBJECTION on the grounds that it is an inappropriate and overbearing development, the effects of which would be detrimental to the neighbouring property, number 23 Millbeck Drive;
- b) 13/04965/FUL** – Heather Lodge, Back Shaw Lane, Keighley – construction of agricultural building – OBJECTION on the grounds that insufficient information has been provided by the applicant: the Parish Council do not object to the application in principle but would like to see justification for the need for an agricultural building before consenting to it;
- c) 13/05011/HOU** – 3 Poplar Grove, Harden – construction of two storey side extension – NO OBJECTION.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 9th January 2014 at 7.15pm in
Harden Memorial Hall**