

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2014 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

**1/114 Apologies**

None received.

**2/114 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hartley declared an interest in item 12a/114: he neither commented nor voted on this matter.

**3/114 Public Representation**

None.

**4/114 To confirm minutes of meetings held 12 December 2013**

It was reported that 45 bags of sweets were gratefully received by local children at the Christmas lighting event (item 6/1213), and that number 19 Millbeck Drive had objected to the planning application at 25 Millbeck Drive (item 17/1213a): the Clerk amended the minutes accordingly.

The amended minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**5/114 Spending of reserves**

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

1. Harden Memorial Park playground: Clerk and Cllr Gregson updated all on this issue, reporting that Cllr Gregson has organised meetings with both the Head of the primary school and Leader of the pre-school to gain permission to send out a questionnaire to all children. Agreed that Clerk to compile questionnaire from examples sent by Gillian Biggs of BMDC, and to send these out with a view to receiving responses before the next meeting;
2. Hanging baskets: Cllr Sykes reported that still awaiting permission from BMDC re the placing of these baskets on railings; agreed that Clerk to contact them again and also to raise budget on this issue to £1600;
3. Benches: Clerk updated all that she has written to Harden W.I. requesting permission to refurbish their benches and also requesting a contribution towards the cost as agreed at the last meeting - still awaiting response;
4. Youth Club: Clerk updated all that the Youth Club representative has responded to request for a 'wish list', stating that they will send a new one within the week.

**6/114 Standing Orders**

**RESOLVED** that several agreed amendments to the model standing orders as advised by Cllr Kirkham be carried out by Clerk and amended standing orders be adopted at next meeting once Clerk has sought and received clarification from YLCA re standing order 24 (planning issues).

The Chair requested that thanks to Cllr Kirkham be noted for all her hard work on this issue.

**7/114 Village Society**

Chair updated all on the issue of the Village Society: they are due to have a meeting at the end of January where they intend to adopt a new constitution etc. Agreed that Chair to continue to liaise with them.

**8/114 Budget and precept**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The budget was agreed for 2014-2015 at £16535;
2. Based upon Council Tax base for Harden, 766 dwellings will pay £10 per band D property per annum, and therefore the precept will remain standstill (0% increase this year);
3. Clerk to send precept pro-forma to BMDC.

Chair wished for thanks to be noted to Cllr Bagnall for all his hard work as RFO.

**9/114 Payments for approval**

- **£13.90** Clerk's expenses
- **£136.50** David MacArthur for electrical work to Christmas lights

**10/114 Correspondence**

- Email from Wendy Fisher re Smart and Clean update: acknowledged;
- Email from YLCA re Community Governance Programme: agreed to fund 50% of the cost of £900 double module for Clerk to undertake if Sandy Lane Parish Council are willing to fund the other 50%, Clerk to ascertain other costs involved and circulate to all;
- Email from Shipley Area Coordinator's Office re Community Heroes Awards: acknowledged.

**11/114 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council**

None received.

**12/114 Planning applications**

- a) **13/05159/FUL** – Land at 407373 481103 Ryecroft Road, Harden – Proposed amended design to agricultural worker's dwelling approved under planning permission 13/021895/FUL dated 01.08.2013 – NO OBJECTION.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 13 February 2014 at 7.15pm in  
Harden Memorial Hall**