

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13 MARCH 2014 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

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

1/314 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrews and Bagnall and the reasons for absence were accepted by the Council.

2/314 Declarations of Interest

None.

3/314 Public Representation

None.

4/314 To confirm minutes of meeting held 13 February 2014

Minutes of meeting on 13 February 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5/314 Exchange of Information

1. Cllr Kirkham reported that the structure behind the Golden Fleece pub is looking temporary rather than permanent and that BMDC Enforcement are looking into this;
2. Cllr Kirkham reported that a local resident has expressed concern re the large wooden shed/garage next to ménage on Ryecroft and that BMDC Planning are investigating this.

6/314 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, stating that they are still awaiting feedback from BMDC re playground designs for children to choose. Designs to be received for children to choose week commencing 24 March 2014 and children to be given one week to choose the designs to enable application form to be completed and submitted by deadline date of 16 April 2014. Circulated the letter Clerk had composed to send out to all local children, outlining the process so far, and illustrating the questionnaire responses in table/graph form;
2. Hanging baskets: Cllr Sykes reported that BMDC have now said that it is possible to have two half baskets on the railings on either side of the road outside the school on Long Lane, therefore agreed to continue to liaise with Bradford Works re this idea. Agreed at the last meeting that Cllr Sykes was also to liaise with the hairdressers and residents nearby to determine whether they would like them also but decided against this idea as the walls are not suitable;
3. Benches: Agreed to pursue this idea in a month's time when the weather has improved, therefore to be discussed at the next meeting;
4. Youth Club: approved a cheque for £40.00 for a new computer game as previously requested by the Youth Club;
5. Harden Gala: Agreed to pursue the idea of the Parish Council having a 'presence' at the annual village gala, to provide information on recent works and plans, and receive any suggestions from public. Agreed that Cllr Gregson to continue to liaise with Gala Committee re this idea and to discuss again at the next meeting (to be separate agenda item);

6. Poppies: Provisionally agreed to Cllr Kirkham's suggestion of having planters holding poppies behind the war memorial, therefore Cllr Kirkham to look into this issue, liaising with Bradford Works, to determine costs involved: an initial budget of £100.00 agreed. To be discussed again at the next meeting (to be separate agenda item);
7. Trees: Cllr Kirkham suggested that there are still gaps to be filled for trees in the village – agreed that Clerk to liaise with BMDC re this issue, requesting that they replace the two trees that were destroyed in a car accident and that the Parish Council will fund the rest. Cllr Kirkham to send 'tree map' to Clerk to pass onto BMDC for information.

7/314 Small grants

RESOLVED that Clerk to amend the small grants form circulated prior to the meeting, making it accessible to individuals and those without bank accounts/constitutions – to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

8/314 Centenary of First World War

RESOLVED the following:

1. Parish Council to continue to plan event to take place in the premises or grounds of Harden Memorial Hall on Saturday 2 August to commemorate the centenary of the beginning of the First World War;
2. Cllrs Kirkham and Sykes to investigate borrowing gazebos for this event;
3. Clerk to continue to research the histories of the men listed on the war memorial, with a view to finding out as much as possible about their brief lives to display at the event;
4. Clerk to also research the role of women in the area in the war to include in the display if possible;
5. Any information used in the displays to be passed onto St Saviour's Church, as requested by their reverend, for display in their day of prayer in the church on Monday 4 August;
6. Clerk to contact Congregational Church again to inform them of the Parish Council's plans and determine if they have any we should be aware of;
7. Cllr Kirkham to inform the public of the event of 2 August 2014 in the next newsletter, and to kindly request any information regarding the men of the village who died in the war;
8. Clerk to obtain photos of the men who died for Cllr Kirkham to possibly include in the newsletter.

9/314 Safer Communities Fund

RESOLVED that Parish Council acknowledged correspondence on this issue, but agreed not to pursue this idea at present.

10/314 Standing Orders

RESOLVED that the Standing Orders amended at the Parish Council meeting on 9 January 2014 be adopted, effective immediately.

11/314 Planning issues

RESOLVED that:

1. Core Strategy: Agreed to submit the comments Cllr Kirkham had circulated to all prior to the meeting, amended slightly to incorporate information regarding the capacity of the local school: Cllr Kirkham to make modifications and send comments to BMDC;
2. Neighbourhood Plan: Agreed not to pursue the idea of joint Neighbourhood Plan with Wilsden at present, although Cllr Kirkham to continue to monitor the monitor the local planning situation closely. Cllr Kirkham to contact Wilsden Parish Council accordingly.

12/314 Speeding on Harden Road

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact local police to report problems with speeding in the whole of the village, particularly on Harden Road and Wilsden Road (in light of recent accidents in the vicinity, one fatal), and to request speed monitoring and enforcement.

13/314 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Council to take place on Thursday 8 May 2014 at 7.15pm, to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.

14/314 Payments for approval

- **£42.20** Clerk's expenses
- **£40** Harden Youth Club for new game
- **£164.75** David MacArthur, electrician, for new transformer etc on Christmas lights

15/314 Correspondence

- Email from YLCA re consultation on the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014: acknowledged;
- Email from BMDC re baskets on railings: see 6/314 above;
- Letter from NALC, advising remittance of £100 bursary towards Clerk's Community Governance course: acknowledged.

16/314 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council – notification of any planning decisions, to include:

- 13/04803/HOU: 25 Millbeck Drive, Harden - construction of two storey side extension with integral garage and single storey rear extension; conversion of existing garage into playroom – GRANTED.

17/314 Planning applications

- a) 14/00574/FUL – Proposed extension to customer car park at Woodbank Nurseries, Harden Road, Harden – OBJECT to the application on the grounds that the plan is excessive: the plans show too great an expanse of un-landscaped tarmac in the green belt area (therefore inadequate proposed landscaping in the plans); and concerns regarding drainage - would prefer softer, porous landscaping on a smaller scale;
- b) 14/00414/HOU – Removal of existing garage and shed and replacing with double garage at 25 Valley View, Harden - Harden Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application, and are happy with it in principle, although they would like it noted that they are concerned about the use of asbestos within the timber frame construction.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

**The next meeting will be held on 10 April 2014 at 7.15pm in
Harden Memorial Hall**