

**MINUTES OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14 APRIL 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 Three members of the public were present

1/414 Apologies - None.

2/414 Declarations of Interest - None.

3/414 Public Representation

1. Harden Baby and Toddler Group request for Small Grant

Two volunteers from Harden Baby and Toddler Group, who meet at the Memorial Hall, explained to the Parish Council that they had recently spent all their reserves by contributing towards the cost of the new kitchen in the Hall along with the other users and BMDC, and wished to apply for a Small Grant from the Parish Council to purchase craft material etc. Clerk passed them a Small Grant form and requested that it is sent back completed to be discussed at the next meeting.

4/414 To confirm minutes of meeting held 13 March 2014

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

5/414 Exchange of Information - None.

6/414 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 the children have now chosen their design (shown to Parish Council), and following the meeting prior to this one with Gillian Biggs of BMDC, the application form is ready to be printed and sent off to WREN by Clerk – decision will not be known until July 2014;
2. Benches: Agreed that Cllr Hartley to pursue this refurbishment of agreed benches now weather is improving;
3. Hanging baskets: Cllr Sykes agreed to continue to liaise with Bradford Works re the idea of placing two baskets on either side of the road on Long Lane;
4. Trees: Cllr Kirkham updated all on this issue, stating that she has passed the 'tree map' onto the Clerk to pass to BMDC, who agreed to replace the damaged trees and also agreed to Parish Council planting further trees as long as the ground was not too shallow. Agreed that Clerk to contact BMDC to determine the cost for the purchase of planting of seven more trees in the village;
5. Daffodil bulbs: Agreed to purchase 1000 daffodil and/or snowdrop/crocus bulbs to be planted in autumn (to be on a future agenda for further discussion).

7/414 Centenary of First World War

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk and Cllr Kirkham to continue their research of the history of Harden prior to and during the first world war, including: researching the war dead from the war memorial, locating contemporary photographs, researching the 1911 Census, discovering more about the women in the village at the time as well as the men etc.;
2. Clerk to locate detailed map/street atlas for the time to assist in research;
3. To pursue idea of holding an exhibition in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 2 August, possibly in main hall of building;

4. To pursue idea of compiling an information booklet containing details of all war dead/history of Harden etc. to give out to everyone in the village – agreed to be discussed again at the next meeting.

8/414 Poppies behind war memorial

RESOLVED that the budget of £100 for this project be increased to £200 to allow Cllr Kirkham and Sykes to liaise with Bradford Works to plant poppies to be placed behind the village war memorial.

9/414 Bedding plants outside post office

RESOLVED that:

1. Chair to liaise with Bradford Works for the purchase and planting of summer bedding plants outside the village Post Office in June;
2. Budget of £450 agreed;
3. Maintenance of plants, presently carried out by Bradford Works, to be reviewed annually.

10/414 Harden Gala

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk to contact Harden Gala Committee to confirm the booking of a stand at the Harden Gala this year, for Parish Council to promote their work in the village;
2. Clerk to inform Gala Committee that Parish Council would like to include an advert in their gala publication;
3. Cllr Hartley to organise a gazebo for this event;
4. Clerk to send the Gala Committee a Small Grants form for completion before the next Parish Council meeting,
5. Clerk to confirm the date of the gala with the Gala Committee.

11/414 Small grants forms

RESOLVED that the Small Grants form amended at the previous meeting be adopted by the Parish Council.

12/414 Collection of domestic waste

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact BMDC to inform them that the Parish Council are strongly opposed to the proposed plans to introduce brown bins for garden waste, as they only hold four bags of garden waste which is not sufficient for the larger gardens in areas such as Harden, and that the residents have expressed their concern that BMDC are reducing their service.

13/414 Post Office

Agreed that no action be taken on this issue as recent communications between the Post Office representatives and the Clerk have shown that this issue is now resolved.

14/414 Public toilets at St Ives

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact BMDC in response to their letter asking whether the Parish Council would be willing to take over the responsibility of the public toilets in St Ives, stating that BMDC should not be relinquishing their responsibility to the toilets at this site – it is a very well used area and has had a lot of funding spent on it for other items, therefore the upkeep of the public toilets should be continued and should be a priority as it is the duty of the local authority to provide basic conveniences for the public. Ward councillors, MP for area and Friends of St Ives to be copied into the correspondence.

15/414 Payments for approval

- **£52.70** Clerk's expenses
- **£490.00** YLCA annual subscription
- **£19.08** Cllr Sykes for newsletter postage
- **£10.00** Contribution to 'Tittle Tattle'

16/414 Correspondence

- Separate emails from two sisters regarding the history of Harden Hall: Clerk explained that research had taken place to help these queries, and she had liaised with the sisters accordingly;
- Email from Harden Youth Club leader re cultural awareness trip: acknowledged;
- Emails from YLCA re accounting for council tax support grant in 2013-14 Annual Return, Legislative Reform Order: repeal of section 150 of Local Government Act 1972 and consultation on draft transparency code for parish councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000: acknowledged;
- Letter from Post Office re consultation on proposed move to new premises for Cottingley Post Office: acknowledged, no comment;
- Email from Harden Baby and Toddler Group re funding for new kitchen in Harden Memorial Hall: see item 3/414 above;
- Email from representative of Harden Gala Committee re small grant: see item 10/414;
- Email from BMDC re public toilets at St Ives: see item 14/414 above;
- Telephone call to Chair from Ward Cllr Ellis: Chair reported that Ward Cllr Ellis had informed him that £1000 funding would be made available to the Parish Council from BMDC to be spent on the Memorial Hall – agreed to include this item on the next agenda for discussion once official notification of the funding had been received from BMDC;
- Telephone call to Chair re Tittle Tattle: agreed that Parish Council to contribute the usual £10.00 towards this publication, and that Clerk to compile an article to include, outlining the recent works and plans of the Parish Council.

17/414 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council - None.

18/414 Planning applications

- a) 14/01042/LBC – Proposed replacement of windows/ installation of stainless steel wall ties and replacement gutter timber Ryecroft Farm, 20 Ryecroft, Harden - NO OBJECTION;
- b) 14/01139/FUL – Proposed change of use from agricultural to riding school, minor alterations to stables/cow shed at Harden Grange Farm, Harden Road, Harden – the Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle but would welcome a condition that there are hand-washing facilities in the provided conveniences;
- c) 14/00574/FUL – Amended plans for proposed extension to customer car park at Woodbank Nurseries, Harden Road, Harden – OBJECTION on the grounds that the plans still show too great an expanse of un-landscaped tarmac in the green belt area. They would prefer the applicant to find a way of extending the car park but also keeping it green in appearance (for example using green surfacing and planting more trees on the boundary);
- d) 14/01228/FUL – Proposed renovation of former kennels to form new dwelling with subterranean extension under existing terrace and rebuilding of retaining walls at Cuckoo Nest Barn, Harden Road, Harden – the Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle but would request that the conditions on the original application (12/04183/REG) should all be conditions on the new application, and that the building should be sympathetic to the area (thus a minimum of new stonework should be used).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

**The next full meeting will be held on 8 May 2014 at 7.15pm in
Harden Memorial Hall
and will be the Annual Meeting of the Council,
to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.**