

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2014 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present**

Councillors John Bagnall, Matthew Gore, Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes  
Clerk Eve Haskins  
In attendance No members of the public were present

**1/814 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gregson and Hartley and reasons for absence were approved.

**2/814 Co-option of Parish Councillor**

**RESOLVED** to defer this issue until future meetings when potential members may be present, and to further advertise the vacancy on the Parish Council via the next newsletter.

**3/814 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**4/814 Public Representation**

1. 616 bus:

A parish councillor expressed concern regarding the 616 bus route through the village, which means that two buses travelling in opposite directions may pass each other on Wilsden Road near Stephen Smith's Garden Centre, causing an obstruction in the road as neither bus can then pass due to the width of the road. Cllr Kirkham reported that she has contacted Metro regarding a possible change in timetables, and will keep the Parish Council informed.

2. Village Society:

The Parish Council expressed concern regarding the lack of information available of the recent activities and updates of the Village Society.

**5/814 To confirm minutes of meeting held 10 July 2014**

The minutes of meeting held on 10 July 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**6/814 Exchange of Information**

None received.

**7/814 Complaints Procedure**

**RESOLVED** that revised Complaints Procedure be adopted, as advised by YLCA; effective immediately.

**8/814 Update on spending of reserves**

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

1. Harden Memorial Park playground:

Clerk updated all that the decision from WREN on this funding has been deferred until this week, therefore the decision should be known before the end of the week;

2. Poppies:

Cllr Sykes reported that advice received from Bradford Works re continuing with the poppies next year was that they needed to be dead-headed and the seeds recovered for re-planting. Agreed that Cllr Sykes and Kirkham will organise for this to be done, and that Cllr Gore will empty/store the troughs ready for next year – Cllrs Sykes/Kirkham/Gore to liaise re the moving of the troughs.

#### **9/814 Centenary of First World War**

Clerk reported that both Cllrs Gregson and Hartley had requested that it be minuted in their absence that both the display and commemorative booklet were a great success, and that the gratitude of the Parish Council should be extended to Cllr Kirkham and the Clerk for all their hard work.

It was reported that over 200 people attended the exhibition, an article concerning the display featured in both the 'Keighley News' and the 'Telegraph + Argus', and that feedback from residents and others, including Philip Davies MP, has been very positive and complimentary. Further copies of the commemorative booklet have been requested by residents, one of which has been sent to relatives in Australia.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

1. Comments made at the display are attached to these minutes as an appendix;
2. Display may be held again in Keighley Local Studies Library on Saturday 13 September – Cllr Kirkham awaiting response from organisers: to be discussed at the next meeting;
3. Display to be held in Memorial Hall again in November for Remembrance Day: to be discussed at the next meeting;
4. Cllr Kirkham to compile next Parish Council newsletter for October this year: to include feedback from the Parish Council's First World War commemoration (as well as advertising for a new parish councillor, advertising Remembrance Day display and Post Office update and photograph of re-opening);
5. The following issues raised by residents at the display be pursued by the Parish Council, passing concerns onto BMDC where appropriate and all concerned residents to be contacted by the Clerk directly:
  - a) Put it on again at least once – Nov 1918?
  - b) Could something be done to discourage dog fouling and litter?
  - c) Get the Council to clean up the streets and empty the gullies;
  - d) Keep doing events like this;
  - e) Repair the road up to Cuckoo Nest Cottages;
  - f) Do more exhibitions over the next four years;
  - g) Keep going;
  - h) Trim the vegetation coming over the park wall onto Narrow Lane;
  - i) Friends of St Ives would be willing to display the pictures at the Visitor's Centre;
  - j) Consider speed humps on Effingham Road;
  - k) Restore the stone Fairfax table with its legs at St Ives, restore the table at Goit Stock;
  - l) Sort out the dog dirt near the park.

#### **10/814 Funding from BMDC**

Clerk updated Parish Council on the funding bids:

- a) Community Chest funding application (£500) was unsuccessful;
- b) Area Action Plan funding has been approved and £1000 cheque has been received into the Parish Council's bank account;
- c) Third, and lowest, quote has been received for re-flooring of Memorial Hall (£976 + VAT);
- d) BMDC have offered to supplement previously approved quote for painting of front door of Memorial Hall (£200) with an extra £50 if windows are painted also - Clerk subsequently obtained quote for £150 for windows.

#### **RESOLVED that:**

1. New quote for flooring agreed: Clerk to contact company accordingly to arrange for work to take place as soon as possible, ideally within the summer holidays when the Memorial Hall is empty;
2. Quote for windows agreed and contribution from BMDC be accepted: Clerk to liaise with decorator to request that the front door be painted in a deep red gloss, and that the windows at either side of the door be painted also (to request that decorator to liaise with Cllrs Kirkham/Sykes to obtain keys to Memorial Hall).

**11/814 Delegation of decisions**

**RESOLVED** that decisions between meetings be delegated to Clerk, in the situation where the decisions have already been instigated by the Parish Council.

**12/814 Purchase of banner**

**RESOLVED** that this issue be deferred to a future meeting (April 2015).

**13/814 Traffic in village**

Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from concerned residents re traffic on Narrow Lane/Wilsden Old Road, and Long Lane (speeding/drink driving).

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact BMDC Highways Department and the police passing on these concerns, and to also contact the concerned residents directly, informing them of this decision.

**14/814 Harden Post Office**

Clerk reported that latest correspondence from Post Office Ltd states that the newly refurbished post office in the village will re-open on 22 August.

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact the Post Office after this date, to congratulate them on the newly opened refurbished post office or request further information as to why the post office has not yet been opened, depending on the situation; Cllr Kirkham to liaise with Clerk re the re-opening, and to take a photograph of the re-opening for the next newsletter.

**15/814 Planning briefing**

Cllr Kirkham updated all on planning matters, re changes to definitions of land in Harden.

**16/814 Horticulture**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Watering of baskets on Long Lane and flower beds outside Post Office by Bradford Works to be reviewed next spring, as previously agreed;
2. Clerk to send 'Thank you' notes to the residents of Long Lane who have been watering the baskets as required in the hot weather (Cllr Kirkham to send house numbers of those who have helped with the watering to Clerk);
3. Planting of further trees and bulbs in village to be discussed at next meeting: Cllr Kirkham to bring plan of where trees/bulbs are needed.

**17/814 Reference books**

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to liaise with Sandy Lane Parish Council to determine whether they are willing to contribute 50% to the cost of the reference books required for Clerk's work, if Harden Parish Council contribute the remaining 50%: to be discussed again at next meeting.

**18/814 Payments for approval**

**RESOLVED** that the following payments were approved and cheques duly signed:

- **£62.60** Staples for Clerk's stationery
- **£81.50** Clerk's expenses
- **£555.00** Shipley Print for commemorative booklets and flyers
- **£187.00** BMDC for hire of Memorial Hall on 2 August 2014

**19/814 Correspondence**

- Email from BMDC re applications for Neighbourhood Plan and Community Heroes: acknowledged, agreed not to pursue;
- Email re empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity: acknowledged, agreed not to pursue;
- Email from Post Office Ltd re refurbishment: see item 14/814;

- Email from Northern Heating re advertising in newsletter: acknowledged, agreed not to pursue;
- Email from BMDC re Bradford Local Plan – Waste Management: acknowledged;
- Emails from YLCA re handling complaints, schemes of delegation and training sessions: acknowledged;
- Email from WREN re delay in funding decision: see item 8/814/1;
- Email from Friends of St Ives re toilet closure at St Ives: acknowledged, Cllr Kirkham updated all that the decision regarding the toilets has now been passed to a Shipley Area Committee meeting in September;
- Letter from BMDC re Community Chest grant application: see item 10/814a;
- Letter from local resident re traffic on Narrow Lane/Wilsden Old Road; see item 13/814;
- Email from Electoral Services re Parish Council response re review of polling stations: Clerk updated all that it was confirmed that the boundaries for Harden would not change;
- Emails from residents re commemorative booklet: see item 9/814;
- Email from Northern Powergrid re survey: acknowledged;
- Email from 'Local Leader' re article in next issue: agreed that Clerk to send a piece re the Parish Council First World War commemorations.

**20/814 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council - None received.**

**21/814 Planning applications**

- a) **14/02658/HOU** – 10 The Narrows, Harden – Proposed construction of front dormer window – NO OBJECTION;
- b) **14/03079/HOU** – 45 Ferrands Park Way, Harden – Proposed extension/alteration of existing detached garage to form integral garage - NO OBJECTION.

Cllr Kirkham offered to circulate information re planning applications to Parish Council prior to each meeting: agreed this was not necessary.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

**The next full meeting will be held on 11 September 2014 at 7.15pm in  
Harden Memorial Hall**

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**WORLD WAR 1 EXHIBITION COMMENTS**

1. Excellent, well done.
2. Could have stayed for hours. I hope the exhibition will be kept.
3. This is wonderful and very poignant.
4. Brilliant, really interesting.
5. Lovely exhibition.
6. Excellent, very interesting and humbling.
7. Really enjoyed the biographies and old photos and booklet to house.
8. Very good and interesting.
9. Really very interesting and the people who have organised the exhibition have worked very hard.
10. Wonderful job and delighted so many villagers turned out to see it.
11. Absolutely brilliant.
12. Very interesting.
13. Very well done. Obviously a lot of work and research has gone into it.
14. Excellent exhibition. Thank you.
15. Very interesting. We found people from our street and how the village has altered. Thank you.
16. Excellent.
17. Excellent exhibition. Too busy to see everything.
18. Very interesting.
19. Well done, your hard work is very much appreciated.
20. Good exhibition.
21. Excellent, it is good that you have done this. Lest we forget.
22. Excellent! And thanks to the compilers of this tremendous exhibition.
23. Well done and thank you to those who put in the hard work.
24. Very good. It's good that someone has taken the time and trouble to stage this.
25. Brilliant job. Well done to all.
26. Obviously a lot of work has been put in well done, very interesting.
27. An excellent exhibition with a lot of hard work gone into it.
28. Very interesting and moving.
29. Many thanks to all who put this exhibition together.
30. Excellent – thanks to all who have worked on it!
31. Very interesting and reminded me of families I knew in the 50s and 60s.
32. Thanks for the brilliant exhibition.
33. Very well executed. Really grateful to those who did the research and organised it.
34. Brilliantly done.
35. Very interesting.
36. Brilliant, very well researched, it should be televised.
37. Very pleased with the exhibition.
38. Very informative.
39. What a great idea!
40. Terrific exhibition – lots of hard work.
41. Very interesting.
42. Well done, superb.
43. Very interesting – thank you for all your hard work.
44. Fabulous.