

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors John Bagnall, Matthew Gore, Julia Gregson (Chair), Robert Hartley,
Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes

Clerk Eve Haskins

In attendance 8 members of the public were present

1/914 Apologies

None received.

2/914 Co-option of Parish Councillor

RESOLVED that Clerk to investigate the criteria for parish councillor eligibility before the next meeting to determine whether a resident of Eldwick is appropriate to fill the vacancy.

3/914 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bagnall declared an interest in item 19/914c and Cllr Gore declared an interest in item 19/914a: they neither commented upon nor voted on these items.

4/914 Public Representation

1. Nuisance noise on Long Lane

A member of the public expressed concern about the nuisance noise emanating from the Golden Fleece pub on Long Lane. He asserted that the pub regularly stays open until 1am, that the music is incredibly loud, much foul language can be heard, and that his primary concern is the amount of children who are present, in the pub and playing outside it, even as late as midnight. The Chair explained that the Parish Council have limited powers to deal with such matters, but that the Clerk has contacted the local police, Highways Department and Shipley Area Coordinator's Office to highlight this problem. Cllr Kirkham asserted that Enforcement Department have been contacted regarding the structure at the back of the pub, and gave assurances that they would be contacted again. Clerk assured the resident that he would be contacted prior to the next Parish Council meeting to report an update on this issue, and will inform him as soon as any news is received from police, Highways etc regarding this matter. In the meantime the resident was advised to keep a log of any incidents and contact Bradford Council's nuisance noise website to gain advice re this matter.

2. Proposed planning development at The Paddock, North Walk

Several members of the public expressed their concern over the proposed planning development at North Walk. Their objections include the following:

- Proposed houses being built in an area of bungalows;
- Proposed development being out of character with, and therefore not befitting, the area;
- Proposed development being detrimental to amenity of local residents;
- Height of the proposed houses overlooking neighbouring properties;
- Height of proposed houses overshadowing neighbouring properties, therefore resulting in a loss of light into neighbouring properties;
- Concerns re existing covenants on neighbouring houses, which curtail the erection of more than one dwelling on the land;
- Loss of, and changes to, the neighbouring houses' existing view;
- Concerns re increased traffic, particularly re access/egress due to narrowness of the unadopted road;
- Change of grass to concrete in proposed development;

- Drainage issues: concerns for lack of surface water drainage and sour water drainage;
- Trees: concerns that developers plan to remove healthy trees;
- Wildlife: concern that the protection of wildlife, notably owls and bats, may be in jeopardy;
- Previous planning application close to site had been refused.

Cllr Kirkham advised the concerned residents to make their objections online and also to contact the Ward Councillors to object to the development. (The Parish Council's consultation response to this application can be seen in item 19/914c below.)

5/914 To confirm minutes of meeting held 14 August 2014

The minutes of meeting held on 14 August 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

6/914 Exchange of Information

1. Road surfacing on Harden Road:

Several parish councillors reported that they had been approached by members of the public regarding the new road surfacing in the village, which has been planned for a few weeks but now delayed until Sunday 21 September. Agreed that Clerk to contact Highways Department to complain that the signs displayed locally have been advertising that this work was due to take place for past few Sundays and has now been delayed until 21 September, which will clash with the Wilsden Gardening Association Annual Show.

7/914 Update on spending of reserves

Chair/Clerk updated all on the playground refurbishment: WREN have agreed to provide £49999 funding towards the cost of this playground, with the Parish Council providing 11% third party contribution, as agreed at a previous meeting. This cost covers the replacement of all but one play apparatus. Parish Council discussed options to obtain funding to replace this toddler unit, at a cost of approximately £7000.

RESOLVED that:

1. Parish Council to seek funding to cover the cost of the play equipment and to contribute towards the cost from Parish Council reserves if necessary;
2. Clerk to send letters to the two local garden centres, the local printing company, the local stables owner and the Village Society requesting sponsorship for this equipment;
3. Clerk to contact Shipley Area Coordinator's Office to request further information on any local funding initiatives to help fund this equipment;
4. Clerk to contact local banks to request financial support for this equipment;
5. Parish Council approved the publicity plan supplied by Bradford Council to send to WREN;
6. Clerk to liaise with Bradford Council representative re publicity for this playground refurbishment.

8/914 Update of funding from BMDC

Update received that new flooring is now down in Memorial Hall and front door and two windows painted.

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk to contact pre-school to request that they contribute towards the cost of a new mat near the front door, if Parish Council contribute also;
2. Re-painting of hallway walls should be a priority for the next funding bid.

9/914 Heritage Day at Keighley Local Studies Library

RESOLVED that:

1. Cllr Kirkham to organise the display boards and take them and the remaining commemorative booklets to Keighley Local Studies Library for Heritage Day on Saturday 13 September;

2. Cllr Kirkham to order 25 crosses for Remembrance Day, to commemorate each of the 21 men listed on the War Memorial from the First World War (cost to be reimbursed);
3. Clerk to contact both village churches and Women's Institute to explain the idea about the crosses for Remembrance Day and invite them to be involved;
4. Chair to contact school to invite them to be involved also.

The Chair expressed the gratitude of the Parish Council to Cllr Kirkham for all her continuing hard work in organising the display boards and to Cllr Bagnall for offering to fund the crosses.

10/914 Parish Council newsletter

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk to contact Shipley Print accepting their quote of £275 for 800 newsletters;
2. Cllr Kirkham to compile the next newsletter, updating the residents on recent Parish Council work (including news on the playground refurbishment, the First World War commemoration and newly refurbished local post office);
3. Clerk to contact authors of local publication 'Tittle Tattle' to determine whether they would object to the future Parish Council newsletters displaying information re community groups and adverts.

11/914 Harden Neighbourhood Forum

RESOLVED that Cllr Gore to represent the Parish Council at the upcoming Neighbourhood Forum on 23 October 2014; Clerk to provide an update of Parish Council work for him to present.

12/914 Nuisance noise on Long Lane

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact concerned resident prior to the next meeting to obtain an update on the nuisance noise on Long Lane, and to continue to liaise with the local police, Highways Department and Shipley Area Coordinator's Office re this issue (see item 4/914/1).

13/914 Bulbs

RESOLVED that:

1. Six new trees, 300 daffodil bulbs, 200 crocus bulbs and 200 snowdrop bulbs be planted in village in future (Cllr Kirkham to keep plan of where these are to be planted);
2. This item be included on the next agenda for further discussion when the budget has been consulted and costs of trees/bulbs has been obtained from two garden centres in village and BMDC;
3. Clerk to liaise with BMDC re cutting down of flowerbeds outside the Post Office.

14/914 Christmas event/lights

RESOLVED that:

1. Parish Council to host Christmas event lighting ceremony as usual, with refreshments planned afterwards at St Saviour's Church;
2. Clerk to contact St Saviour's Church re use of family room;
3. Clerk to contact local electrician re new lights;
4. Chair organise testing of the lights.

15/914 Harden Post Office

Cllr Sykes updated all that the Post Office is now re-opened after refurbishing – agreed to include this local news in next newsletter.

16/914 Payments for approval

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

- **£5499.89** FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd for 11% third party contribution to playground refurbishment
- **£33.60** Clerk's expenses
- **£20.00** Cllr Kirkham reimbursement

17/914 Correspondence

- Email from BMDC Planning Dept re Bradford Waste Management Development Plan: acknowledged;
- Email from BMDC re Transparency Code: acknowledged;
- Email from Shipley Coordinator's Office re Green Dog Walking Scheme: acknowledged;
- Email from YLCA re training sessions for September: acknowledged;
- Email/letter from WREN/BMDC re funding for playground refurbishment: see item 7/914;
- Email from YLCA re Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014: Recording of meetings and recording of decisions taken by officers under delegation: to be deferred to next meeting when further information has been received from YLCA;
- Email from Wendy Fisher re Harden Neighbourhood Forum: see item 11/914;
- Email from resident re nuisance noise on Long Lane: see items 4/914/1 and 12/914;
- Email BMDC re Superfast West Yorkshire project: agreed that Clerk to refer this to the Neighbourhood Forum;
- Email from concerned resident re speed restrictions on Long Lane: acknowledged, concern forwarded to Highways Department at BMDC;
- Email from Highways Dept re traffic in village, requesting location of survey device: agreed that Clerk to respond to Highways stating that Parish Council do not wish for traffic to be counted but for speed monitoring to take place on Wilsden Road, between the Malt pub and the roundabout on Harden Road.

18/914 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council

- 14/01228/FUL – Renovation of former kennels to form new dwelling and rebuilding of retaining walls at Cuckoo Nest Barn, Harden Road, Harden – GRANTED.

19/914 Planning applications

- a) 14/03338/HOU – The Coach House, Spring Farm Lane, Harden: conversion of garage and outbuilding into granny annex including new conservatory – NO OBJECTION on principle, but the Parish Council would like to have a condition added stating that the annex is always ancillary to the use of the main premises;
- b) 14/03527/HOU – 37 Ferrands Park Way, Harden: construction of two storey side extension – NO OBJECTION;
- c) 14/03575/FUL – The Paddock, North Walk, Harden: demolition of one storey dwelling and construction of two new two-storey dwellings with associated ancillary buildings and installation of new ground source heating system – NO OBJECTION on principle, although the Parish Council acknowledge the primary concerns of the residents, and request that they are brought to the attention of the planning officers when considering this application. The objections include:
 - Development being detrimental to amenity of local residents;
 - Development being detrimental to local nature, both to wildlife and loss of healthy trees;
 - Concerns re increased traffic, particularly re access/egress due to narrowness of road;
 - Height of new houses overlooking neighbouring properties (bungalows);
 - Height of new houses overshadowing neighbouring properties (therefore loss of light into neighbouring properties);
 - Development changing the neighbouring houses' existing view;
 - Concerns re existing covenants, which curtail the erection of more than one dwelling on the land;
 - Drainage issues, concerns for both lack of surface water and sour water drainage.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 October 2014 at 7.15pm in
Harden Memorial Hall**