

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 22 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 No members of the public were present

20/914 Apologies

None received.

21/914 Declarations of Interest

None received.

23/914 Public Representation

None received.

24/914 Refurbishment of playground

The Chair explained that she would like to propose that the Parish Council pay for replacing the one set of play equipment in the park, which is not being replaced with the refurbishment funded by WREN, out of Parish Council reserves. She asserted that it would cost between £4000-£7500 if it is replaced when all the other equipment is replaced in October, but closer to £10,000 if it is done at a later date. It was reported that the Clerk has contacted local businesses, banks and the Village Society to request a contribution towards this piece of play equipment, and so far only the Village Society have promised a donation (amount unknown).

The Parish Council discussed this issue, and consulted a budget showing estimated Parish Council expenditure from September 2014 to March 2016. Concerns were raised regarding the high cost, the adequate state of repair of the current piece of play equipment and the fact that a large amount of money has already been spent on the playground (£5499.89, as the Parish Council's 11% contribution to the new playground).

RESOLVED that:

1. More information re funding from other sources is needed before the Parish Council can move forward with this issue;
2. Another extraordinary meeting to be organised for Monday 29 September 2014 to discuss the issue again if more responses re request for contributions have been received from local businesses;
3. The above meeting to be cancelled if no further monies are forthcoming by Friday 26 September;
4. Clerk to contact the Village Society to determine their contribution amount and the process necessary before the Parish Council can be receive their donation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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