

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12 MARCH 2015 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors Julia Gregson (Chair), Matthew Gore, Kay Kirkham, Alan Sykes
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance Four members of the public were present

1/0315 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bagnall, Hartley and Laking.

2/0315 Declarations of Interest

None.

3/0315 To confirm minutes of meetings held on 12 February 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4/0315 Planning applications

- a) 15/00416/FUL – 19 Narrow Lane, Harden: construction of 2 dwellings in place of existing bungalow – **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council **OBJECT** to this application on the following grounds:
- It is an over-development, as it is not proposed to cover the footprint of the existing development, so it will be overbearing and visually intrusive;
 - It is detrimental to the street-scene and out of character with the surrounding buildings, therefore will be aesthetically detrimental to the area;
 - The residents have several concerns regarding highways safety and the ingress and egress of vehicles.
- b) 15/00260/FUL - Golden Fleece, 38 Long Lane, Harden: retrospective application for construction of outbuilding – **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council **OBJECT** to this application on the following grounds:
- The structure is out of character with the surrounding area due to the materials it is composed from;
 - The structure has no noise provision and is not acoustically sound, which is detrimental to the surrounding area due to noise pollution;
 - There are concerns regarding the lack of strict adherence to licensing hours.
- c) 15/00630/FUL – Home Farm, St Ives Estate, Keighley Road, Harden: conversion of existing building to form two dwellings – **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council have **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- d) 15/00818/HOU – 14 Progress Avenue, Harden: construction of side extension – **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council have **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

5/0315 Public Representation

1. Planning application 14/03575/FUL - The Paddock, North Walk, Harden

A member of the public expressed concern that the above planning application has been approved, with several conditions attached, by the Keighley and Shipley Area Planning Panel. The Parish Council explained to them that there is no third party right of appeal on this decision and that concerned residents should now ensure that the development is built in accordance with the conditions attached, and to make their objections known to BMDC if the conditions are not being adhered to.

6/0315 Exchange of Information

1. Crocuses

Several members of the Parish Council reported that residents have commented upon the pleasing sight of the budding crocuses in the village, which were purchased by the Parish Council last year.

7/0315 Update on playground refurbishment

Clerk updated all that the work on the refurbishment of the playground is now complete and all agreed that it looks good. The Chair confirmed that she has been continuing to liaise with the local school regarding the opening ceremony, and they will be bringing some children down, as will the pre-school. Clerk reported that representatives of BMDC will be attending, although representatives from WREN are unfortunately unable to attend. Cllr Kirkham confirmed that the opening ceremony is publicised in the next Parish Council newsletter.

RESOLVED that:

1. Opening ceremony for playground to take place on Thursday 26 March 2015 at 2.00pm;
2. No refreshments or gazebo will be necessary for the event;
3. School will choose a child to cut/pull the ribbon to open the playground;
4. Clerk to continue to liaise with the 'Keighley News' and 'Telegraph and Argus' to encourage their presence at the event.

8/0315 Horticulture

RESOLVED that:

1. Cllr Gore to liaise with local gardeners to determine availability and prices for watering plants outside post office and in barrier baskets on Long Lane;
2. Clerk to contact YLCA to determine legality of paying neighbours to water the plants on Long Lane as they did last year;
3. Purchase of plants to be agreed at the next meeting.

9/0315 Recording of minutes

RESOLVED that idea of recording of meetings is not to be pursued by the Parish Council, in view of advice received from YLCA

10/0315 Delegation of planning decisions to Clerk

RESOLVED that:

1. Planning decisions not to be delegated to the Clerk at this time;
2. Situation with BMDC's extension of planning application time limits to be monitored;
3. Issue of delegation of decisions or the formation of a Planning Committee to be discussed if deemed necessary in the future.

11/0315 Summer activities

RESOLVED that this item to be deferred to the next meeting for Clerk to investigate the types and cost of summer events that BMDC have hosted in the local park in the past for children.

12/0315 Traffic on Wilsden Road

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact local police again to determine what action has been agreed for the problem traffic in Harden.

13/0315 Transparency Code

RESOLVED that this item to be deferred to the next meeting when the Clerk may have received a response to the query to YLCA requesting further information on exactly how much detail is required for the publishing of items of expenditure above £100.

14/0315 Small grants

RESOLVED that:

1. This item be deferred to the next meeting when Parish Council members have looked at the accounts and constitution of Harden Children's Gala Committee;
2. Cllr Kirkham to scan in the documents and circulate them to all members via email;
3. Clerk to obtain advice from YLCA regarding the legality of awarding the group an annual donation towards the gala.

15/0315 Payments for approval

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

- **£26.19** Clerk's expenses
- **£40.00** Roger Smith for newsletter delivery
- **£28.18** Cllr Kay Kirkham for newsletter postage

16/0315 Correspondence

- Email from BMDC re inclusion of recycling advert for newsletter: acknowledged, agreed this should be included in the next newsletter if there is the room;
- Email from Wilsden Parish Council re planning training on 19 March 2015: acknowledged, Cllrs Kirkham and Sykes and Clerk to attend;
- Emails/letters from local residents re objections to planning application on Narrow Lane: acknowledged, see item 4/0315a) above;
- Email from Shipley Area Neighbourhood Forums re summer activities providers: acknowledged, see item 11/0315 above;
- Emails from YLCA in response to queries re recording of meetings and delegation of planning decisions: acknowledged, see items 9/0315 and 10/0315 above;
- Email from local police re traffic problems in village: acknowledged, see item 12/0315 above;
- Email from Harden Pre-school and WREN re attendance at playground opening ceremony: acknowledged, see item 7/0315 above;
- Email from BMDC re playground re-painting and opening ceremony: acknowledged, see item 7/0315 above;
- Email from YLCA re South Pennine Branch meeting, 11 March 2015: acknowledged;
- Email from BMDC re Local Council Liaison meeting on 17 March 2015: acknowledged.

17/0315 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council

- 14/03575/FUL – Demolition of single storey dwelling and construction of two new two storey dwellings with associated ancillary buildings and installation of new ground source heating system at The Paddock, North Walk, Harden - GRANTED.

18/0315 Exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED that this item is unnecessary due to the deferment of the next item.

19/0315 Clerk's wages

RESOLVED this item be deferred to the next meeting, to allow the Clerk to gain further information regarding appropriate wages for the job undertaken, as well as seeking recommendations for the number of hours worked (including advice regarding the numbers of hours necessary for the RFO role).

20/0315 Next meetings

RESOLVED that:

1. Next Parish Council meeting to take place on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 7.15pm;
2. Annual Parish Meeting to take place on Thursday 9 April at 6.45pm;
3. Annual Meeting of the Council to take place on Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 April 2015 at 7.15pm in
Harden Memorial Hall,
to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.45pm**