

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9 APRIL 2015 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Councillors John Bagnall, Julia Gregson (Chair), Matthew Gore, Robert Hartley,
Kay Kirkham, Pam Laking, Alan Sykes
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance Three members of the public were present (including Wendy Fisher of Shipley
Area Coordinator's Office)

1/0415 Apologies - None received.

2/0415 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Kirkham and Sykes declared an interest in 4b): they did not take part in the discussion of or vote on this matter.

3/0415 To confirm minutes of meetings held on 12 March 2015

Minutes of meeting held on 12 March 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Chair.

4/0415 Planning applications

- a) 15/00867/HOU – 6 Midgeham Grove, Harden: remove conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension – **RESOLVED** that Parish Council have **NO OBJECTION**;
- b) 15/01039/MAO – Land at Harden Road and Keighley Road, Harden: outline application (access only) for residential development – **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council **OBJECT** to this application on the following grounds:
 - There are already existing parking restrictions on Keighley Road, and the further parking restrictions as recommended by the Highways Department for this access will have a deleterious effect on traffic in the village;
 - Concerns regarding the deleterious effect the parking restrictions will have on businesses in the village;
 - Concerns regarding the high volume of and speed of traffic on Keighley Road making the access unsuitable and potentially dangerous;
 - The siting of the access road will potentially damage the status of open village space as the proposed access road would cut through the open space and therefore leave it vulnerable for further development in the future.

5/0415 Public Representation

1. Planning application 15/01039/MAO:

Two members of the public expressed concern regarding the above planning application, stating that it would be dangerous to have access to the site anywhere on Keighley Road.

2. Planning applications:

A member of the public queried whether planning applications could be better advertised in the village. The Chair explained that planning applications as received by Parish Council as a consultee are displayed in the agenda on notice-boards and on the Parish Council website.

6/0415 Exchange of Information

1. Garage in Harden:

A member of the Parish Council reported that residents have expressed concern regarding the garage in the village which is closing down, meaning that there will be nowhere in the village for residents to have their cars repaired.

7/0415 Shipley Area Coordinator's Office

Wendy Fisher from Shipley Area Coordinator's Office provided an update on the work of the office, highlighting the following points:

- Coordinator's Office is based at Shipley Town Hall in Neighbourhood Services;

- Office is larger than previously: now has street cleaning, youth service, council wardens and ward officers;
- Focus is to make neighbourhoods cleaner, greener, safer, stronger;
- Wendy's work is to coordinate work of all partners in and around the council, and undertake project work with them;
- Partners include ward councillors, agencies (e.g. Incommunities, NPTs etc), internal BMDC departments, schools, community associations, parish councils etc.;
- Have six weekly ward officer meetings and quarterly ward team meetings;
- Organise one Neighbourhood Forum per area per year;
- Warden for Harden is Margaret, who deals with the issues of the village, including cleanliness/attractiveness, traffic/parking and anti-social behaviour;
- Margaret has recently reduced her hours to half time and now works first half of week – in-filling from other local wardens will occur at the other times;
- No 'Smart and Clean' budget last year, and this year also losing 'Area Action Funding' budget and summer activities fund;
- Community Chest grants still available, but decreased from £500 to £350 maximum.

Wendy assured the Parish Council that she would contact the police sergeant regarding the recent traffic survey and speeding issues (Clerk to send survey results to Wendy).

The Parish Council thanked Wendy Fisher for her attendance and input at the meeting. Wendy Fisher left the meeting at 7.50pm.

8/0415 Feedback from playground opening

Chair reported that the playground opening event was a great success, with 50 children from the local school and five from the pre-school enjoying the equipment. The event was written up in both the 'Telegraph and Argus' and the 'Keighley News'.

9/0415 Further development in park

RESOLVED that this item deferred to the next meeting for discussion.

10/0415 Defibrillators

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact both local garden centres to determine whether they have defibrillators in situ and staff trained to use them, that the Parish Council could publicise in the village.

11/0415 Bollards

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact BMDC to request that damaged bollards at the top of Wilsden Road are replaced, requesting that alternatives to plastic bollards are placed there (e.g. stone).

12/0415 Horticulture

RESOLVED that this item is deferred to the next meeting when Cllr Gore has obtained further information regarding the cost of a local gardener watering the plants.

13/0415 Summer activities

RESOLVED that Clerk to investigate further the funding of a cycling event for children in the summer; to be included on next agenda.

14/0415 Traffic on Wilsden Road

RESOLVED that Clerk to contact local police sergeant to determine what action has been agreed for the problem traffic in Harden, noting that the results of a survey have already been received and insisting that the police should now take action.

15/0415 Transparency Code

RESOLVED that Clerk to ensure that all accounts information is published on the website before July as advised by YLCA.

16/0415 Small grants

RESOLVED that:

1. Harden Children's Gala Committee be awarded £250 small grant as a contribution towards the roundabout ride at their event this year;
2. Clerk to inform their representatives of this decision and request that the Parish Council be credited for sponsoring the roundabout at the event.

17/0415 Presence at Harden Gala this year

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

18/0415 Payments for approval

RESOLVED that:

- a) The following payments were approved and cheques duly signed:
 - **£306.81** Clerk's wages
 - **£42.70** Clerk's expenses
 - **£1.28** Cllr Gregson for ribbon
 - **£250.00** Harden Children's Gala Committee small grant
 - **£21.20** Cllr Kirkham for newsletter postage
 - **£495.00** YLCA for annual subscription
 - **£165.00** West Riding Supplies for newsletter
- b) Clerk to contact the bank to determine procedure for changing postal address for bank statements/organise changing bank mandate to remove Cllr Bagnall and include Clerk.

19/0415 Correspondence

- Email from re Field Finders Campaign acknowledged;
- Email from YLCA re White Rose publication: acknowledged;
- Email from Neighbourhood Watch re Streetlife initiative: acknowledged;
- Emails from local police re Speed Watch in Harden: see item 14/0415;
- Email from Shipley Area Coordinator's Office re summer events: see item 13/0415;
- Email from Harden Primary School re opening event for playground: see item 8/0415;
- Email re invitation to information session for Community Asset Transfers: acknowledged;
- Email from residents re planning application 15/01039/MAO: see item 4/0415b) above;
- Email from Tittle Tattle; agreed that Clerk to send brief article and cheque for £10.00.

20/0415 Planning decision notifications from Bradford Council - None.

21/0415 Exclusion of press and public

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

22/0415 Clerk's wages

RESOLVED this item be deferred to the next meeting.

23/0415 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the next Parish Council meeting to take place on Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.15pm and confirmed this as the Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Chair offered thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllrs Bagnall and Hartley for all their hard work and commitment over the past few years and all wished them well.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on 14 May 2015 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall