

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

**Present**

Councillors Julia Gregson, Pam Laking (Chair), Alan Sykes  
Clerk Eve Haskins  
In attendance Three members of the public were present (including PCSO Paul Allwood)

**1/0715 Co-option of Parish Councillors**

**RESOLVED** that this item to be deferred until the next meeting.

**2/0715 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kirkham.

**3/0715 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**4/0715 To confirm minutes of meetings held on 11 June 2015**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**The Parish Council agreed to take items 9 and 10 from the agenda next to allow for PCSO Allwood's input.**

**5/0715 Crime update**

PCSO Allwood stated that crime rates in the village remain low and reported that recent crimes include two burglary dwellings, two burglary 'others' (theft from garages), one theft of a vehicle (from Long Lane) and one report of criminal damage (damage to a motor vehicle at St Ives). Agreed that the Chair to place posters up at St Ives warning motorists of potential crime.

**6/0715 Traffic on Wilsden Road**

Traffic issues in the area were discussed with PCSO Allwood: the Parish Council explained that speeding in the area has been recorded by the police in the past year, although they have still not informed the Parish Council of any action which may be taking place, despite the Clerk writing to the Police Commissioner regarding this issue. PCSO Allwood stated that the police could monitor this area with speed guns, but the Parish Council stated that this monitoring has already taken place on Wilsden Road, in January this year, and evidence was gathered that cars are speeding through the village. The Parish Council also expressed concern regarding traffic on Wilsden Old Road, especially at school times.

Agreed that the Clerk to send PCSO Allwood the results of the speed survey taken this year, and PCSO Allwood stated that he would liaise with the local police (including PCSO Gary Fletcher) to highlight this problem in the village. He also suggested that there may be a need for a greater number of traffic signs in the village to warn motorists that it is a 30mph zone and stated that he would liaise with the Highways Department regarding this.

**The Parish Council thanked PCSO Allwood for his input and he left the meeting at 7.35pm.**

**7/0715 Planning issues**

a) Applications:

None received.

b) Planning Panel:

The Chair reported that she was unable to attend the Regulatory and Appeals Committee meeting on 17 June to represent the view of the Parish Council regarding application 15/01039/MAO – Land at Harden Road and Keighley Road, Harden: outline application (access only) for residential development, and that this application has been approved.

c) Golden Fleece Pub:

A parish councillor confirmed that the structure behind the Golden Fleece pub is still in situ, despite the Planning Department's request that it is removed. The Parish Council noted that the owners may be waiting six months to appeal the Planning Dept decision. **RESOLVED** to monitor the situation with the Golden Fleece pub over the coming months.

**8/0715 Notification of planning decisions from Bradford Council**

None received.

**9/0715 Public Representation**

None received.

**10/0715 Exchange of Information**

1. Bollards:

A parish councillor reported that the bollards at the top of Wilsden Road have still not been replaced, despite BMDC stating that they would be. Agreed that the Clerk to contact BMDC again to determine the time-scale for the replacing of the bollards.

2. Plants outside the post office:

A parish councillor reported that residents have commented that the plants outside the post office are not of the same quality as those of previous years and that some have already been attacked by slugs. Agreed that the Parish Council should be more specific in their choice of plants next year, and also begin organising them sooner in the year.

**11/0715 Cleaning of playground**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Parish Council to pay for two cleans per year, one in spring and one in autumn, as recommended by Ancillary Services at BMDC;
2. Clerk to contact Ancillary Services to determine whether a contract is necessary.

**12/0715 Horticulture**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk to contact BMDC to determine whether allocation of winter plants has been agreed for outside the post office in the village.

**13/0715 War memorial**

Clerk updated all that the pre-application for funding to clean the war memorial has been sent to the War Memorials Trust, as well as an application submitted to Historic England to have it listed: awaiting responses.

**14/0715 Remembrance Sunday**

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Sunday event at Harden war memorial as usual on Sunday 8 November this year at which the Chair will lay a wreath: Clerk to organise the purchase of a wreath for this event.

**15/0715 Christmas lights**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Parish Council to host the Christmas event for the lighting of the Christmas tree etc as usual this year;
2. Clerk to contact Harden Children's Gala Society to determine the date of this event and confirm that they will be providing the Christmas tree as usual;
3. Clerk to contact Rev Evans at the church to determine whether the use of the family room and provision of extra volunteers would be possible;
4. Clerk to contact a local electrician to request that the lights are checked before the event;
5. Clerk to include the event on the agenda for the September meeting for further decisions.

**16/0715 Newsletter**

**RESOLVED** that Clerk to liaise with local groups (namely the primary school, pre-school, Horticultural Society, both churches, Friends of St Ives, Harden Children's Gala Society, Harden Players and Harden WI) to request potential copy for the next Parish Council newsletter (all to be brought to the next meeting); also to include an update on Parish Council work and vacancies.

**17/0715 SCAPAG update**

Chair reported that she was unable to attend the recent SCAPAG meeting on 24 June 2015.

**18/0715 New Deal meeting update**

Chair reported that she was unable to attend the recent New Deal meeting.

**19/0715 Update on Parish Council vacancies**

Clerk updated all that the Parish Council now has one ordinary vacancy and two casual vacancies: the latter have been displayed as necessary and no election called therefore it is now appropriate for the Parish Council to co-opt new members for these positions.

**20/0715 Recruitment of Clerk**

**RESOLVED** that the Chair to contact YLCA to obtain advice on advertising the Clerk's vacancy and undertaking the interviews; Clerk agreed to continue in the post until October if necessary.

**21/0715 Financial issues**

a) Payment for approval:

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

- **£540.94** Clerk's wages (including back dated pay from February for RFO duties)
- **£13.10** Clerk's travel expenses

b) Financial update:

Clerk provided financial update: as of 9 June 2015, £10,159 in Business Saver Account and £11,839 in Community Account, received £170 rebate from FCC Environment for overpayment of playground refurbishment contribution, and approximately £570 VAT rebate being organised.

**RESOLVED** that Chair to liaise with the bank regarding clarification of the signatories on the account and to arrange for herself and Cllr Gregson to be added also.

**22/0715 Correspondence**

- Emails from YLCA re Great British High Street Competition 2015, depreciation of goods on asset register and annual meeting: acknowledged;
- Email from Wilsden PC Clerk re notes on planning training: acknowledged;
- Email from War Memorial Trust confirming receipt of pre-application for funding: acknowledged, see item 13/0715;
- Email from BMDC's Parks and Landscape's War Memorial Officer re the listing of Harden war memorial: acknowledged, see item 13/0715;
- Invitation to Chair from Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team: acknowledged;
- Email from local police re attendance at PC meeting: acknowledged, see item 9/0715;
- Email from Electoral Services re vacancies on PC: acknowledged, see item 19/0715;
- Email from BMDC re cleaning of playground: acknowledged, see item 11/0715.

**23/0715 Next meeting**

Agreed that the next Parish Council meeting to take place on Thursday 20 August 2015 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

**The next monthly meeting of Harden Parish Council will be held on  
20 August 2015 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall**