

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

Present

Councillors: Diane Bonham, Kay Kirkham, Julia Gregson, Pam Laking (Chair), Alan Sykes,
Gina Thompson

Clerk: Eve Haskins

In attendance: Two members of the public were present

1/1115 Co-option of Parish Councillors

RESOLVED that this item to be deferred until the next meeting when potential members may be present.

2/1115 Apologies

None received.

3/1115 Declarations of Interest

None received.

4/1115 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 8 October 2015

Minutes of meeting held on 8 October 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5/1115 Planning issues

1. Applications:

None received (Clerk explained that application number 15/05725/MAF as included on the agenda was sent to the Parish Council by mistake so it did not need to be discussed).

2. Appeals:

Appeal number 15/00120/APPFL2, for the proposed demolition of one detached bungalow and construction of two semi-detached dwellings and associated works at 19 Narrow Lane, Harden:

RESOLVED that the Parish Council **OBJECT** to this application, and agree with the original planning decision that this application should be refused, and the objections are those already outlined by the planning decision, namely:

- The prevailing character of the suburban locality within which the development would be located is one of single and two storey dwellings set within relatively spacious plots and mature gardens. The site currently contributes to the open and leafy character of the area on this prominent corner. This proposal is for two large dwellings which would appear cramped and poorly related to the prevailing character of the locality. The proposed dwellings would have small rear gardens and almost fill the width of their plots. An expanse of open-plan hardstanding providing parking to the front would further compound their cramped and incongruous appearance.
The scale, massing and overbearing size of the houses in relation to the limited size of the plots would present an unwelcome over development of the site that would be harmful to the appearance of the street scene and the spacious characteristics of the locality. The proposal is contrary to Policies UR3 and D1 of the Bradford Replacement Unitary Development Plan (2005).
- The omission of the second floor plans does not convince the council that the properties will be 3 bedroom as the loft is of a sufficient size to be used as habitable accommodation. For properties larger than 3 bedroom at least one additional parking space per unit is required and the proposed scheme is likely to result in on-street parking close to a bend in the road or parking on the footway leading to access issues for pedestrians. The proposal fails to provide adequate off street parking and is likely to result in vehicles parking on the highway near a bend in the road and / or parking on the footway, resulting in conditions prejudicial to pedestrian and highway safety contrary to TM19A and TM12 of the RUDP.

Clerk to contact the Planning Inspectorate accordingly.

3. Notification of planning decisions from Bradford Council:
None received.

6/1115 Education consultations

Clerk reported that two education consultations had been received, regarding the change of priority area admissions for Parkside School, Cullingworth, and Cottingley Primary School.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Parish Council have no comment re Cottingley Primary School;
2. The Parish Council wish to support the option to retain the existing priority areas at Parkside School, as changing them may disadvantage the children of Harden: Cllr Gregson to return the form indicating this decision and adding an appropriate comment.

7/1115 Public Representation

1. Comments re above appeal:

A member of the public expressed concern about the above planning appeal number 15/00120/APPFL2, and stated that one issue that has not been addressed is one of cramming. The Parish Council explained that this application was first determined before the Parish Council could submit their representation as the deadline was not extended as requested, and advised the resident to send their comments regarding this appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

8/1115 Exchange of Information

1. Public toilets at St Ives:

The Chair reported that concern had been expressed to her regarding the public toilets at St Ives, which are being passed from the Cleansing Dept at BMDC to Parks and Recreation Dept.

2. Flower beds outside the butchers/post office:

It was reported that residents have expressed positive comments concerning the newly planted flower beds outside the butchers/post office.

9/1115 Christmas event

RESOLVED that:

1. Chair to liaise with the Potting Shed at Woodbank Nurseries re purchase of 120 mince pies for the event;
2. Cllrs Bonham, Gregson and Thompson to organise the purchase of nine bottles of red wine and six bottles of white wine for the event;
3. Cllr Kirkham to compose two notices to place in the community notice-boards and A-frame boards to advertise the event;
4. Clerk to contact the vicar of St Saviour's to confirm the time of the Christmas tree lighting and request the use of the church's A boards to advertise the event;
5. Chair to display posters advertising the event at St Ives.

10/1115 Traffic

RESOLVED that:

1. Clerk to contact the local police inspector to again request specific action on the speeding traffic in the area: to include the survey results from earlier this year, which states the specific times of speeding;
2. Chair to liaise with local Casualty Reduction and Road Safety Manager to invite them to a Parish Council meeting, and also to send them the local speed survey for advice on speed reduction and the recent email from a resident re possible speed limit reduction.

11/1115 Horticulture

RESOLVED that:

1. Chair to liaise with Woodbank Nurseries re the replacement of the two blossom trees in the village;
2. Clerk to obtain further quotes from the two already supplied for the annual horticultural work in the village to include the flower beds behind the war memorial (200 plants), and to also obtain another full quote from one more gardener;

3. Clerk to contact BMDC to determine whether the flower beds behind the war memorial and outside the butchers/post office have been confirmed as the responsibility of the Parish Council.

12/1115 Recruitment of new Clerk

Chair reported that the recruitment panel have held one meeting to discuss the job advert and recruitment pack and now need to meet again to confirm the advert. It had been agreed that the advert will be displayed by YLCA (£15.00) and BMDC (£77.00).

13/1115 SCAPAG update

Chair reported that she attended the recent SCAPAG meeting, at which the investigation by BMDC into the sponsorship of flower beds was discussed, and where she liaised with the local Casualty Reduction and Road Safety Manager (see item 11/1115 above).

14/1115 YLCA update

Chair reported that she was unable to attend this meeting due to illness.

15/1115 Transparency Code funding

RESOLVED that Clerk to investigate prices of laptop, scanner and relevant training for completion of the Transparency Code funding form, to be brought to a future meeting for approval before submission.

16/1115 Financial issues

a) Payment for approval:

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

- **£358.57** Clerk's wages
- **£47.50** Clerk's expenses (£25.00 for poppy wreath and £22.50 for travel)
- **£250.00** R & J Garden Services
- **£6.00** Cllr Kirkham for key cutting

Agreed that the setting of the budget/precept to take place at the next meeting.

17/1115 Correspondence

- Email from Wendy Fisher re meeting with Clerk: acknowledged;
- Email from Planning Dept re appeal notice for 19 Narrow Lane: see item 5/1115/2;
- Email from local gardeners re quotes for flower beds: see item 11/1115;
- Email from representative of Pickles Pubs re the Malt Pub: acknowledged;
- Email from Licensing Team re variance application from the Malt Pub: acknowledged;
- Email from BMDC re minutes and dates of Liaison meetings: acknowledged;
- Emails from YLCA re Transparency Act funding, councillors' allowances, finance training, South Pennine Branch meeting on 11 November 2015 in Baildon and Workplace Pensions update: acknowledged;
- Email from concerned resident re speeding in the village: see item 10/1115;
- Email from Local Council Liaison meeting representative re New Deal etc: acknowledged.

18/1115 Next meeting

Agreed that the next Parish Council meeting to take place on Thursday 3 December 2015 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.