

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
ALLOTMENTS PROJECT TEAM HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018  
IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Gerwyn Bryan  
Cllr Andy Macdonald  
Carol Gaskill  
Ann Leetham  
Jim Leetham  
Haydn Cavanagh  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None.

**2. Introductions**

Cllr Bryan opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Project Team meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 were proposed as a correct record. It was mentioned that the TV celebrity discussed previously was Katy Rushworth.

**4. Discussion on possible sites and next steps**

Members discussed various sites around Harden, referring to plans provided by Cllr Andy Macdonald.

The land at Moor Edge was considered to have several problems including with vehicle access and exposure.

Land behind the houses at Cuckoo Nest could be suitable, but may be water logged.

It was noted that land behind the football ground and cricket club could be ideal. The top part of that site is steeply sloped.

A member mentioned visual amenity and it was agreed that should be a factor in site selection. It was felt that behind the football pitch would be partly shielded by changing rooms but the Cricket Club would be open to view. It was suggested planting trees or a hedge could help with visual impact and also partly address drainage issues. It was agreed that the land behind the Cuckoo Nest houses would be the least visible.

Cllr Andy Macdonald talked about land share and garden share schemes, which could be a possibility, if suitable land in private ownership was identified. Members concluded that Bradford Council land would be preferable.

## **Actions**

It was agreed that those members who were able would meet and inspect the land around Cuckoo Nest.

Subject to land being identified as suitable, the Clerk to contact Bradford Council's Estates Department and progress a discussion and possible site meeting to inform next steps.

## **5. Update on plot sizes and related issues**

The Clerk suggested information provided previously indicated about an acre of land was required.

Cllr Andy MacDonald confirmed the Horticultural Society, a registered charity, would be happy to be involved with the project but they have no land holdings.

## **6. Next Meeting**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm meeting in the lay by opposite the Cricket Club.

Next Project Team meeting to be arranged following the update/meeting with Bradford Council.