

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD ONLINE ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.15PM**

**Present:** Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)  
Cllr Kay Kirkham  
Cllr Ann Taylor  
Cllr Falak Ahmed  
Cllr Jools Townsend  
Cllr Paul Sullivan  
Cllr Rob Hawthorne  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

**1/02/21 Apologies for Absence**

None.

**2/02/21 Disclosures of Interest**

Cllr Sullivan stated he was a member of Bradford Council's Planning Committee.

**3/02/21 Minutes of Meetings**

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Kirkham.
- b) The Outstanding Issues report was duly noted.

**4/02/21 Public Representation**

None.

**5/02/21 Planning Matters**

The following planning application was considered: -

21/00188/LBC - Replacement windows to side and rear at The Lodge, Harden House, Wilsden Road, Harden.

**Resolved:**

That the Village Council has no objection to the application.

(Planning applications can be viewed via Bradford Council's online system <http://www.planning4bradford.com/online-applications>).

**6/02/21 20 MPH Zone**

Members discussed a draft feasibility study developed by Bradford Council with regard to a possible 20mph zone in Harden. Cllr Townsend outlined key points from a previously circulated discussion paper. It was noted that the MET Consultancy Traffic Report, previous studies in the village and Neighbourhood Plan discussions all had a focus on slowing traffic at the point of entry into the village. It was noted that there is much research nationally on compliance and the effectiveness of different traffic

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calming measures. Members queried whether Bradford's proposals would be viable or affordable.

**Resolved:**

That in principle the Village Council would favour slowing traffic down at entry points into the village over extensive traffic calming measures along key routes. The Clerk to make contact with the 20's Plenty For Us campaign and to develop a draft response incorporating their advice, and key points from the discussion held, for consideration at the next meeting.

**7/02/21      Asset of Community Value**

Cllr Kirkham reminded Members of the village green space land within the Skipton Properties development, off Keighley Road. The land sits over an attenuation tank and is privately owned, without public access. Cllr Kirkham proposed that the land be nominated as an asset of community value under the Localism Act so that the community would be given opportunity to determine if they could purchase the asset in the event of it being put on the market.

**Resolved:**

That the Clerk contacts Bradford Council and begins the process of registering the land as an asset of community value.

**8/02/21      Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**

Members discussed a private members bill which seeks to accelerate progress towards achievement of targets and to ensure that communities have a voice to influence local actions. A draft motion proposing that the Council supports the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill was moved, seconded and put to the vote.

**Resolved:**

The Council affirms its belief that: -

1. All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate and Ecological Breakdown, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for national government to change policy. It is important for Harden Village Council and other Local Councils to commit to carbon neutrality and address the ecological emergency as quickly as possible.
2. Towns, Cities and Local Authorities at all tiers are uniquely placed to lead the way in reducing carbon emissions and tackling the ecological emergency, as we have close links with our residents.
3. The Climate and Ecological Bill deserves the support of Government as it reassesses the urgency of the climate and ecological emergencies.

Consequently, Harden Village Council will: -

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill;
2. Inform the local media of this decision;
3. Write to our MP, asking him to support the Bill; and

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4. Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing our support.

#### **9/02/21 Consultation Response - Personal Travel Assistance Budget**

A consultation response prepared by Cllr Hawthorne was noted.

#### **Resolved:**

To approve the response and to thank Cllr Hawthorne for his work on the matter.

#### **10/02/21 Exchange of Information**

Cllr Kirkham stated that Bradford Council had recently begun a consultation on the Local Plan. This is proposing allocation of land for the development of up to 60 houses in Harden. It was agreed to establish a small working party to draft a response for consideration at the next village council meeting.

Cllr Bryan mentioned that the baskets on the railings outside the school were in a poor condition. The Clerk advised that the gardener had been asked to re-stock with suitable winter/spring plants. The gardener has been difficult to contact. The Clerk and Cllr Taylor to pursue.

The Clerk advised he had been contacted by a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Project Team with regard to several matters including the timing of the planned consultation. Concern had been raised that undertaking consultation during the pandemic would be difficult and might not engage many residents in the village. Members discussed and observed that in light of other ongoing work, including active travel discussions with Bradford Council and the Local Plan itself, progressing the Neighbourhood Plan was a priority. The Clerk to advise the team member accordingly.

#### **11/02/21 Correspondence**

- a) Email from Bradford Council re. highways signage. Noted.
- b) Email from Trevor Speight, Census Engagement Manager about 2021 Census. Members expressed concerns about holding a Census at this time and resolved to acknowledge the request for help with promotion but to decline to participate any further.
- c) Email from YLCA about survey on power to hold remote meetings. Agreed that this should be up to individual Councils.
- d) Email from YLCA about the Right to Regenerate. Noted.
- e) Email from Harden WI re. Making Harden a Greener and Healthier Place. Noted.
- f) Email from YLCA about Remote Conference. Noted. Individual Members to advise the Clerk if of interest.
- g) Email from Ward Officer re. Cleaner Streets, Parks & Open Spaces Fund. Noted. The Clerk to respond.

**Resolved:**

a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Payment No.	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	2020-21-45	£71.35	Stationery
CIQ Agency	2020-21-46	£1,305	Neighbourhood Planning consultancy support
Bradford MDC	2020-21-47	£1,198.87	Salary payment
ICO	2020-21-48	£35	Annual registration
YLCA	2020-21-49	£48	Training (Cllr Bryan)

b) To note the following trial balances: -

<b>Harden Village Council</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2021</b>				
Item	Budget 2020/21	Expenditure to date	Budget Remaining	Forecast Shortfall (-) Surplus (+)
Staff Costs	9,000	11,525	-2,525	-4,795
Travel	300	47	253	200
Subscriptions	1,500	1,705	-205	-205
Insurance	500	438	62	62
Audits	400	380	20	20
Newsletter	850	95	755	515
Website	825	520	305	75
Parish Plan	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Neighbourhood Planning	5,000	1,732	3,268	1,828
Training	400	15	385	385
Repairs	100	0	100	100
Stationery	250	43	207	175
PC equipment	250	0	250	250
Small grants	1,000	500	500	500
Horticulture	1,000	999	1	-150
Projects & Assets	17,075	166	16,910	11,910
S 137	200	25	175	175
Other	125	183	-58	-58
	<b>39,775</b>	<b>18,373</b>	<b>21,402</b>	<b>11,987</b>

c) To note the following bank reconciliation: -

Cashbook balances	
Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	14,696.64
Add: income to date	59,518.70
Less: expenditure to date	(17,010.83) (incl. VAT)
Total:	<b>£55,449.24</b>

Bank account balances 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021	
Community Account	29,066.37
Business Account	26,382.87
Total:	<b>£55,449.24</b>

### **13/02/21 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda**

Cllr Kirkham requested response to the Local Plan be included on the next agenda.

Cllr Townsend mentioned a meeting with Sustrans and the Active Travel Officer and Manager at Bradford Council. The Village Council had been encouraged to put together a list of measures that would improve walking and travel routes in Harden. Thoughts around improvements of footpaths and tracks, to develop lower cost solutions, need to be collated. It was agreed that Cllr Townsend would set up a local online event with community groups to look at opportunities to improve walking and cycling the area. Proposals to be worked up and brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Taylor requested gardening issues be included on the next agenda.

### **14/02/21 Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next virtual Village Council meeting as 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.37pm.