

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCILLORS
HELD ONLINE ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM**

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Falak Ahmed
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)
3 Members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Townsend and Kirkham. The reasons for the apologies were approved.

2. Councillor Vacancies

Three members of the public expressing interest in joining the Council were individually invited to discuss their interest and ask questions of Councillors present. Co-option to vacancies to be progressed at another time.

3. Outstanding Issues Report

The Clerk provided an update on the outstanding issues.

It was noted that the telephone kiosk had been painted and the Clerk was progressing the fit out with shelving. Cllr Bryan asked if the Telephone sign at the top of the kiosk could be replaced with a 'Harden' sign.

The Clerk confirmed that three lamp post motif Christmas lights had been ordered and Bradford Council asked to fit timers and connectors to the lamp posts.

The Christmas lights switch on will be held on 5th December. The Gala Committee are organising a Santa Walk commencing at 15:00 and ending at the War Memorial for the switch on. The Clerk to explore further arrangements for refreshments and use of the Church Hall, or alternative outside shelter.

A member of the Gala Committee has proposed holding a Harden Christmas Market in the park on 4th December. The idea being to set up stalls either side of the path, a marquee selling mulled wine and mince pies and a Santa grotto. Members thought this was a good suggestion, subject to insurance and risk assessments being in place. The Clerk to explore further, giving regard to the likely time commitment requirements.

4. Public Representation

None present (other than for the Councillor vacancy item).

5. Bingley Rural Green Travel Project

Members noted the summary of activity and progress by the Steering Group, provided with the agenda.

6. Horticulture

The Clerk stated that Rachael Forbes had recently undertaken improvement works at the raised beds and in the Memorial Graden. She had also quoted to plant the barrier

baskets and to provide routine horticultural maintenance in the village. Following discussion about the quote and estimates provided the Clerk was asked to confirm these arrangements **under delegations**.

7. Exchange of Information

Complaints received about bees causing a nuisance in the village were discussed. It was noted that the matter had been referred to Planning Enforcement at Bradford Council.

8. Correspondence

Councillors discussed and noted the following correspondence: -

- a) Emails re. Japanese Knotweed.
- b) Email from a resident re. street furniture.
- c) Emails from residents re. tree planting.
- d) Emails from residents re. speeding.
- e) Email from Bradford Council re. Speed Devices.

The Clerk to respond where appropriate. The Chair suggested the last item should be considered by all Members at the next meeting. Cllr Townsend to be asked to respond directly to the correspondence concerning speeding issues.

9. Financial Matters

- a) Members noted further issues and difficulties with Barclays Bank. As this matter had been discussed previously and a move to another bank approved in principle, the Clerk was asked to make an application to open a new account with Unity Trust Bank, **under delegation**.
- b) The Clerk stated he will, **under delegation**, ask two Councillors to make the following payments by cheque: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	£137.79	Expenses
Signs of the Times Ltd	£5,947.54	Boundary signage and fixings
E Petch Printers Ltd	£574.80	Printing
Vision ICT	£172.80	Hosted email accounts
Vision ICT	£108	.gov.uk domain renewal
Harden Village Council	£500	Unity Trust Bank opening deposit
Ken Eastwood	£64.80	Ground anchors for new benches

- c) Councillors noted the balances and bank reconciliation presented to the meeting.

10. Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

The proposal from Bradford Council to offer Parish and Town Councils the opportunity to purchase Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) to be discussed further.

11. Next Meeting

Agreed that the next monthly Village Council meeting will take place on 14th October 2021 at 7.15pm. The Clerk to discuss room hire with the Memorial Hall and St Savior's Church and advise on venue in due course.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.