

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Kay Kirkham (Chair)
Cllr Alun Kitsell
Cllr Amy Wood
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

1/11/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bryan, Cllr Ahmed and Cllr Townsend. The reasons for absence were approved.

2/11/21 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/11/21 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 19th October, 2021 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Kirkham and signed by the Chair.
- b) The Outstanding Issues report was duly noted. There was a discussion about refreshments at the Christmas lights event and Members decided not to proceed on this occasion due to concerns about public safety and Covid-19.

4/11/21 Public Representation

None.

5/11/21 Planning Matters

- a) 21/05339/LBC - Change fenestration to main building and add a single storey front porch. Replace existing attached garage with 2 storey oak framed side extension, and construct detached double garage with accommodation over, at 6 Beckfoot Mill, Beckfoot Lane, Bingley.

Resolved:

Harden Village Council consider this application has some merit in terms of proposed windows and demolition of a garage in poor condition. However, the Council objects to the application on the following grounds: -

- a) The proposed development is not appropriate in terms of design, scale and materials.
- b) The proposed garage has 'accommodation' over but no further details on intended use. If approval is granted the Council requests that it is conditional on the accommodation being ancillary to the use of the house, to prevent it being sold separately as a dwelling.

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

6/11/21 Code of Conduct

Resolved:

To adopt a new Code of Conduct using the model code prepared by the Local Government Association and recommended for adoption by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

7/11/21 Wayfinding & Other Signage

Resolved:

To defer for consideration at a future meeting when more members are present.

8/11/21 Councillor Leads

Members present discussed respective interests and opportunities to act in a lead role with regard to key functions and projects.

Resolved:

That Cllr Kitsell leads the allotments project and Cllr Wood leads on climate change.

9/11/21 Tree Planting

Cllr Wood outlined observations on tree planting opportunities in Harden. Members discussed a number of options and potential sites.

Resolved:

That Cllr Wood contacts Bob Thorpe to discuss potential sites and Cllr Bryan with regard to ownership of land at the junction of Ryecroft Road and Hill Top.

10/11/21 Hybrid Meetings

Members discussed a report on hybrid meetings and the equipment required to hold such meetings.

Resolved:

To include as a project budget line for 2022/23 and to consider whether to procure the equipment at a future date.

11/11/21 Exchange of Information

None.

12/11/21 Correspondence

- a) Email from a resident about toilet facilities in the park. Members considered this would be a liability and is unrealistic. Suggested that the resident considers discussing with the coffee shop.
- b) Email from eforests re. free trees for planting projects. Noted.
- c) Email from Bradford Council re. Summer play 2022. The Clerk to obtain costs and Cllr Kirkham to discuss with Wilsden Parish Council.

13/11/21 Budget

The Clerk gave an overview of the budget setting process and Members were asked to consider the outlined project expenditure and first draft 2022/23 budget in advance of the next meeting.

Resolved:

To finalise the 2022/23 budget at December's Village Council meeting.

14/11/21 Financial Matters**Resolved:**

a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	£25	Poppy wreath
	£14.85	Mileage
	£39.85	Total expenses
Bradford Council	£1,772.94	Salary payment
YLCA	£60	Training (Cllr Wood)

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

15/11/21 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Wood asked for an item about a Climate emergency working group be included on the next agenda.

16/11/21 Next Meeting

Agreed that the next monthly Village Council meeting will take place on 9th December 2021 at 7.15pm in Harden Memorial Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:16 pm.