

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Kay Kirkham
Cllr Alun Kitsell
Cllr Amy Wood
Cllr Joe McShera
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

1/12/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ahmed and Townsend. The reasons for absence were approved.

2/12/21 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/12/21 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 11th November, 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 the allotments project and it was agreed that Cllr Bryan would meet with Cllr Kitsell. Cllr McShera agreed to assist Cllr Ahmed with development of the emergency plan.

4/12/21 Public Representation

None.

5/12/21 Planning Matters

- a) 21/05624/HOU - Two storey rear extension and front porch extension at 9 Harbeck Drive, Harden.

Resolved:

Harden Village Council has no objection to this application, subject to there being an acceptable separation gap between the extension and boundary on the east side.

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

6/12/21 Environment Priority – Climate Emergency

Members discussed two motions put forward by Cllr Wood with regard to the climate emergency and plastic free status.

Resolved:

To establish an Environment Working Group and to support the journey to Plastic Free Community status. Cllr Wood to present an outline action plan to the next meeting.

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7/12/21 Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk stated work on the kiosk, to be used as an information point and book exchange, was nearing completion. Shelving has been procured and recently painted. Members discussed signage options.

Resolved:

The Clerk to order one 'Information' and two 'Book Exchange' signs for the telephone kiosk.

8/12/21 Barclays Bank

Resolved:

To authorise closure of the Council's accounts with Barclays Bank. Cllrs Bryan and Kirkham signed a letter of instruction.

9/12/21 Remembrance Service

Cllr Kirkham reported back from the service and stated that two people in attendance had commented on the intrusion of traffic noise. Cllr Kitsell who had also been at the service commented that the noise was very noticeable, particularly during the silence. It was noted that the Parish Council had considered road closures some years ago, but it seemed overly complex for a short service. Members discussed and agreed that this should be revisited.

Resolved:

That the Clerk contacts Wilsden Parish Council, who close the road during their service, and Bradford Council to obtain further details on road closure procedures and costs.

10/12/21 Schedule of Meetings

Resolved:

To approve the schedule of meeting dates for 2022 and to request the Clerk to publish the same on the Village Council's website.

11/12/21 Exchange of Information

Cllr Wood mentioned several faulty street lights on Wilsden Road and Long Lane. Members advised on the procedure to report faults online.

Cllr Kitsell stated that an elderly neighbour walking to the remembrance service had commented on the path between the chapel and shops. The path is very uneven and has an awkward camber. The Clerk to report to Bradford Council's Highways Department.

12/12/21 Correspondence

- a) Email from Shipley Area Office re. launch of 'Winter Support' campaign. Noted. The Clerk to share online.
- b) Email from Bradford Council re. Summer Play in the Park costs. Agreed to proceed, subject to adequate arrangements being made to promote the events.
- c) Email from Ward Officer re. Additional Restrictions Grant award. Noted and agreed to allocate the grant towards the cost of additional Christmas lighting.

13/12/21 Budget

The Clerk presented a draft 2022/23 budget and Members suggested some amendments.

Resolved:

That following minor edits, the 2022/23 budget be set at £52,000 and that the precept be set at £39,008 (equivalent to £46 per band D property).

14/12/21 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To note receipt of £904.68 from HMRC being the VAT refund claimed for 1st April to 30th September, 2021.
- b) To authorise the appointment of Town Parish Audit to undertake the 2021/22 year end internal audit at a quoted cost of £185.
- c) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	£9.90	Mileage
Bradford Council	£1,772.94	Salary payment
Vision ICT	£108	Biennial fee for .gov.uk domain renewal
BHIB Limited	£438.38	Insurance

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

15/12/21 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Kirkham discussed progress with the next Village Council newsletter, due to be printed shortly and delivered to residents early in January.

16/12/21 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next monthly Village Council meeting will be held on 13th January, 2022, at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:46 pm.