

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCILLORS  
HELD ONLINE ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 7.15PM**

**Present:** Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)  
Cllr Kay Kirkham  
Cllr Jools Townsend  
Cllr Falak Ahmed  
Cllr Alun Kitsell  
Cllr Joe McShera  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood.

**2. Public Representation**

None.

**3. Outstanding Issues Report**

Cllr Kirkham mentioned the Christmas lights and suggested better coordination re. timings would be welcome. Also, the lamppost motifs and PO Tree were not coming on in the morning.

**4. Planning Matters**

Councillors discussed the following applications: -

- a) 21/06158/FUL - Construction of detached dwelling at Pepper Hill Farm, Ryecroft Road, Harden.
- b) 21/06132/FUL - Construction of timber clad retirement lodge at Barn Cottage Cockcroft Fold Harden Road Harden

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

The Clerk to respond **under delegations**, making the following objections: -

- a) 21/06158/FUL - This site is in the Green Belt and as such a case has to be made either for 'very special circumstances' or that the proposal is exempt by virtue of satisfying the exceptions listed in the National Planning Policy Framework.

In our view the applicant has not demonstrated very special circumstances. A 2 acre small holding with a few animals does not require a residential, agricultural worker. Contrary to the statement in the application there is a regular public transport service to the location.

The construction of a detached bungalow does not satisfy any of the exceptions in the NPPF and the proposal would be harmful to the Green Belt.

In addition, were the development to go ahead, the Village Council would have concerns about vehicular access and highway safety in this location.

- b) 21/06132/FUL - This site is in the Green Belt and as such a case has to be made either for 'very special circumstances' or that the proposal is exempt by virtue of satisfying the exceptions listed in the National Planning Policy Framework.

In our view the applicant has not demonstrated very special circumstances. The construction of a four bedroomed detached bungalow does not satisfy any of the exceptions in the NPPF and the proposal would be harmful to the Green Belt.

## **5. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Kirkham discussed progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. All present agreed to request the Clerk under delegations to submit the final documents to Bradford Council for independent examination.

Cllr Bryan congratulated all who had been involved, stating that it had been a very comprehensive piece of work leading to a high-quality plan and supporting documents, that would be of genuine benefit to Harden.

## **6. Green Travel Project**

Cllr Townsend provided an update on the Green Travel Project. There had been a slight delay writing up the roadshows summary which was being reviewed by the steering group. The document should help inform partners on what people are saying about green transport.

Everyone engaged with through the roadshows had been positive and enthusiastic.

Mapping workshops have commenced, with the first one at lunchtime today (7 attendees). This is to be repeated next Thursday (18 currently registered). Idea is to give insight into possible quick wins and more involved solutions. Aim is to get people thinking about Green Travel, which seems to be working. At a follow up in February participants will be producing a map to promote Green Travel and preparing conclusions to take forward in conversation with Bradford MDC and WYCA and the 4 Local Councils. The project is due to conclude at the end of March. Some meetings with Bradford MDC and WYCA will be arranged to present results and hopefully stimulate some actions.

Cllr Townsend suggested the new Village Council Environment Group may be able to take forward some of the ideas. Or consideration could be given to continuing collaboration with the other Local Councils.

## **7. Exchange of Information**

Cllr Kirkham mentioned an email from the Police re. Neighbourhood Watch. The Police will have a presence outside Woodbank Nursery on Sunday 23 January

between 9:30 and 11:30. Opportunity for the public to meet the teams and to raise issues and give feedback. Cllr Kirkham to attend and raise local issues including speeding enforcement.

## 8. Correspondence

Councillors discussed the following correspondence: -

- a) Letter from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Members discussed a number of ideas including an event in the park and planting an Oak tree. The Clerk was asked to include this as an agenda item at the next meeting for further consideration.

- b) Email From Area Co-ordinator re. ARG Grant.

- c) Email from YLCA re. South Pennine Branch Meeting dates for 2022.

Cllr Kirkham to attend.

- d) Email from Wilsden Parish Council re. Road Closure on Remembrance Sunday.

The Clerk was asked to circulate documents from Wilsden to all Members. Cllr Kirkham and Kitsell to explore further.

## 9. Financial Matters

The Clerk stated he will, **under delegation**, ask Cllrs Bryan and Kirkham to make the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	£10.35	Expenses
Bradford Council	£1,772.94	Salary payment
ePetch Printers Limited	£125	Printing – Green Travel Project assets
Impress Printers (UK) Ltd	£175	Printing - Newsletters
Christmas Plus Ltd	£2,574	Christmas lighting
Roger Smith	£80	Newsletter delivery

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

## 10. Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

None.

## 11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.09pm.