

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCILLORS
HELD ONLINE ON 10th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.15PM**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Public Representation

None.

3. Outstanding Issues Report

Cllrs Bryan and Kitsell had met to discuss the allotments project. Cllr Kitsell is to bring a report and action plan to the next meeting.

The signs for the telephone kiosk have been received and the fit out will be arranged when the weather improves.

The Clerk stated he had sent a further email to Highways re. the speed surveys and would follow that up again shortly.

Cllr McShera to pick up the Emergency Plan work and progress to completion. The Clerk to re-send previous email.

4. Planning Matters

None.

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

5. Green Travel Project

Cllr Townsend provided an update on the Bingley Rural Green Travel Project.

A lot of feedback received about dangers of walking and cycling and the route between Harden and Bingley, in particular.

Workshops are using an online map to pinpoint where there are problems and opportunities for improvement. Cllr Townsend to share a link to the map with Members.

At the follow up workshop, on 22nd February, the focus will be on benefits of Green Travel and what the local assets are. Cllr Townsend asked other Members to sign up to the workshop.

The intention is to produce a promotional map of the Bingley Rural Area showing how to get around by Green Travel. This will be the last significant phase of the project.

Future conversation will be needed around bus timetabling and access to green facilities e.g. virtually everyone visiting St Ives drives to the estate. Further liaison with Bradford MDC and West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be required.

6. Environment Working Group

Cllr Wood provided an update on proposals to develop an Environment Working Group.

She felt it would be good to start with an event of some kind e.g. a litter pick, perhaps. Closely, followed with an actual meeting. The Clerk mentioned a recent enquiry about litter picking (included in correspondence) and will refer the details to Cllr Wood.

There was discussion around potentially working with Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme. Maybe the Green Travel Project participants would be interested in getting involved. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Wood and assist with contacts and introductions.

There was a discussion around tree planting and potential sites including along roadsides, land near Woodbank and behind the cricket pitch.

The Clerk mentioned the Transition Network (Transition Town Movement) – that outlines a process for community organisation that could be relevant. The Clerk to circulate details to Members.

7. Platinum Jubilee

There was a discussion about actions to commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee.

The Clerk to contact Bradford MDC and explore the possibility of planting a tree and a memorial plaque in the Memorial Park.

All Members to give further thought to possible tree planting sites.

8. Bingley St Ives

The Clerk provided an update on advice from Bradford MDC and research into registering Bingley St Ives as an Asset of Community Value.

He outlined how the process was applied and what assets would and wouldn't be eligible for registration. It would not be possible to register the entire estate.

Residential property is automatically excluded.

Assets must have a recent or an actual current use that furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. This would exclude the vacant barns and the Coach House, probably the assets most likely to be sold in reality.

The Clerk observed that as St Ives is a 'publicly owned' major recreational space, it does seem unlikely that the Council would divest itself of the whole estate.

There followed a discussion about a way forward and it was agreed not to pursue registrations under this scheme, but to keep a close eye on the future of the estate and respond appropriately if/when necessary.

9. Exchange of Information

The Clerk stated he had recently been contacted by a resident raising concerns about parking issues at school drop off times and parking on Ferrands Park Way. He had referred the matter to the Neighbourhood Warden and would write to the School Head.

Cllr Townsend mentioned that there would be a number of school initiatives coming out of the Green Travel Project.

Cllr Kirkham had met the Police at a recent drop in event at Woodbank Car Park. PC Green had offered to meet with the Council to discuss local issues of concern. The Clerk to invite the officer to a future meeting.

Cllr Kirkham stated she was pursuing the road closure issues at the Memorial.

Cllr Bryan stated the planned speed checks had been re-arranged and would be taking place near Woodbank.

10. Correspondence

Councillors discussed the following correspondence: -

- a) Email from the National Allotment Society re. Yorkshire AGM. Noted. Cllr Kitsell unable to attend on this occasion.
- b) Email from Bradford MDC re: Summer 2022 Play In Parks offer. Noted. To be added to the Outstanding Issues Report.
- c) Email from a resident re. litter picking. The Clerk to share contact details with Cllr Wood (as previously mentioned).

11. Financial Matters

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

Payee	Amount	Description
Ken Eastwood	£4.95	Expenses
Bradford Council	£1,772.94	Salary payment
X2 Connect Limited	£141	Telephone kiosk signs
Sustrans Limited	£7,842	Bingley rural green travel project
YLCA	£120	Training – Cllrs Kitsell and McShera
Harden Pre School	£48	Room hire x 2
NALC	£51.71	Training – Cllr Kirkham

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

12. Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

The Clerk advised that the Area Coordinator's Office had appointed a new Assistant Ward Officer, Andy Alderson, who will be working in the Bingley Rural ward. It was agreed to invite the officer to a future meeting.

Cllr Bryan had been invited to be included in a draw for 3 tickets for Yorkshire Members to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. He had been selected and will attend the party on 18th May, representing the Village Council.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10th March 2022 at 7.15pm. A decision will be taken nearer the time as to whether to meet online or in person.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.