

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 10th MARCH 2022 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Kay Kirkham (Chair)
Cllr Alun Kitsell
Cllr Amy Wood
Cllr Joe McShera
Cllr Falak Ahmed
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)
3 Guests

1/03/22 Apologies for Absence

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

2/03/22 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/03/22 Guest Speakers

The Chair welcomed Police Sergeant, Theresa (Terri) Green, Ward Officer, Wendy Fisher and Assistant Ward Officer, Andy Alderson to the meeting. Following introductions there followed a discussion on roles and responsibilities and various local issues, including speeding and traffic.

The Police are able to use Pro Laser speed guns, but not mobile cameras and they can't enforce 20 MPH limits. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Police would arrange to undertake a speed monitoring exercise on Wilsden Road. The Clerk to provide speed survey data from the MET Consultancy study.

Sergeant Green asked for her email address to be recorded in the minutes and stated she welcomed contact from Members and the public. The email address is: -
Theresa.Green@westyorkshire.police.uk

4/03/22 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 9th December, 2021 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Kitsell.
- b) The minutes of Councillor meetings held on 13th January and 10th February, 2022 were noted.
- c) Members resolved to ratify decisions taken by the Clerk under delegations.
- d) The outstanding issues report was duly noted. There was a discussion about the following items: -
 - Allotments – Cllr Kitsell has met with Cllr Bryan and ideas and proposals for a way forward are being developed.
 - Emergency Plan – Cllr McShera is progressing, requesting details from various organisations in Harden.

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- Climate – Cllr Wood is in discussion with Bradford Council about tree planting. She is trying to progress Plastic Free but requires help from Cllr Ahmed to transfer lead responsibility. A litter pick is being proposed for Saturday 2nd April with the first meeting of the Harden and Wilsden Green Action Group provisionally planned for Wednesday 6th April.

5/03/22 Public Representation

None.

6/03/22 Planning Matters

22/00970/HOU - Extend existing garage forward of the front elevation and construction of two storey extension (resubmission of 18/01824/HOU) at Woodlands, 5 Firbeck, Harden.

Resolved:

Harden Village Council has no objection to this application.

(Planning applications can be viewed via Bradford Council's online system <https://planning.bradford.gov.uk/online-applications>).

7/03/22 Transport & Travel

Members discussed the response from Highways with regard to the 20 MPH feasibility study, noting the predicted delay in commissioning speed surveys.

Resolved:

The Clerk to reply to Highways querying why the speed data obtained by the MET Consultancy study, funded by the Village Council, could not be used.

8/03/22 Flooding in Harden

The Chair described the flooding incidents in Harden on 22nd February. The mill pond very nearly overflowed, mainly because the outlet was partially blocked by debris. The walkway was flooded. There were also flooding incidents on Effingham Road, Narrow Lane and Parry Close.

Resolved:

The Clerk to share details of the incidents with Bradford Council's Land Drainage Team and request comment. Cllr Kirkham to draft a letter to Benjamin Bentley, the management agency with responsibility for the mill pond.

9/03/22 Resilience and Community Emergency Planning

Resolved:

Cllr McShera to attend a Resilience and Community Emergency Planning training seminar, being organised by the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

10/03/22 Exchange of Information

None.

11/03/22 Correspondence

- a) Email from Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office re. new Ward Plan for Bingley Rural. Noted.
- b) Email from Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office re. issues raised with Assistant Ward Officer. Noted. Members commented positively on the response by the officers involved.
- c) Email from YLCA re. remote meetings. Noted.
- d) Email from Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office re. Climate Action Fund and the Bingley Rural Green Travel Project. Cllr Townsend to prepare a response.
- e) Email from Bradford Council Highways re. traffic surveys in Harden. Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- f) Email from a resident re. surface water flooding on Effingham Road. Noted. To be referred to Bradford Council.
- g) Email from a resident re. land use at Hill End Lane, Harden. The Clerk to provide advice on who should be contacted about the issues raised by the resident.

12/03/22 Financial Matters**Resolved:**

- a) To note the National Joint Council (NJC) confirmation that agreement has been reached on a 1.75% cost of living pay award increase, effective from 1st April 2021.
- b) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£1,772.94	Salary payment
Rachel Forbes	£180	Horticulture (December & February)
CIQ Agency	£3,133.50	Neighbourhood Planning Services

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

13/03/22 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

None.

14/03/22 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next monthly Village Council meeting will be held on 14th April, 2022, at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:34 pm.