MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 14th APRIL 2022 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL

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

1/04/22   Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Alun Kitsell. The reason for absence was approved.

2/04/22   Disclosures of Interest
None.

3/04/22   Minutes of Meetings
a)   The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 10th March, 2022 were
       proposed as a correct record by Cllr McShera.
b)   The outstanding issues report was duly noted. There was a discussion about the
       following items: -

- Green Transport – Cllr Townsend provided an update stating that the
  mapping workshops had been held. There is now an online interactive map
  that can be used for collecting ideas, suggestions and concerns on
  sustainable travel improvements. The map could be used to collect views on
  specific locations. Currently creating an illustrated promotional map that
  can be used by residents and visitors to get around the area by walking,
  cycling or using public transport. Starting to have discussions with Bradford
  Council and WYCA and hopefully bus companies. It was suggested that it
  could be helpful to write to the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracey Brabin,
  about the project. The promotional map could be distributed with the
  Village Council's next newsletter. Following that an evaluation report will be
  drafted which is required by the funders by September.

- Climate - No response to previous emails. Followed up with email to Bob
  Thorpe re. getting ready for next winter. The Green Action Group organised
  litter picking on 2nd April attended by 20 people and collecting 50 bags of
  litter. Another session is planned for 23rd April on Harden Moor. The first
  meeting of the group was attended by 14 people who contributed to a very
  positive discussion about possible future activities. The group plan to meet 6
  weekly and the next meeting will be educational, with an external speaker.
  Cllr Wood visited Wilsden Parish Council on 4th April and found their members
  keen to collaborate. The group have set up a shared Google Drive and
  Facebook and WhatsApp Groups.

- Local Councils Charter – The Clerk discussed frustrations with
  communications between the Village and Bradford Councils. He referred to
  the Local Councils Charter which suggests responses should be received

within 5 days. After some discussion about the lack of response to several queries also raised by Members, the Clerk was asked to ask other Bingley Rural Clerks if their Council's were facing similar experiences and to write to Bradford Council raising the issue.

4/04/22   Public Representation
None.

5/04/22   Planning Matters

22/01228/HOU – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of new single storey extension with the addition of a garden room outbuilding at 2 Valley View, Harden.

22/01478/CLP - Renovation of outhouse building in keeping with historic use at 5 Ryecroft, Harden.

22/01536/HOU - Single storey rear extension at 16 Sunny Mount, Harden.

Resolved:
Harden Village Council has no objection to 22/01228/HOU or 22/01536/HOU. The Village Council is not opposed to 22/01478/CLP in principle, but is opposed to the use of PVC windows and doors. These should be more traditional, made from wood and set back within reveals, in keeping with the local vernacular style.

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

6/04/22   Exchange of Information
None.

7/04/22   Christmas Lights
The Clerk discussed the purchase of ex-hire motifs and the proposed purchase of 3 additional, new motif light displays. The locations previously proposed on Long Lane have been deemed suitable by the suppliers.

Resolved:
That the Clerk arranges the purchase of additional lights and arranges installation of sockets and timers on lamp posts on Long Lane and Keighley Road.

8/04/22   Correspondence
a)   Email from Shipley Area office re. platinum jubilee community grants scheme. It was noted that this has been promoted on Facebook.
b)   Email from resident re. bees in Harden. It was noted that the Clerk had advised the resident to contact Bradford Council's Planning Service.
c)   Email from YLCA re. south Pennine branch meeting dates. Noted. Cllr Kirkham expressed disappointment that face-to-face meetings of the branch were still

being held across the region, when online meetings were perfectly adequate and reduced the need to travel.

9/04/22   Financial Matters

Resolved:
a)   To note receipt of £4,000 Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG), from Bradford Council.
b)   To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,162.45	Salary payment
Mapping for Change	£2,700	Mapping, engagement & reporting
Buttercrumble Limited	£830.28	Illustrated map (50% payment)
Christmas Plus Limited	£612	Ex hire lamp post Christmas motifs x 3
YLCA	£22.50	Training (Cllr Kitsell)
YLCA	£579	Membership subscription
Starboard Systems Limited	£345.60	Scribe accounts subscription
SLCC	£186	Membership subscription

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

10/04/22   Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Kirkham stated she had booked a place on an Electric Vehicle training event.

There was a discussion about the bunting donated by Christmas Plus and about putting it up in the village. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with regard to installation over the Summer.

Cllr Bryan asked for Wayfinding and new projects to be included as an agenda item.

Cllr Townsend asked for the Green Travel Project to be included as an agenda item. She also announced that she will be moving away from the area and the next meeting is likely to be her last.

11/04/22   Next Meeting
Confirmed that the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on 12th May, 2022, at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:24 pm.