

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 9th JUNE 2022 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Falak Ahmed
Cllr Joe McShera
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

1/06/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Kay Kirkham, Cllr Jools Townsend, Cllr Amy Wood and Cllr Alun Kitsell. The reasons for absence were approved.

2/06/22 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/06/22 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 12th May, 2022 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Ahmed.
- b) The outstanding issues report was duly noted. There was a discussion about the following items: -
- Allotments – The Chair has recently contacted a senior manager at Bradford Council requesting assistance with identifying a suitable site.
 - Traffic & Transport – The Clerk has emailed one of the Strategic Directors at Bradford Council raising concerns about the lack of engagement.
 - Emergency Plan – Cllr McShera to pick this back up and provide an update at the next meeting. It was suggested that an Emergency Planning Officer from Bradford Council could be invited to a future meeting.

4/06/22 Green Action Group

An update report from Cllr Wood was noted. The Chair commented positively on the work being undertaken by the group. The Chair stated he hoped to attend the Balsam bashing activity on 25th June and he encouraged other Members to engage with the work of the group and/or periodically attend group meetings when possible, to support and assist Cllr Wood.

5/06/22 Public Representation

None.

6/06/22 Exchange of Information

A resident complaint about blocked gullies and potholes on Moor Edge High Side was discussed. Highways are due to visit on 10th June.

The Clerk mentioned recent correspondence with residents on Long Lane regarding car parking and noise and vibration caused by speed bumps.

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The Clerk had replied and provided contact details at Bradford Council, encouraging the residents to direct their concerns to the Highway Authority.

7/06/22 Village Council Projects

Resolved: That the item be deferred for consideration at a future meeting. All Members to bring forward project ideas for consideration at the next meeting.

8/06/22 Correspondence

- a) Email from Shipley Area Office re. Community Ownership Funding. Agreed that the Clerk will share the details with Harden Pre School.
- b) Email from Cullingworth Parish Council re. planning portal and resident comments. Members shared the concerns raised by other Local Councils with regard to transparency. The Clerk to discuss a response with Cllr Kirkham.

9/06/22 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To receive the 2021/22 internal audit report and to note the recommendation made with regard to recording the total precept figure.
- b) To agree the effectiveness of internal controls and authorise the Chair and Clerk to sign the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (section 1 of the AGAR).
- c) To approve the Accounting Statements 2021/22 (Section 2 of the AGAR) and authorise the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer to sign the 2021/22 return.
- d) To note that Bradford Council have enrolled the Clerk in the West Yorkshire Local Government Pension Scheme and to authorize payment of employers pension contributions.
- e) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,094.58	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£57.80	Expenses (mileage & ID Cards)
YLCA	£25	Electric vehicle charging webinar
Harden Congregational Church	£20	Meeting room hire
Town Parish Audit	£185	Internal audit
Eventbrite	£51.71	NALC webinar
Royal Mail	£378	PO Box annual charge
Buttercrumble Limited	£830.28	Illustrated map (50% payment)

- f) To note the balances and bank reconciliation presented to the meeting.

10/06/22 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

The Chair commented on the green travel map recently produced and asked for his thanks to be given to members of the Bingley Rural Green Travel Project, including Cllr Townsend, for their excellent work.

11/06/22 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on 14th July, 2022, at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 7:53 pm.