

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

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Kay Kirkham
Cllr Falak Ahmed
Cllr Alun Kitsell
Cllr Joe McShera
Cllr Jools Townsend
Cllr Amy Wood
Mick Birro (Bradford MDC Emergency Planning)
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

1/07/22 Apologies for Absence

None.

2/07/22 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/07/22 Minutes of Meetings

a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 9th June, 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: -

- Climate – Cllr Wood reported back from the latest meeting of the group. 30 people are now on the distribution list and there is a lot of interest and enthusiasm. The group plans to meet monthly following a summer recess.
- Summer Play in Parks – The Clerk to ensure the events in Harden Memorial Park are promoted widely.
- Road Closures – Cllr Kirkham stated that a Ward Member had chased up her enquiry but there had still been no response from Bradford MDC. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Bradford's Chief Executive and the Chair agreed to write to the MP with regard to concerns about resourcing at Bradford MDC.

4/07/22 Emergency Planning

The Chair welcomed guest speaker, Mick Birro from Bradford MDC who gave a presentation on emergency planning. It was agreed that Cllr McShera and Mr Birro would meet to progress completion of the Village Council's emergency plan.

5/07/22 Public Representation

None.

Signed:

10th November 2022

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6/07/22 Planning Matters

- a) 22/02633/HOU - Proposed two storey side extension at 14 Sunny Mount, Harden.
- b) 22/02626/FUL - Change of use of part of garden to beekeeping / honey producing business at Coytfield, Hill End Lane, Harden.
- c) 22/02630/ADV - Sign advertising availability of local honey at Coytfield, Hill End Lane, Harden.
- d) 22/02698/HOU - Roof conversion. Existing garage conversion into new entrance and mezzanine level at Sandywood, South Walk, Harden.

Resolved:

That the Village Council has no objection to the applications. With regard to 22/02626/FUL and 22/02630/ADV, the Village Council is opposed to the retail sale of honey from the residential premises.

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

7/07/22 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Cllr Kirkham gave an update following attendance at a Yorkshire Local Councils Associations webinar on electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Members discussed implications for Harden and possible Village Council actions.

Resolved:

That the Clerk completes Bradford Council's online form, suggesting that EV Charge Points could usefully be provided at St Ives.

8/07/22 Exchange of Information

Cllr Kitsell – mentioned weeds in gutters along the roads and footpaths in several locations around Harden. Members commented on Long Lane and Harden Road, particularly on the right-hand side towards Bingley where the pavement is almost impassable. The Clerk to refer to Bradford MDC.

Cllr Ahmed – issues with parking outside the Post Office. Agreed to raise at the Ward Meeting.

Cllr Bryan - Andy McDonald from Harden Horticultural Society had mentioned that the seed library in the park grounds had been smashed with a rock. The Society intend to replace the library with a more substantial structure in due course.

9/07/22 Village Council Projects

Members discussed existing and potential future Village Council projects: -

Cllr Wood – Keen to explore a community led renewable energy project.

Cllr McShera – A signage project on Keighley Road to warn drivers about access to St Ives and Harden Moor.

Cllr Kirkham – To develop an information campaign before the referendum on the Harden Neighbourhood Plan. To research and publish details on the World War 2 men named on the memorial. To explore sowing wild flower seeds in the field below the attenuation tank on the Highfell Grove development.

Cllr Townsend – Agreed to provide information to enable the council to take forward lessons from the Green Travel Project and to progress other highways matters e.g. 20 MPH scheme, active travel discussions with Bradford MDC, linking Harden to St Ives and to Bingley and bus access and timetabling. Cllr Townsend to email members requesting feedback on the Green Travel Project to assist preparation of the project closure report.

Resolved: Members to draft a short briefing paper on each item and circulate prior to the next meeting.

10/07/22 Correspondence

- a) Email from a resident with regard to a stream of water and mud in Harden Memorial Park. Noted.
- b) Email from Assistant Ward Officer re. Harden Memorial Park. Proposed actions welcomed and noted.
- c) Email from Bradford Council re. allotments and St Ives. The Chair agreed to prepare a report on this issue for consideration at the next meeting.
- d) Email from Bradford Council re. Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation. Noted.
- e) Estimate from E Petch Printers Limited re. Welcome to Harden map graphic design work. Noted. The Clerk to ask for an example of similar work undertaken by the company.
- f) Estimate from Buttercrumble re. Welcome to Harden map graphic design work. Noted.

11/07/22 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,094.58	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£202.73	Expenses and Zoom subscription
E Petch Printers Limited	£942	Printing (Green Travel Project)
Roger Smith	£100	Newsletter delivery
Impress Printers	£175	Printing (newsletter)
Rachel Forbes	£270	Horticulture
Christmas Plus	£2,484	Lamp post motifs

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

12/07/22 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Wood has collected the bunting leant out during the jubilee. The Clerk to ask Pre-School if it could be stored in the basement at the Memorial Hall.

Cllrs Bryan and McShera to discuss storage of the remaining stock of winter grit.

Cllr Townsend confirmed that September will be her last meeting as she is moving away from the area.

13/07/22 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on 8th September, 2022, at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 9:04 pm.