

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

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Kay Kirkham
Cllr Alun Kitsell
Cllr Amy Wood
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)
1 Member of the public

1/11/22 Apologies for Absence

None.

2/11/22 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/11/22 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 14th July, 2022 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Kirkham.
- b) Decisions taken by the Clerk under delegations during August, September and October were noted and ratified.
- c) The outstanding issues report was duly noted. There was a discussion about the following items: -
 - Allotments project – it was agreed to commission a firm of Chartered Surveyors to undertake a study identifying and recommending possible site(s) and researching land ownership details. Cllr Bryan and the Clerk to develop a specification for the study and quotations to be obtained for consideration by the Council.
 - Wayfinding – the Clerk reported he had been unsuccessful in obtaining examples of previous work undertaken by the preferred graphic designer. It was agreed that the other firm previously considered be asked to provide examples of similar work they have undertaken.

5/11/22 Public Representation

A member of the public present raised two issues. Firstly, he pointed out that the double yellow lines at the entrance to Sunny Mount were very badly eroded and barely visible. Vehicles were increasingly parking on the junction, which affects sight lines up and down Wilsden Road, causing a hazard.

Secondly, there is a deep drainage channel at the side of Keighley Road, along the steep section beyond the entrance to St Ives. The edge of the road drops off sharply, potentially presenting a hazard to any vehicle straying slightly off the road. In addition, over time, further water erosion is likely to undermine the highway.

The Clerk to raise both matters with Bradford MDC.

Signed:

8th December 2022

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6/11/22 Planning Matters

- a) 22/04545/HOU - Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 29 Millbeck Drive, Harden.

Resolved:

That the Village Council has no objection to the application.

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

7/11/22 Harden Green Action Group

Cllr Wood gave an update on recent meetings and activity. She stated there was a lot of interest in community energy projects. Other ideas under discussion included provision of a community EV, powered by solar on a community building and the possible purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

The Clerk stated he was aware of another Council that had recently purchased a similar camera and he would obtain further details on specification and cost.

There was a general discussion about climate matters and, in particular, about the difficulty and costs of bringing many homes up to the required levels of insulation.

Cllr Bryan agreed to attend a future meeting of the group to give a presentation on a net zero, new house building project in Manchester.

7/11/22 Green Travel Project

Members discussed arrangements to progress further work following the Bingley Rural Green Travel Project.

Resolved:

That the Clerk contacts other Bingley Rural Local Councils to explore how this can be taken forward.

8/11/22 Exchange of Information

There was a discussion about lamp post poppy motifs seen in some other areas. It was suggested this could be something for the Council to progress in 2023.

Cllr Bryan relayed a discussion with a resident about footpaths and signage. He felt this supported the planned wayfinding project. One footpath was described as being in very poor condition with a fallen down wall and fence. Cllr Bryan to identify on a map and the Clerk to refer to Bradford MDC Rights of Way Officer.

9/11/22 Civility and Respect

The Clerk spoke to a report on the national Civility and Respect Project and suggested that signing the Civility and Respect Pledge would demonstrate that Harden Village Council recognises the importance of good relations between

Councillors and Officers and supports continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

Resolved:

That the Clerk signs the pledge on behalf of Council and progresses any required actions, including drafting of a dignity at work policy for approval by Council.

10/11/22 Christmas Lights

Members discussed preparations for switching on the Christmas lights on 4th December. The lights will be switched on at 6pm with carols beforehand, followed by refreshments in St Saviour's Family Room. Cllr Kirkham stated she felt sufficient volunteers had been identified and arrangements were in hand.

Resolved: To authorise required expenditure on refreshments. The Clerk to contact St Saviour's to confirm timings and use of the Family Room.

11/11/22 Correspondence

- a) Email from Bradford MDC re. 'Play In Parks' programme. It was agreed to go ahead with six events at £700 per event in 2023, but that the organisers be asked to provide approximate visitor numbers for each event so that the Council can evaluate and demonstrate value for money.
- b) Email from Bradford MDC re. Harden Neighbourhood Plan. Noted. Cllr Kirkham suggested that an explanation of Neighbourhood Planning and the purpose of the referendum could usefully be included in a newsletter in March 2023, if the referendum does go ahead with the local elections in May.
- c) Email from a resident re. double yellow lines at the entrance to Sunny Mount. Discussed earlier in the meeting.

12/11/22 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To approve application for a Unity Trust Corporate Multipay procurement card with a single transaction limit of £250 and a monthly expenditure limit of £750.
- b) That the Clerk finalises the draft budget, taking on board suggestions put forward by Members. That further precept calculations be prepared and circulated and that the budget and precept be considered and finalised at the next meeting of the Village Council.
- c) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,094.58	Payroll
Bradford Council	£1,537.20	Installation of timers and sockets
Ken Eastwood	£68.49	Expenses (mileage, newsletter stamps, remembrance service wreath)
Impress Printers UK Ltd	£175	Newsletter printing

Payee	Amount	Description
Roger Smith	£100	Newsletter delivery
Kay Kirkham	£18.75	Mince pies

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

12/11/22 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

Cllr Kitsell offered his apologies for the next meeting.

13/11/22 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on 8th December, 2022 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:52 pm.