

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)  
Cllr Amy Wood  
Cllr Kay Kirkham  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)  
Guest Speakers (2)

**1/01/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Alun Kitsell and Cllr Falak Ahmed. The reasons for absence were approved.

**2/01/23 Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**3/01/23 Guest Speakers**

The Chair welcomed Helen Smiley (Bingley Bubble Community Partnership) and Paul Naylor from Bradford Council (Winter Maintenance Operations) who both presented information on their roles and activities and responded to questions from Members.

It was noted that the Bingley Bubble Community Partnership offer small grants to help support groups that will go towards promoting and supporting self-care and healthy lifestyle, improving mental health, working with carers, children and young people, the elderly, frail and housebound. Further details are available on request from Helen Smiley 07787 422792.

**4/01/23 Minutes of Meetings**

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Wood.
- b) The outstanding issues report was duly noted.

**5/01/23 Public Representation**

None.

**6/01/23 Planning Matters**

- a) 22/05035/LBC - Conversion of barn to dwelling with construction of single storey side extension incorporating garage at White Cote Barn, Cross Gates Lane, Harden.
- b) 22/05166/LBC - Works to facilitate the conversion, with part re-build, of barn to create a 4-bed dwelling at Cross Gates Barn, St Ives Estate, Cross Gates Lane, Harden.
- c) 22/05268/HOU - Demolition of single storey rear extension; construction of single storey and partial double storey rear extension at 13 Meadow Close, Harden.

**Resolved:**

22/05035/LBC and 22/05166/LBC – The Village Council objects to these applications on the following grounds: -

Signed:

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- a) The proposed alteration of the building fabric includes the insertion of many new openings which are completely out of character with the original and damaging to the heritage value of the designated St Ives Estate.
- b) The proposal is effectively the construction of a modern-style, domestic dwelling house within an area where new building would not normally be considered. It does not reflect the vernacular style of other structures within the St Ives Estate and is not at all sympathetic to the setting.
- c) The design is uninspiring and misses an opportunity to propose a conversion that is imaginative and that could create a building with features that partly offset the heritage impact caused by the development.
- d) The proposed access is inadequate and extra vehicular movements, both during construction and afterwards, will have an adverse impact on the peaceful environment currently enjoyed by many walkers and horse riders. Vehicular movements along Cross Cotes Lane would be hazardous to other users of the Estate.

22/05268/HOU – The 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/>).

#### **7/01/23 Harden Green Action Group**

Cllr Wood gave an update on recent meetings and activity. The group have put together an events calendar for the year ahead. An application to Shipley Community Chest for 50% of the cost of a thermal imaging camera was not successful. The group are proposing to organize a survey to gauge interest in community energy. Cllr Kirkham suggested the survey could usefully be used to assess interest in green issues more generally.

#### **Resolved:**

To authorise expenditure for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. To request the group to develop a protocol for use of the camera and to give consideration to any data protection issues.

#### **8/01/23 Councillor Vacancies**

Members discussed existing vacancies and noted that as local elections are being held in May the Council should consider how best to encourage nominations.

#### **Resolved:**

- To produce suitable promotional materials making use of the NALC toolkit.
- To make direct contact with known groups in Harden.
- To design and deliver a flyer to every household promoting the role of local councillor and providing details of a drop-in event to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **9/01/23 Small Grants Application**

Members discussed a small grants application received from Harden Children's Gala Society for 50% of the cost of the Village Christmas tree.

**Resolved:**

To authorise payment, of the requested amount of £138, to the Gala Society.

**10/01/23 Exchange of Information**

Cllr Kirkham mentioned the K4 bus service. The Clerk is to write to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority about the withdrawn service. Cllr Kirkham to provide details of bus timetabling issues to be included in the correspondence.

Cllr Bryan relayed a conversation with ward Councillor Sullivan about dog fouling. Members were of the view fouling is generally not a problem around the village.

**11/01/23 Correspondence**

- a) Message from a resident re. placing a grit bin on Heron Close / Effingham Road. Members agreed to provide a community grit bin.
- b) Email from ward Councillor Sullivan re. Bingley Rural Week of Action. Noted. Cllr Wood has agreed to organise a litter pick on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**12/01/23 Financial Matters****Resolved:**

- a) To note that the Band D Equivalent Tax Base figure for 2023/24 has been confirmed as 844. With a precept of £58 at band D (as agreed by the Village Council on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022) the total precept raised in 2023/24 will be £48,952.
- b) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,900.63	Payroll
Harden Children's Gala Society	£138	Contribution to purchase of Village Christmas tree

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

**13/01/23 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda**

The Clerk advised that Bradford Council are consulting on a draft 2023/24 budget. Cost saving proposals include the possible closure of the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Keighley and a reduction in hours of operation at other centres. Members expressed concerns about the proposals potentially leading to an increase in fly tipping.

The consultation and full information about the proposals are available online on Bradford Council's website [www.bradford.gov.uk/budget](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/budget). The consultation closes on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**14/01/23 Next Meeting**

Confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 9:05 pm.