

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Kay Kirkham
Cllr Richard Smith
Cllr Haydn Cavanagh
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)
Simon D'Vali (Bradford Council)

1/10/23 Apologies for Absence

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

2/10/23 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/10/23 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 14th September, 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Kirkham.
- b) The outstanding issues report was discussed. The following matters were noted: -
 - Cllr Cavanagh is due to meet Bradford Council Estates Officer to discuss allotments.
 - Cllrs Cavanagh and Smith to give thought to future climate actions.
 - Cllr Bryan to complete the emergency plan.
 - Cllr Cavanagh to meet Bradford Council Parks Manager.

4/10/23 Guest Speaker

The Chair welcomed Simon D'Vali, Bradford Council Principal Engineer (Traffic and Highways). There was a discussion about highways issues in Harden and the following matters were noted: -

- The Village Council welcomed the suggestion of more regular contact and updates on highways matters.
- The District Council has a programme of 20 mph installations across the town centres. Infrastructure investment is prioritised, based on accident statistics (creating a strategic list). If the Village Council was prepared to match fund traffic calming measures, it may be possible to fast track a scheme in Harden, potentially completing the works in the next financial year.
- Mr D'Vali to look into where Harden is on the priority list and to provide details on the scheme previously proposed for Harden, including costs.
- The Village Council will need to understand the financial implications before setting it's 2024/25 budget at December's meeting.
- It was explained that the Police would not support a signs-only scheme if existing speeds exceeded 26mph, which is the case in Harden.

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- The District Council has access to up to date, reliable speed data. Additional speed surveys will not be required.
- The West Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership have criteria in place for the deployment of cameras (which need speed related accidents).
- The Partnership has a small number of community vans that can be deployed in cases where there are a high number of complaints and calls for action.
- Mr D'Vali to discuss speeding in Harden with the Police to encourage further enforcement activity.
- The previously proposed pedestrian crossing on Keighley Road was being funded through the Area Committee. Mr D'Vali to obtain an update on status.
- Mr D'Vali to report the condition of the footpath to Bingley to the appropriate officer (Andy Fisher).
- Mr D'Vali to obtain an update from John Davis re. the possibility of an active travel scheme to create a new footpath within St Ives.
- Residents have concerns about speed and lighting along Goit Stock Lane. Increased car ownership and online deliveries to the 45 Park Homes is contributing to the issues. The Clerk to send a map to Mr D'Vali to clarify the location.

5/10/23 Public Representation

None.

6/10/23 Planning Matters

- a) 23/03156/LBC - Addition of handrails to steps at Harden War Memorial, Wilsden Road, Harden.
- b) 23/03526/HOU - Two storey side return extension and single storey extension to rear at 8 Goit Stock Terrace, Harden.

Resolved:

The Village Council supports the addition of handrails to the War Memorial and has no objection to application 23/03526/HOU.

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

7/10/23 Village Warden

The Clerk provided an update with regard to the Village Warden. Two applications had been received and the closing date was 22nd October.

Resolved:

That applications be circulated promptly after the closing date, to be reviewed electronically. Interviews to be arranged at an appropriate date.

8/10/23 Remembrance Sunday Arrangements

Resolved:

To authorise expenditure of £30 on a wreath for Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November. Cllr Bryan to represent the Village Council at the event.

9/10/23 Christmas Lights

Members discussed arrangements for the Christmas Lights switch on event on Sunday, 3rd December at 5pm.

Resolved:

To authorise expenditure on refreshments. Cllr Smith to purchase mince pies and to assist on the day. The Clerk to contact Gina Thompson with regard to purchase of other refreshments and help at the event.

10/10/23 Exchange of Information

None.

11/10/23 Correspondence

- a) Email from a resident re. speeding in Harden. Noted. The Clerk has replied.
- b) Email from Cllr Sullivan and reply from Bradford Council re. Bradford 2025. Noted.
- c) Correspondence about D Day 80. Cllr Kirkham stated she intends to hold an exhibition following further research into Harden residents' involvement in WW2.
- d) Email from Damart re. attendance at a climate summit. The Clerk to discuss further with the organiser.
- e) Email from Denholme Town Council re. a bus services petition. Noted.
- f) Email from Harden Pre School re. the Memorial Hall. The Clerk to contact suggesting a separate meeting be arranged.
- g) Email from Zero Hour re. support for Climate and Ecology Bill. Noted.
- h) Email from Bradford Council re. adoption of the Harden Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Kirkham to provide a suitable quote for the planned press release. The Clerk to obtain a quote for printing.

12/10/23 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,169.15	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£22.50	Mileage
Bradford Council	£4,200	Summer play 2023
The National Allotment Society	£66	Annual membership
Impress Printers	£175	Newsletter printing

Payee	Amount	Description
Roger Smith	£100	Newsletter delivery
Staples	£42.49	Stamps
Imperative Training Ltd	£30	Defibrillator pads (top up)

b) To note the balances and bank reconciliation reports.

13/10/23 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

The Clerk to promote the existing Village Council vacancy online and all Members to give thought to anyone they know who might be interested.

14/10/23 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next Village Council meeting will be held on 9th November, 2023 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:35 pm.