

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

Present: Cllr Kay Kirkham (Chair)
Cllr Falak Ahmed
Seda Irani
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

1/12/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gerwyn Bryan, Haydn Cavanagh and Richard Smith. The reasons for absence were approved.

2/12/23 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/12/23 Minutes of Meetings

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 9th November, 2023 were proposed as a correct record.
- b) The outstanding issues report was noted.

4/12/23 Public Representation

None.

5/12/23 Councillor Vacancies

Members discussed current vacancies and a member of the public present requested to be co-opted onto the Council. Seda Irani subsequently signed a declaration of acceptance of office form, in the presence of the proper officer.

Resolved:

To note the co-option and to welcome Cllr Seda Irani to the Council. To request the Clerk to contact village organisations with regard to the remaining vacancy.

6/12/23 Planning Matters

- a) 23/03738/HOU - Single storey rear extension at 4 Eavestone Mews, Harden.

Resolved:

It was noted that this application had been approved by Bradford Council.

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

7/12/23 Village Warden

The Clerk and Village Warden provided an update and outlined proposed expenditure on uniform, PPE, equipment, tools and a mobile phone.

Signed:

11th January 2024

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Resolved:

To note the Village Warden's report. To authorise net expenditure of up to £2,000 on uniform, PPE, equipment and tools and £175 on a mobile phone, including recurring monthly costs of £22.44.

8/12/23 Memorial Hall

Resolved:

To defer this item for consideration at the next Council meeting.

9/12/23 Exchange of Information

None.

10/12/23 Schedule of Meetings

Resolved:

To confirm the schedule of meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year. To note these are published on the Village Council's website.

11/12/23 Correspondence

- a) Email from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) re. Royal Garden Party nominations for 2024. Noted.
- b) Email from National Allotments Association re. proposed allotments. Noted.
- c) Email from National Association of Local Councils (NALC) re. Local Councils Award Scheme. Noted.
- d) Email from Ward Officer re. Village Warden appointment. Noted.

12/12/23 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) That the 2024/25 budget be set at £61,185 and that the precept be set at £54,795 (£65 per band D property).
- b) To authorise net expenditure of up to £700 on a new laptop and request the Clerk to procure a suitable device.
- c) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,169.15	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£38	Expenses. Mileage (£18) and poppy wreath (£20)
Clear Insurance Management Limited	£550.98	Insurance renewal
Impress Printers	£450	Printing - Neighbourhood Plan & Design Code
National Association of Local Councils (NALC)	£60	Local Councils Award Scheme - Registration

Payee	Amount	Description
Christmas Plus	£1,764	Installation/dismantle of festive display
Vision ICT Ltd	£21.60	Hosted email account
Richard Smith	£13.08	Mince pies
Gina Thompson	£58.70	Refreshments
Amazon	£9.99	USB Camera leads
Royal British Legion	£200	Large, decorative poppies

d) To note the balances and bank reconciliation reports.

13/12/23 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

The Clerk relayed information from Cllr Cavanagh with regard to the thermal imaging camera, which has now been used by four householders. Feedback has been very positive.

The Clerk requested help with removal and temporary storage of the books in the former telephone kiosk. The shelving needs to be removed for repair. The Village Warden agreed to assist early in the New Year.

14/12/23 Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next Village Council meeting will be held on 11th January, 2024 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.