

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.15PM IN HARDEN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Gerwyn Bryan (Chair)  
Cllr Kay Kirkham  
Cllr Haydn Cavanagh  
Cllr Richard Smith  
Quinten Crossland (Warden)  
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)  
Paul Naylor (Bradford Council Highways)

**1/01/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Falak Ahmed and Seda Irani. The reasons for absence were approved.

**2/01/24 Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**3/01/24 Guest Speaker**

Paul Naylor from Bradford Council Highways explained the 2023/24 winter maintenance programme. A document showing priority gritting routes and the location of grit bins was shared. The Chair thanked the officer for his attendance.

**4/01/24 Minutes of Meetings**

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Kirkham.
- b) The outstanding issues report was noted and the following actions discussed: -
  - The Clerk to contact ward councillors and a senior manager at Bradford Council to request assistance with highways matters and progressing the 20mph scheme.
  - Cllrs Cavanagh and Smith to re-instate the Green Action Group. The Clerk to share previous details and relevant documents.
  - Location and content of the proposed finger-post sign project. Members agreed not to progress this at the present time.

**5/01/24 Public Representation**

None.

**6/01/24 Village Warden**

The Clerk and Village Warden provided an update on activity. Cllr Kirkham asked about an overgrown footpath off Wilsden Road. The Warden stated he had litter picked the path and would be clearing vegetation shortly.

There was a discussion about groundwater from the school grounds causing issues on Sunny Mount and Long Lane.

Signed:

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Cllr Kirkham asked the Warden if he could re-position the poppy wreaths around the war memorial once the Christmas tree was removed and also if he could remove flower displays occasionally placed on the memorial, when they had passed their best.

The Warden was also asked to add inspection of the mill pond behind Long Lane to his work schedule. The sluice has been partially blocked in the past, contributing to flooding.

Cllr Bryan agreed to provide contact details to the Warden to facilitate removal of the grit stored at his former home.

#### **7/01/24 Floral Displays**

Members discussed options for the provision of hanging baskets and/or planters in the village. Potential locations were considered and the possibility of asking local groups to maintain planting was considered.

#### **Resolved:**

That the Council is not going to provide hanging baskets. The Clerk and Warden to research options for the provision of a planter at the park entrance, by the lodge on Harden Road. To be considered further at a future meeting.

#### **8/01/24 Memorial Hall**

Members discussed use of the Memorial Hall by the Village Council, noting the request by Harden Pre-School to use the existing meeting room as an office.

#### **Resolved:**

To propose to Pre-School the possibility of the meeting room also being used as a staff room and the existing staff room (former Caretaker's room) being converted into an office.

#### **9/01/24 Exchange of Information**

Cllr Bryan stated he had been contacted by a resident with regard to ground water seeping from the school boundary wall onto Long Lane. In adverse weather the water has led to ice forming on the footpath and road crossing, causing a hazard. Bradford Council and the school had been contacted and were investigating.

#### **Resolved:**

Cllr Bryan to ask the resident if she can be contacted by the Warden to discuss further.

#### **10/01/24 Correspondence**

- a) Email from a resident re. the Green Action Group. Noted. The resident to be informed when the Group is re-instated and the next meeting planned.

**11/01/24 Financial Matters**

**Resolved:**

a) To authorise the following payments: -

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Bradford Council	£3,514.30	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£858	Mileage and laptop
Quinten Crossland	£6.75	Mileage
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	£33.40	Training webinar
Bradford Council	£300	Grit refills and new grit bin
Vision ICT	£21.60	Email mailbox
Carphone Warehouse	£29	Village Warden mobile phone deposit payment
Harden Children's Gala Society	£250	Contribution to costs of Christmas tree and fireworks

b) To note the balances and bank reconciliation reports.

**12/01/24 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda**

The Clerk stated that the Ward Officer would be attending the next meeting. Cllr Bryan asked for communications to be included as an agenda item.

**13/01/24 Next Meeting**

Confirmed that the next Village Council meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.