

HARDEN VOICE

The newsletter of Harden Parish Council
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HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We're encouraging everyone who lives, works or enjoys being in Harden to help shape our Neighbourhood Plan – and it needn't take much of your time.

Developing a plan will help us to decide what's important for our future, set out a positive vision for how we want our community to develop, and influence planning and other important issues.

There are lots of great examples of neighbourhood plans in other areas leading to positive outcomes for local communities.

Using grant funding of £6050, the Parish Council has appointed an independent, professional neighbourhood planner to help us gather views. When completed, the plan will sit alongside Bradford's Local Plan and be considered in planning applications.

But we need your input – the first step is to gather together as much information as we can about what people want.

Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey attached. Put it in the box at the Post Office, or complete online at

hardenparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Or chat to us at our drop-in session



**Neighbourhood Plan
Project drop-in session**

Harden Memorial Hall

Saturday 29th September

11 am to 3 pm

Refreshments provided



Parish Council buys phone box

The Parish Council has spent £1 on buying the decommissioned phone box in the centre of the village just before it was due to be removed. It has been there many years and is a valuable part of the village scene.

A contract has been let to renovate it after which we need some ideas about putting it to a good use.

Long Lane speed bumps

The installation of speed bumps in Long Lane has certainly slowed the traffic down but has also caused problems for residents. Bradford Council has agreed to 're-profile' the bumps to reduce the noise but the Parish Council has also asked them to investigate a 7.5 tonne weight limit to prohibit large vehicles.



Allotments

In response to a petition, the Parish Council has set up an Allotments Project Team to explore how allotments could be provided for Harden residents.

If you would like to express an interest in having an allotment or helping the project team, please contact the parish clerk.



More news from your Parish Council

Land at Keighley Road

The largest planning application in Harden in 20 years for 28 houses on land in Keighley Road, has been rejected by Bradford Council. Three reasons were given relating to the setting of the listed cottages and St Ives, the proposed three storey houses and the potential for requests to prune or fell trees. You can see the full decision on the Bradford Council website under Committee Minutes.



The developer can now change the plans and try again or appeal to the Secretary of State. The site was approved in principal for housing in June 2016 so will almost certainly be built on eventually but it is vital to get a good development which doesn't damage the village.

Memorial Hall

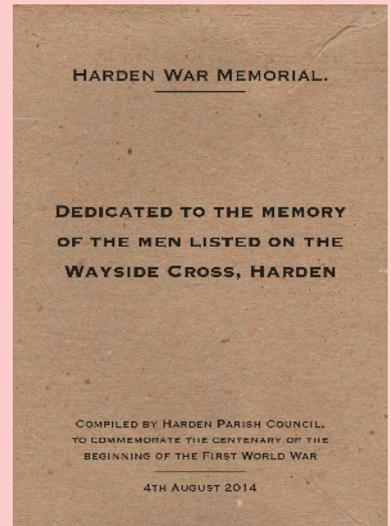
The Memorial Hall has been transferred to the Harden Pre-school on a 50 year lease.

The Parish Council has applied to have it registered as an 'asset of community value' which means that if the leaseholder gives up the lease and Bradford wants to sell the hall, there are additional protections including a right for the community to bid to buy it.

Commemorating those who died 1914 - 1918

In 2014, the Parish Council produced this booklet about the men whose death is recorded on the War Memorial.

A copy was delivered to each house in Harden but if you didn't get one or would like another copy, please contact the clerk. The research into all the men who served which formed the 2014 exhibition will also soon be on the Parish Council website.



Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

The agenda will be put on the notice boards 3 days before each meeting. The minutes are posted in the same place. They may also be found on the website.

All meetings are open to the public.

Council Vacancy

Following the resignation of several long standing parish councillors, due to work and personal commitments, there are vacancies on the council which can be filled by co-option.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the clerk or check for more information on the website.

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