

# Hardwicke Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 June 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

## ATTENDANCE

Mrs J. Storton  
Mrs L. J. Fallows  
Mrs G. E. Oxley

Mr C. J. Newell  
Mrs J. D. Paul

Four parishioners, and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mrs Harrison, Mrs Hunt, Mr Middle, Mrs Smith, and Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC). There were no **declarations of interest**. The **Minutes** of the AGM of 8 May, having been altered at items 63/07 and 64/07 to correct the designation of footpaths, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Ms Angela Burlow (GRCC) was introduced, who had come to advise on how to proceed with the Parish Plan.

## 66/07 PARISH PLAN

Mrs Burlow congratulated the Steering Group on the production of the Plan and explained that the document should continue to be an agenda item because it represented the views of the community. An exercise was carried out to identify short, medium and long-term goals in the Action Plan Summary; this would be repeated when more members of the council were present. Stakeholder meetings would be the next step.

## 67/07 CASUAL VACANCIES

Mr King and Mr Jones had sent in written resignations. The vacancies had been published and the council would be able to co-opt after the set period of notice. A Vice Chairman would be elected at the next meeting.

## 68/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

125/06 Traffic Warning Sign: there appeared to be no progress on this

11/07 Crossing at the School: a copy letter had just been received, sent to Mr Menzies for his approval of the matters which had been discussed. With his approval, the next step would be to leaflet neighbours before implementing the plans.

36/07 A request for extension of the 30 mph limit and weight restrictions in Pound Lane had been made (no response as yet)

41/07 Bus Services: reply re Service 14 to say that numbers had declined and only 13 passengers were affected by rerouting it along the A38; copy letter from Dursley TC objecting to changes to Service 91, and email from Service 14 passengers (all copied to Mrs Smith).

## 69/07 CORRESPONDENCE

From GAPTC/NALC: May newsletter (incl minimum wage £5.52, briefings on Model Code of Conduct, report of Chief Exec, details of Training Courses) and mailing including elections to County Committee, notice of AGM 13 October and further training courses but all Nuts & Bolts courses were fully booked

From SDC; letter reminding re Creative Community Consultation event 24 May; newsletter May

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From GCC: notice of surface dressing of Longney Rd to Haywicks Lane 11 June  
Notification by email of various conferences and meetings (Mrs Oxley, Mr Newell and Mrs Fallows would attend a Planning Event at SDC on 18 June); QPC Minutes; Severn Voice meeting 16 May at Frampton; request for use of Village Hall car park by RBL on Weds 27 June (no obj); notice of Stroud CAB's AGM 19 June, letter from Fire & Rescue re closure of stations.

## 70/07 **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Applications**

S.07/1151/OUT for industrial unit at Waterwells

### **Decisions**

S.07/0454/FUL Ext and alts at Avian Lea, Sellars Rd (permitted)

S.07/0694/FUL Ext at Elm Farm, Bristol Rd (permitted)

S.07/0759/FUL 2-storey ext. and garage conv. at 10 Barley Close (permitted)

S.07/0771/FUL 2-storey ext. at Oak House, Pound Lane (permitted)

S.07/0774/FUL Conservatory at 117 Wharfdale Way (permitted)

S.07/0810/FUL 2-storey ext. at loft conv. at 5 Springdale Close (permitted)

S.07/0884/FUL porch at The Gables, Bristol Rd (permitted)

S.07/0900/FUL ext. at 15 Clover Drive (permitted)

### **Hunts Grove**

Mr Newell reported on the meeting at Haresfield on 30 May which he and Mr Middle had attended. Both MPs and representatives of Gloucester City and Stroud DC had attended, and had discussed the City's opposition to the development on the basis that Stroud might be able to meet target house numbers in the Structure Plan without needing Hunts Grove yet. It seemed likely that the development would be delayed rather than scrapped, and more would be known later this year.

### **Planning Applications**

In the absence of the Clerk during June all applications would be sent to the Chairman.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point for public consultation; potholes in Green Lane, damage to the footpath near the pond, and the possibility of installing a microphone or hearing link at the Village Hall was discussed. The meeting was then reconvened.

## 71/07 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were approved:

Inland Revenue (PAYE & NIC)	£68.92
Glos. County Council (pension)	£108.02
Clerk salary, May	£646.45
Mrs D. M. Edwards, May + litterpicker £21.90	£161.00
T. W. Hawkins SGMS	£1257.26
M & D Property & Garden Maintenance	£15.00
Allianz Insurance plc	£36.75
Staples plc	£37.66

### **Requests for Donations**

MOMS breastfeeding service (application form sent, return awaited)

### **End of Year Accounts**

Figures for SDC accounts had been received and the final version circulated

### **Litter Picker Contract**

It was agreed to renew Mrs Edwards' contract due for renewal at the end of July, at an hourly wage of £5.52 (£1722.24pa = £143.52pcm).

72/07 **PARISH MAINTENANCE****Church Lane & Green Lane ditches/hedges**

Notes of the meeting 16 May attended by Mr Middle and Mr Newell had been circulated. Mr Newell explained that the hedge-cutting would be carried out by the School and/or parish council and that Highways would do the rest. They had not looked at the fencing on The Green but had discussed a traffic chicane and strengthening work to the ditch in Church Lane. The Clerk would write to Mr Portlock's replacement, Mr Steve Hill.

**Elmgrove Estate Play Area**

Inspection report was signed. Greenfields Garden Services had quoted £257 for patching holes in the wetpour surfacing or £475 for a proper job with relaying new areas, and quarterly inspections at £50 (with written report and repair costings). It was agreed to go ahead with the £475 repair and the inspections.

**Playing Field & The Close**

Footpath EHA 17 at The Close was still blocked; the matter would be passed to the Rights of Way office which was already aware of the problem.

**Churchyard**

Mr Jones had still not sent in any paperwork for the proposed wall. The Vicar had requested permission to erect a new noticeboard on Church Green slightly nearer the road (no objections were received). Mr Sims, present at the meeting, asked that the council give permission for the removal of a holly tree at the SE corner of the building which was contributing to cracks in the wall (this was agreed) and possibly contribute towards this (to be discussed at the next meeting).

**Gardens Competition 2007**

Presentations would be made at the September meeting. Posters and collection of tokens would be organised.

**Playscheme 2007**

Confirmed for 20-24 August, insurance would be £36.75 as usual.

73/07 **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The Minutes were approved. A suggestion for a return to the previous format had been made; this would be considered next year.

74/07 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Flooding on Pound Lane and parking at The Plantation were reported.

75/07 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** was confirmed for Monday 2 July at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Date ..... Signed .....