

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 June 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mrs J. Storton (Chairman)

Mr I. R. Butler

Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mrs B. A. Hunt

Mrs G. E. Oxley

Mrs R. L. Smith

Seven parishioners, Mr D. L. Tomlins (GCC), and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mrs Box, Mr Hunt, Mr Middle, Mrs Mumford, Mr Newell and Mr Littleton (SDC). There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The Minutes of the meeting of 6 May, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

61/08 PLAYING FIELD AGREEMENTS

Members considered the revised Agreements drawn up following the meeting with the Cricket, Football, Rangers and Sunday Football club representatives on 19 May. The Cricket Club had asked for compensation for the weekend of the Rangers tournament. This was not agreed, and the Club would be asked for the return of the council's donation towards development of the new facility in Pound Lane, still on hold. The Sunday Football Club had asked whether the maximum of ten games included Cup games (it did). All four Agreements were signed by the Chairman and would be forwarded to the Clubs for countersigning. It was agreed that pitch fees would have to be considerably increased when next reviewed in February. Mr Dawe would take over from Mr King as the contact for the grasscutting contractor and to have overall responsibility for deciding the suitability of the pitch(es) in adverse weather.

62/08 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Mr Tomlins reported on the meeting on 22 May to discuss the provision of a culvert in Church Lane, which had been given emergency rating and would be done as soon as possible. Representatives of County and District councils, Environment Agency, Hardwicke Court Estate, parish council and local residents had been present.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. There was considerable discussion of overgrown roundabouts and verges (Mr Tomlins to report to Highways), rats at the Pond (Clerk would report again to SDC Environmental Health), disturbance from youths congregating at the Play Area, and the provision of CCTV there. The meeting was then reconvened.

63/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

59/08 Data Protection: As a result of the council's decision at the last meeting, the contact addresses for councillors had been removed from the notice boards. The Clerk felt that this was wrong, in the interests of democracy, and had asked the council to reconsider, in the light of advice from GAPTC. However, members felt that this was a decision to be voted upon by more members than the five present (Mrs Smith had had to leave early) and would be put on the agenda for July.

64/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From GAPTC/NALC: Update newsletter, GRCC Rural Renaissance Review newsletter
From SDC: Andy Foster's April report
From GCC: contact details list

The Clerk magazine; Clerks & Councils Direct magazine; request from RBL to use part of the Playing Field and car park for a fete on 26 July (there was a cricket fixture so the car park would be busy but they could use part of the field); offer of sharing a stand at Quedgeley Parish Council Fun Day on 21 June (Mrs Mumford and possibly Mr Butler would go), and suggestion that the working groups meet up with those in Quedgeley; notice of CAB AGM in Stroud 19 June; letter on overgrown verges etc.

65/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications

S.08/0849/FUL resubmission for new dwelling with revised roof pitch at The Elms, Green Lane (no objection)

S.08/0877/FUL new dwelling at Beardsmead, Church Lane (no obj but comment that the development might contribute to flooding in this area and it should be smaller with less hard standing)

S.08/1061/FUL two new dwellings at Woodside, Sellars Rd (no objection)

S.08/1067/FUL upgrade burner and extend its building at Unit 1 Quadrant (no objection provided there would be no increase in noise)

Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.08/0052/FUL siting of pump room etc at Units 4&5, Quadrant Centre (permitted)

S.08/0088/FUL single storey ext. at 1 Ploughman's Way (permitted)

S.08/0224/FUL ext. at 28 Elmgrove Road East (permitted)

S.08/0280/FUL rebuild of commercial unit at Green Farm (retro)(refused)

S.08/0281/FUL loft conv. and 2-storey ext at 16 Rosedale Close (refused)

S.08/0303/FUL conservatory at 12 Cornfield Drive (permitted)

S.08/0373/FUL conservatory at 29 Darleydale Close (permitted)

S.08/0423/FUL conservatory at 3 Orchard Close (permitted)

S.08/0428/FUL side ext at 9 Dovedale Close (permitted)

S.08/0473/FUL conv. of garage to games room at 21 Stockdale Close (permitted)

Amendments

S.08/0560/FUL exts at Inverness, Elmgrove Rd W (add conservatory, reduce size)

66/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC) | £43.77* |
| Glos. County Council (pension) | £166.86 |
| Clerk salary, May | £752.90* |
| Mrs D. M. Edwards, May | £287.04 |
| Post Office Ltd | £17.28 |
| D. Kent Fencing, plaque erection | £45.00 |
| Roman Glass Ltd, bus shelter glass repair | £80.75 |
| Moonbeam, grass cutting April | £135.00 |
| Severn Area Rescue Association donation approved April | £100.00** |
| Stroud DC, contribution to Warden Scheme 2008/9 | £800.00** |
| I. A. Selkirk, internal Audit | £105.00 |

* these would vary for a while until the Clerk's tax code was allocated, and until a credit of £150 for filing last year's returns online had been used up; so this month's cheque was for NIC only, without income tax (which had been deducted from the Clerk's salary as usual).

** under the provisions of s137

Audit 2007/8

External Auditor Moore Stephens had fixed 13 June for receipt of the Annual Return. The council approved the document, which was signed by the Chairman. The Internal Auditor's Report was read out and approved. The council had carefully reviewed and approved all its internal auditing procedures.

67/08 **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Elmgrove Estate Play Area

The inspection report was signed. Greenfields had been sent the RoSPA report and asked to estimate for repairs as necessary and to oil the see-saw. Youths congregating at the Play Area had been troublesome recently, using the football shelters (the Club would be asked to deal with the graffiti). Police and Wardens had been asked to attend more often.

Fence Repair

Mrs Harrison had one quote and was awaiting another.

Gardens Competition 2008

Blooms would be sent the letter again.

The Pond

FWAG report awaited (Clerk to remind them). SDC Environmental Health had been warned that the "rats" at the Pond might be watervoles but local residents were sure they were rats so the Clerk would write again.

Bledisloe Cup

Posters had been displayed; first round judging would take place between 1 and 15 June.

Grass Cutting

There had been a request for extra works to the cricket outfield (estimate from Hawkins awaited). The cutting at the Church had been unsatisfactory so far (the Vicar had written and the Clerk would reply) but the contractor had been having problems and had promised to improve. The grassed area of the new cremation area would be seeded by another (Mr Middle to oversee the works) as soon as possible.

Litter Picking

Councillors agreed to renew Mrs Edwards' contract at the end of July, at a rate to be confirmed later.

68/08 **PLAYSCHEME**

This had been booked for 18-22 August. Insurance had been arranged.

69/08 **TRAFFIC**

Mr Butler had produced a written report which would circulate to all members and had been copied to Mr Roberts of Highways. He had assembled a large amount of data and hoped that the council would be able to formulate a scheme for presentation to Highways later. He was thanked for his work on this subject.

70/08 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Council members felt that highway verge cutting was a huge concern at present and that the address to write or telephone should be publicised in Hardwicke Matters.

71/08 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed for Monday 7 July 2008 at 7.30 p.m following a short meeting with Mr John Waddington to talk about Javelin Park at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

Date Signed