

Hardwicke Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mrs J. Storton (Chairman)
Mrs V. Box
Mr I. R. Butler
Mrs T. A. Harrison
Mrs B. A. Hunt
Mr B. J. S. Hunt

Mr D. G. Middle
Mrs D. Mumford
Mr C. J. Newell
Mrs G. E. Oxley
Mrs R. L. Smith

Seven parishioners, Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC), the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mr D. L. Tomlins (GCC) and PC Mark Peer. There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The Minutes of the meeting of 3 December 2007, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1/08 **CASUAL VACANCY**

Two applications had been made for the vacancy; Mrs B. A. Hunt was co-opted and was welcomed back to the council. She signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2/08 **POLICE REPORT/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

PC Peer had sent the figures for December which were read out by the Chairman. Andy Foster had returned from sick leave and had been approached to carry out litter clearance on the Bristol Road.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point for public participation; development at Green Farm was discussed.

3/08 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

128/07 Mrs Mumford reported on the SDC meeting she had attended on 11 Dec which had discussed street cleaning and new parking regulations amongst other matters.

4/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From GAPTC/NALC: Newsletter Dec with notice of subscription increase (22p per elector); Local Council Review, Jan
From GCC: invitation to Community Safety Conference 25 Jan (no one could go); CD on report of Inquiry into summer flooding; notice of online consultation on council tax increase; poster for Flood Guide pamphlets, free from libraries & surgeries; leaflet on Highways Winter Services and notice of reshuffle in personnel (all enquiries to be directed to contact centre who will direct to stakeholder manager or area highways rep) requesting a Highways Representative (Mr Butler as Roads Warden)
Flyer from Buckstop Print Services; Glos City Council planning paper on tall buildings (on their website); Glos Environmental Trust review; notice of forum on housing market, 14 Jan, Glos; notice of rent increase for Village Hall; next PCCM on 10 Jan., Quedgeley; notice that The Elms had been granted a Goods Vehicle Licence; The Clerk and Clerks & Councils Direct magazines.

5/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications

S.07/2510/REM B8 development at Quedgeley West (obj on grounds of size and proximity to houses)(it was noted that the Clerk had written the response in the wrong box so it had come up as "support" which was not the case; a list of comments on the application would also be submitted)

S.07/2604/COU retrospective c/use to live-work unit at Green Farm (obj on grounds of outside settlement area, increase in footprint and height). There was considerable concern among members and residents over this site, as the owner had cleared away all fruit trees, hedges and old constructions, totally changing the character of the site.

S.07/2605/FUL single storey garage at Green Farm (comment on proposed access road)

S.07/2618/CPL loft conversion at 127 Wharfdale Way (no obj but comment on unsightly Velux windows)

S.07/2619/FUL two houses on site of Woodside, Sellars Road (obj, too large for site and should be in keeping with neighbouring properties)

S.07/2670/FUL single storey ext at 9 Arkendale Drive (no obj)

S.07/2698/FUL new building at Cross Keys Garage, Bristol Rd (no obj but comment that the blank wall of the proposed new sales building would have huge visual impact and the building would be better at the rear of the site)

Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.07/1961/FUL 2-storey side ext at 9 Dovedale Close (withdrawn)

S.07/2117/COU c/use to training facility at Unit C Quedgeley West (permitted)

S.07/2149/FUL 1st fl ext at 28 Orchard Close (permitted)

S.07/2176/FUL 1st fl ext with dormer at The Old Telephone Exchange (permitted)

S.07/2215/FUL conv. garage at 26 Hildyard Close (permitted)

S.07/2248/ADV freestanding sign at Unit C Quedgeley West (permitted)

S.07/2300/LBC replacement floors etc at The Old Thatch, Church Lane (permitted)

S.07/2316/FUL ext to entrance at Markey Builders, Quadrant Centre (withdrawn)

S.07/2317/FUL 2m high fence at 3 Wharfdale Way (retro)(refused)

Hunts Grove

MPs David Drew and Parmjit Dhanda had organised a public meeting at short notice, to inform residents that there was an opportunity to object at the Public Inquiry to be held at Ebley Mill starting on 22 January. The parish council agreed to send in an expanded response and to do anything it could to help parishioners voice their objections, including the provision of coach transport to Stroud if necessary.

6/08 **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Mr Littleton defended the Planning Authority's position on Hunts Grove and reported on the Estate's progress on a culvert across Church Lane, clearance of the Shorn Brook by the Environment Agency, and the likely 2½% district council tax increase.

7/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)*	£205.34
Glos. County Council (pension)*	£171.65
Clerk salary, Dec*	£965.12
Mrs D. M. Edwards	£143.52
Post Office Ltd, stamps	£15.60
Hardwicke Village Hall hire Nov/Dec	£32.50

Greenfields Garden Services, play inspection	£58.75
Clerk's quarterly expenses Oct/Dec	£166.15
Moonbeam, hedging & ditching	£500.00
Moonbeam, kerbing at new wall	£330.00

* new rates until April

Budget 2008/9

The Budget had been redrafted and a precept of £30,000 requested.

Quarterly Cashflow Statement

Copied to all for information

Churchyard Fees

The Revised Schedule of Fees was approved. A meeting of the Churchyard Committee would be held shortly, on a date to suit the Vicar.

Councillor Training

GAPTC had sent a training programme; Mr and Mrs Hunt would attend a full-day course in March or April and Mrs Mumford would attend the fourth session of Being a Good Councillor at some point.

8/08 **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Grass Cutting Contracts

T. W. Hawkins quote for 2008 was accepted.

Ditch clearance

Mr Middle reported that he would meet with Mr Portlock on 8 Jan to inspect ditches. The Clerk was asked to remind the Estate to clear the ditch at Church Green. An invoice from the Estate for The Green was awaited.

Elmgrove Estate Play Area

Mrs Smith signed the inspection report.

Playing Field & The Close

As well as bicycles and motorbikes, a quad bike had been driving over the field. The Warden would be informed but councillors did not feel that a fence would be appropriate. Chain link fencing between the Village Hall and the Pond needed renewal (repair/replacement estimates would be sought).

The Pond

Mr Newell reported that FWAG would charge £60 for a consultation. This was agreed so he would arrange it.

Litter Picking

Mrs Edwards was prepared to double her hours; this was agreed and she would be asked to do twelve hours a week from February. Litter from McDonalds was thrown on the Bristol Road from there to Green Lane and the company would be asked to clear it or pay a contribution.

Bus Shelter

The shelter on the A38 near Pound Lane was very littered and dirty; the adjacent householders would be asked for their opinion. The shelter was used by a few passengers.

9/08 **TRAFFIC**

Mr Butler offered to chair the Road Safety Working Group (members so far, Mrs Oxley, Mrs Box, Mr Hunt, Mrs Rebat, Mrs Witts) and would liaise with Mrs Oxley over meeting a Highways representative.

10/08 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Burlow would be asked to update new councillors at 7.00 p.m. before the February or March meeting; the School Crossing was still not installed; severe potholes in Pound Lane and poor surfacing between the two Dales Wharf roundabouts were reported.

11/08 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed for Monday 4 February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m. A meeting of the Finance Committee (Mrs Storton, Mr Middle, Mrs Smith, Mrs Box, Mrs Harrison) followed immediately, to carry out internal auditing functions. The Committee meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Date Signed