

Draft

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Friday 27 March 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mrs V. Box
Mr I. R. Butler
Mr A. S. Clarke
Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mr D. G. Middle
Mrs D. Mumford
Mrs G. E. Oxley
Mr A. G. V. Plater

PC Fraser Mackie & PCSO Matt Sewell, and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mr Newell, and Mrs Carol Novoth, Neighbourhood Warden. The meeting had been called by the Vice Chairman to discuss the purchase of a Youth Shelter and other matters. Mrs Harrison took the chair until the election of a new Chairman.

36/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The council received the resignation of Mrs Storton as Chairman. Mr Butler, having been proposed and seconded, was unanimously elected, signed a Declaration of Acceptance and took the Chair.

37/09 DECLARATION OF 2 CASUAL VACANCIES

Mrs Storton and Mrs Hunt had resigned as members of the parish council. The vacancies would be published, and the council could co-opt at its May meeting if an election was not demanded.

38/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 2 March, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no Declarations of Interest. Any matters arising from the Minutes would be dealt with at the next meeting.

39/09 RECREATION GROUP REPORT & PURCHASE OF YOUTH SHELTER

Mrs Mumford had submitted a summary report on the Recreation Group's actions and recommendations and a Play Area Plan, which had been copied to all members, together with copies of quotes from three suppliers. She and Mrs Harrison had visited Cirencester to see a youth shelter of the type preferred, which had been in position for eight months. Teenagers had told the Group researchers that they wanted somewhere dry, with lighting and preferably music, and this shelter seemed the best. The application for funding from Playbuilder Funding (a ten-page submission) had failed because Stroud DC was aware that Hardwicke had access to s106 funding from the former BP Site (these funds had always been earmarked for land purchase but there was now some question over a time limit). After discussion on what other actions could be taken, e.g. more use of the Village Hall for youth events and activities, resurfacing under the present small youth shelter, requesting a lease of part of the field opposite the Village Hall, obtaining Lottery funding, a portacabin pod system, etc, members took a vote on whether to go ahead with the purchase of the shelter at the quoted £9245 + VAT from the s106 account. This was unanimously approved.

Another quote for concreting under the old shelter would be sought and if not satisfactory, members would consider doing it themselves using Premix supplies. Mrs Mumford agreed to draw up an Implementation Plan once a date for installation of the new shelter had been received, including groundworks and fencing, and various "introductory" events to be arranged, such as a visit from the PlayRangers bus. She also hoped to have the Play Area recommendations in place by July, as 5 August would be National Play Day.

40/09 **CCTV**

Mr Clarke and Mrs Mumford had met with ASG and agreed a free two-week trial run. An amended quote was awaited, for two zoom cameras and three dome fixed cameras (to cover the Village Hall and Youth Shelter) with cabinet, recorder, monitor, signs and installation, which would be around £5000 maximum. This was agreed in principle, pending an exact quote. The CCTV would be purchased from budget funding for the Play Area, unless it was possible to include it with the Youth Shelter purchase (at the discretion of Ms Toole at SDC).

PC Mackie and several members had left the meeting at this point; a small fire had been lit on the basketball court, which was reported to police, and a fire engine arrived to deal with it.

41/09 **PARISH PLAN**

GRCC had requested details of progress on the Plan to complete its database. Mrs Oxley read through the Action Plan and suitable comments were made, which she would transmit to GRCC. A "refresh" of the Plan would be undertaken at some point at an informal meeting of the former Steering Group members. The council felt that considerable progress had been made on the three main priorities identified through the Plan, which were speeding, litter and nuisance.

42/09 **LITTER**

Mr Butler, Mr Clarke, Mr Plater and Mrs Oxley had spent a Saturday clearing ditches in Church Lane and Sellars Road, taking a full load of 15 bags of rubbish to the tip and organising the collection of 7 tyres and a TV. Mr Clarke had set up a website www.litterlouts.com for reporting litter, and had made contact with Mr Novoth at SDC, who hoped to work closely with the parish council over litter clearance. Mrs Mumford had met Ms Jachowitz, part of his team, who had said that the team would do more on Sellars Road. Mrs Carol Novoth and Mr Simon Moulding were the new Neighbourhood Wardens, pending a permanent appointment. McDonalds' application for all-night opening had been granted at the hearing on 17 March, which Mr Butler had attended on behalf of the parish council: it was felt that this would result in more litter in the lanes. Litter in the A38 layby would be reported. It was noted that litter and safety measures at Quedgeley West, where retail selling was taking place, had improved but nothing appeared to have been done by Planning Enforcement so far.

43/09 **JAVELIN PARK**

The Action Group had now been formed, a Chairman appointed, and groups set up to look into the facts and possible legal representation. Those attending had reported that most parish councillors at the meetings had spoken as individuals because their councils, like Hardwicke, felt that insufficient information was available (although Hardwicke's objections had always been mainly on traffic grounds and the webmasters had entered a great deal of information from the County Council on the parish website). The questionnaire would be in the April edition of Hardwicke Matters. Delivery of informative leaflets, and meetings with representatives of a group based in Bishops Cleeve, and Friends of the Earth, were discussed. It was agreed to ask Mrs Barbara Farmer to the Parish Assembly and to discuss this matter again at the next meeting.

44/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed for Monday 6 April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

Date Signed