

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 January 2009 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 D. Mumford

Mr C. J. Newell

Mr A. G. V. Plater

One parishioner, Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC), PC Fraser Mackie, and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mr Clarke, Mrs Hunt, Mr Middle and Mrs Oxley. There were no declarations of interest. The Minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2008, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, who opened the meeting with best wishes for the New Year to all.

### 1/09 **POLICE REPORT/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

PC Fraser Mackie introduced himself and gave a report of crimes and public order incidents for Nov/Dec. The mosquito device had been installed at Westbourne Drive and appeared to be effective; the police were working with other agencies to try to overcome the problems of large gatherings of young people. He also reported on the Starting Gate, traffic problems, and licensing hours.

### 2/09 **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Mr Littleton reported that Stroud DC had agreed to go ahead with the canal restoration scheme; that council tax was likely to rise by 3½% or approx. £6 at Band D.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point for public consultation but no comment was made so the meeting was reconvened.

### 3/09 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

121/08 Oak Tree Close: there had been no response from SDC on future plans for this area yet

138/08 Flood problems: Church Lane was flooded 12/13 Dec: it was agreed to ask Mr Mooney why the straightening of the ditch corner had not been carried out before Christmas as promised (it was about one day's work and the council could get it done and invoice Highways if necessary).

140/08 Litter on Playing Field: the Football Club secretary had said that litter had been left by the visiting team but it would not happen again.

### 4/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From GAPTC/NALC: Local Council Review, Jan; meeting 29 Jan on Rural Services

From SDC: notice of Parish & Town Councils meeting 17 Feb, SDC offices, 7 p.m. (Mr Butler and Mrs Mumford would attend)

Consultation document on Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity; letters of thanks from Hardwicke WI and Hardwicke Scout Group (Mrs Boughton had thanked the council personally at the last meeting for the donation to the Golden Age); letter offering help from BCTV on environmental works at approx £200/day (to be kept on file for possible works at the Pond); Glos Wildlife Trust magazine; Christmas cards from GAPTC and Quedgeley PC; letter from Severn Voice urging attendance at the Parish & Town Councils meeting instead of inviting SDC officers to the March meeting.

Invitation to join Rural Services Network; notice that Andy Foster was leaving; invitation to join Javelin Park opposition group (the council would support this initiative); Mrs Edwards was unable to carry out her duties for a while (this had been noticed, as there was litter near the School)

## 5/09 **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Applications**

S.08/2434/FUL 2-storey ext, porch & conservatory, 41 Springfield (no obj)

### **Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority**

S.08/2151/CPL loft conversion at 34 Darleydale Close (permitted)

S.08/2195/FUL conservatory at 36 Wharfdale Way (permitted)

S.08/2196/FUL ext. at 49 Westbourne Drive (permitted)

S.08/0280/FUL Green Farm: enforcement appeal hearing date set for 27 Jan at SDC

## 6/09 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cheques for the following accounts were approved and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)*	£149.87
Glos. County Council (pension)	£190.27
Clerk salary, Dec*	£844.17
Mrs D. M. Edwards, Dec	£312.00
Hardwicke Village Hall, hire Nov	£35.00
Staples plc (stationery)	£69.60
Quedgeley & District Golden Age Club (agreed last meeting)	£150.00
Hardwicke Women's Institute (ditto)	£150.00
Hardwicke Scout Group (ditto)	£150.00
Clerk's expenses Oct/Dec	£195.97

\* new tax code

### **Audit 2008/9**

Mr Selkirk, Internal Auditor, had offered his services at last year's rates (£105) and would check the books on 17 March before the end of the financial year and then the Annual Return after the end of the year. This was approved.

### **Budget**

A redrafted Budget for 2009/10 was approved. It was agreed to submit a precept request of £31,500 as this had been a majority decision at the last meeting.

### **Quarterly Cashflow**

The quarterly statement was circulated for information.

### **Churchyard Fees**

These had now been received and the fee table amended accordingly, together with a revised Policy Document incorporating the decisions on the new Wall, for display in the church porch. The documents were approved.

### **Cricket Club**

The Club would be reminded about the return of the remaining £1,305.69.

7/09 **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**Elmgrove Estate Play Area**

The Inspection report was signed (the pole of the Space Net appeared to be loose). Funding for Play Areas might be available from the County Council (interest in this had been expressed). SDC had not responded on whether they own the piece of land adjacent to Barley Close (Clerk to chase up).

**CCTV**

Notes of meeting with PC Kevin Ireland on 4 Dec copied to all. RedHand quote at £3099 copied to all by email; WCCTV and ASG had not yet commented so the matter would be considered again at the February meeting.

**Signs**

An estimate had been received for the production and fixing of signs totalling £680; a second estimate would be obtained for comparison.

8/09 **TRAFFIC**

The proposal for a weight restriction zone for Pound Lane had been received for objection/support by 19 Dec (the PC supported the scheme). Highways had proposed a 50 mph speed limit on the A38 Southern Connector from just south of the Waterwells roundabout to just north of the Tuffley flyover: the council would also support this scheme. Mr Butler reported progress on reducing speeds in the lanes, and would send details to PC Mackie.

9/09 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Mumford had met the chairman of the Recreation & Amenities Group, who was also Vice Chairman of Quedgeley PC, and a social get-together had been suggested. Councillors felt this was a good idea. A street sign at Wharfdale Way was broken. There was a CCTV camera at The Close and a footpath sign complete with post and concrete, at Westbourn Drive. The Clerk would report these items. A bollard at the Playing Field had been broken but the Football Club had the repair in hand.

10/09 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The draft Schedule was approved, with the date of the Parish Assembly set for Tuesday 21 April in the lounge.

11/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed for Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m. A meeting of the Finance Committee followed immediately, to carry out internal audit duties. The committee meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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