

## Draft

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 August 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

### ATTENDANCE

Mrs V. Box

Mr C. J. Newell

Mrs L-J. Fallows

Mr A. G. V. Plater

Mrs D. Mumford

Mr D. L. Welbourne

Four parishioners, Mr A. Blackburn (GCC), and the Clerk. Public comment was invited before the opening of the meeting (comments were made on ditch & culvert clearance and flooding in Pound Lane and Bath Road, to be referred to Hardwicke Court Estate, Highways and Stroud DC). In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mrs Mumford took the chair. **Apologies** were received from Mr Butler, Mr Clarke, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Oxley and Mr Middle, and Mr Littleton (SDC). There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The Minutes of the meeting of 6 July 2009, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 93/09 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Mr Blackburn reported on correspondence with Highways over the flooding in Bath Road, bollards in Green Lane and works on the B4008, which he would follow up. He would be unable to attend the Highways site meeting arranged for 24 August.

### 94/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

63/09 Training Course dates: Weds 18 Nov at 6.30 p.m. on Councillors' Responsibilities: Mrs Fallows would attend. The Clerk had circulated notes of the insurance course she had attended on 14 July and gave further details of the items flagged up in her notes.

86/09 Salt Bins: it was not known whether Mr Clarke had obtained the details.

90/09 Abandoned car: the Clerk had contacted the police, SDC and DVLA without result, but meanwhile the vehicle (which had been vandalised) had been removed, presumably by its owner.

### 95/09 CORRESPONDENCE

From GAPTC/NALC: Update leaflet, July; The Playing Field mag and invitation to enter Playing Field of the Year for £5, prize of £150 (it was agreed to enter).

From SDC: letter on council tenancies (a link to the website would be suggested).

Alzheimer's Society newsletter; notice of Severn Estuary Forum 11 Sept, request from Hardwicke Matters to plant a tree on The Green (The Playing Field would be suggested).

### 96/09 PLANNING MATTERS

#### Applications

S.09/1250/HHOLD single storey ext at 35 Springfield (no obj)

S.09/1313/HHOLD single storey & 2-storey rear exts at 14 Clover Drive (no obj but comment on size and possible objections fro neighbours)

#### Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.09/0596/HHOLD ext at 23 Hembury Close (permitted)

S.09/0687/COU temporary c/use at Unit 5 Quedgeley W Trading Est (refused)

S.09/0798/HHOLD demolition & rebuild of garage at Avian Lea, Sellars Rd (permitted)

S.09/0909/FUL play equipment at The Pilot (permitted)

97/09 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£120.85
Glos. County Council (pension)	£177.13
Clerk salary, July	£797.85
Mrs D. M. Edwards, July	£312.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (s.106)*	£23813.06
Challenge Fencing Ltd (s.106)**	£2275.33
Post Office Ltd	£19.08
Dale Haines, grass	£320.00
Stroud DC, litterbin	£315.10
Hardwicke Village Hall, July	£46.60
A. Plater, basketball net	£45.90
A. Clarke, broadband payment	£30.00
T. W. Hawkins, grass	£977.50

\* total invoice £24615.75 less credit of £802.69 = £23813.06 to pay. SDC had been asked for the total less VAT (£22360.54) from the BP Site s106 account.

\*\* SDC had been asked to pay this (£1978.55 excl VAT) from the same account; the cheque would be held back until prunings had been cleared up.

**Bank Account**

Both Mrs Harrison and Mr Plater had called in but the branch had been unable to find the form. The right contact and a number had been obtained by the Clerk so they could try again. A direct debit for Broadband at the Village Hall had not yet been set up.

**Requests for Grants**

Requests had been made by St Nicholas Junior Choir and by TS Bulldog naval training group. It was agreed to award £200 to the choir and to consider the Bulldog application again in December with others.

**Fee Payments**

Hardwicke AFC had paid the outstanding pitch fees.

98/09 **PARISH MAINTENANCE****Elmgrove Estate Play Area**

The Inspection report was signed. A message from SDC legal dept concerning the land at Barley Close would be considered further at the next meeting of the Recreation Group.

**Youth Shelter**

Two screws were missing from the shelter roof. Use of anti-climb paint would be considered. The Clerk would check with the insurers on the council's liabilities and responsibilities. Mr Kent had not yet responded on what to do about the paths but had said that he could not maintain the play mats at the new play equipment (Wicksteed had sent a maintenance manual which Mrs Mumford would study).

**CCTV**

Broadband at the Village Hall was installed 20 July, vandal proof housing for the cameras had been completed. Pictures of youths at the shelter and cars on the field had been obtained. PC Mackie had visited one, who had admitted spray painting. Cars had been photographed crossing the Playing Field; Mr Welbourne had obtained and fitted a padlock to the removable bollard.

**Pond**

Maintenance of willows was discussed. Mrs Box would contact the Glos Wildlife Trust expert on watervoles and Mr Newell would carry out maintenance when time permitted.

**Ditches**

Ian Kear of SDC had also written requesting Hardwicke Court Estate to clear the new channel from the Plantation. He would be advised that a stream south of the Shorn brook also needed clearance, as discussed before the meeting opened.

**Litter**

Mr Novoth had requested input from the council on roadsweeping, overgrown shrubs, dog litter and general litter, flytipping, damaged walls (especially planters in the Maple Close area) and roundabouts, and requested working parties to find solutions (and, presumably, to carry out the work). It was agreed to ask residents to identify "grot spots" via the website, which could be passed to Mr Novoth. There would be another meeting some time after 10 August.

**Dog bags & signs**

Mrs Fallows had asked Westbourne News and the Post Office about the provision of bags and would investigate whether free samples could be obtained, and whether Quedgeley PC could help. Mrs Mumford would collect the dog signs allocated by Stroud DC.

**Churchyard**

A monument in the closed churchyard had been damaged by the PCs contractor; Mr Middle and the Clerk were discussing the matter with the owner and the contractor.

**Grass Maintenance**

SDC had agreed to take over the maintenance of the Dales Wharf roundabouts and was in negotiation with Highways over payment; SDC would like a site meeting at Dales Wharf to discuss maintenance there (Mrs Harrison to be present). The developer of The Plantation had confirmed his responsibility for mowing the Play Area and adjacent areas.

**Noticeboards**

Mr Welbourne had re-sealed the board at Sellars Road. Cost & details of new ones would be obtained for consideration.

99/09 **ROADS & TRAFFIC****Highways List**

A copy of all matters pending had been sent to Mr Kay, who had inspected the sites and would respond in due course. A site meeting at the Village Hall had been set for 24 August at 6.30 p.m.

**Bollards:**

Some of the plastic bollards had been replaced and Mr Kay had given written permission for wooden bollards to be installed along Green Lane provided the parish council undertook maintenance and responsibility. Estimates would be obtained for consideration.

**Resurfacing**

Notice of closure of the A38 and the B4008 during October and November for resurfacing works had been received.

100/09 **JAVELIN PARK**

Notes of the meeting on 22 July were approved for circulation. Mr Waddington and Mr Beattie had been thanked for their attendance.

101/09 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Fallows would liaise with Quedgeley parish council for exchange of information and possible benefits; Mr Welbourne would submit an invoice for noticeboard repair in due course; energy efficiency grants for Village Halls were available; a Youth Council (along the lines of the one set up in Quedgeley) was suggested; availability of planning applications was discussed.

102/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** was confirmed for Monday 7 September.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

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