

Draft

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mr I. Butler (Chairman)

Mrs V. Box

Mr A. S. Clarke

Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mr D. G. Middle

Mrs G. E. Oxley

Mr D. L. Welbourne

Four parishioners and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mrs Fallows, Mrs Mumford, Mr Newell, Mr Plater, Mr Littleton (SDC), Mr Blackburn (GCC), PC Mackie, and Mr Drew (SDC). Mrs Box declared her interest in the Glos Wildlife Trust subscription renewal. The meeting was adjourned for public consultation: questions were asked on anti-social behaviour in Dimore Close (to be reported to PC Mackie), repair of footways in Elmgrove Estate (to be reported to Highways), bus services, possible planning infringements (to be reported to Planning) and milestones (to be reported to Highways). The meeting was then reconvened. The **Minutes** of the meeting of 6 April, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

45/10 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

19/10 St Modwen had replied that it was investigating which ditches it owned in Pound Lane; a further letter would be sent.

46/10 **POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

In the absence of PC Mackie and Phil Drew, members reported a break-in at Dales Wharf and problems with fly tipping and litter.

47/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From SDC: details of Chipping Service to be delegated by SDC.

From GCC; dog walking leaflet.

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

Mr Clarke was thanked for raising the parish council's profile through his articles in The Citizen.

48/10 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Report from Working Group Leader: there were no objections on the application below:

Applications

S.10/0539/HHOLD demolition of single storey ext and replacement with 2-storey, and detached garage, at Sunnycot, Green Lane (no obj)

Decisions

S.07/1151/OUT commercial development on land east of Waterwells Business Park (permitted)

S.09/2291/COU c/use Unit C from D1 to B8 and B2 at Quedgeley Trading Estate West (permitted)

S.10/0097/COU c/use Unit E from B8 to B2 at Quedgeley Trading Estate West (permitted)

S.10/0138/HHOLD exts & conservatory at Larian House, Bristol Rd (permitted)

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49/10 **FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

The Working Group had not met this month

The following accounts were approved:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£181.47
Gloucestershire LGPS (pension)	£178.90
Clerk salary, Apr*	£746.54
Mrs D. M. Edwards	£317.20
Stroud DC, contrib.. to Warden	£800.00
Canon UK Ltd, photocopier	£29.62
Aon Ltd (insurance renewal)**	£1647.16
Glos Wildlife Trust, sub	£25.00
Glos County Council, CRB charges	£70.46
NALC for Local Council Review mag	£13.50
Dale Haines, churchyard grass	£320.00
Direct debit for CCTV	£17.88

* The small increase awarded last year had been implemented as agreed, resulting in changes to PAYE and pension payments.

** Aon Ltd had taken over the administration of Allianz Insurance. The Clerk had carefully checked the new policy and papers and all was in order but the CCTV cameras would be added and a further premium would be payable.

Audit 2009/10

The Annual Return had been completed by the Internal Auditor. The Receipts & Payments Account, the Internal Auditor's Report, the Insurance Schedule as above, the Bank Reconciliation and the Annual Return itself were approved, and signed by the Chairman for forwarding to the External Auditor for 1 June.

50/10 **RECREATION & AMENITIES**

The Working Group had not met this month.

Youth Club

Mrs Box reported on the evening held three weeks ago when no-one had turned up; the May one would be a barbecue on 14 May. It appeared that later in the year Equals would have to run the Club because of administrative changes to CRB clearances.

Gardens Competition

It was agreed to request the return of the competition trophies from last year's winners in due course, as there would be no competition this year.

Elmgrove Estate Play Area

The Inspection report was signed.

Youth Shelter

There had been no reply from Street Lighting on whether they would erect lights (Clerk to chase up).

Litter Bins

The litterbin near the shelter had been removed as beyond repair. SDC had quoted approx £300 for a new one and had moved the one in Elmgrove Road West nearer to Westbourne Drive. It was agreed to look at robust alternatives for the Youth Shelter bin.

Playing Field

The padlock for the lockable bollard appeared to be corroded (Mr Welbourne would investigate).

Church Green

The Estate had removed the dead hedge and cleared the ditch; which could now be cleared back to the access culvert so the sewage leak could be investigated. The Estate had requested trimming of the yew hedge between the Old Vicarage and the Churchyard, but this had never been included in the parish council's contract although the PCC had trimmed it in the past, so the Clerk had referred this matter back to the Estate.

The Plantation

The draft agreement on the Play Area was still being checked.

Playscheme

The Leaders were unable to run the Scheme this year. The Clerk would write a piece for Hardwicke Matters and would ask the new Playgroup Leader.

51/10 **ROADS & TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Report from Working Group Leader: Highways had sent a message in reply to the recent presentation from the Group, which had been extremely disappointing.

Minchinhampton PC had not replied to the query on their camera survey (to be chased up and Rodborough PC also asked about it). The setting up of the proposed Road Safety Group would be chased up.

Roadworks

Postponement of the Church Lane culvert works until later in the year was discussed. Puddleducks would be asked to ensure that their visitors observed speed limits in the lanes.

52/10 **IT & COMMUNICATIONS**

Report from Working Group Leader: a quote for CCTV annual maintenance at £168.50 had been received. Mr Clarke felt that this was a good price, so the council agreed to accept it.

53/10 **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Minutes of the meeting on 20 April had been circulated for approval.

54/10 **ELECTIONS**

There was considerable discussion on the likelihood of an election on 27 May. Mrs Mumford had offered to withdraw her candidature and Mr Middle gave notice of his possible retirement next January.

55/10 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Removal of the tree at the top of Elmgrove Road West, fence creosoting at Church Green next spring, closure of the post office at Tesco (Clerk to write to QPC and Tesco objecting) and items for press articles were discussed.

56/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The AGM was confirmed for Monday 7 June 2010.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Date Signed