

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 October 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

## ATTENDANCE

Mr I. Butler (Chairman)

Mr D. G. Middle

Mrs V. Box

Mr A. G. V. Plater

Mr A. S. Clarke

Mr D. L. Welbourne

Mrs L-J. Fallows

Mrs F. Welbourne

Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC), PC Fraser Mackie, Mr M. Chapple (HCC) and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mrs Harrison and Mr Newell. There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The **Minutes** of the meeting of 6 September 2010, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

## 101/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

81/10 Village Agent: Christine Lingard had sent details of her duties

92/10 Litter-picking by offenders: a list had been sent to Police

97/10 Part Night Lighting scheme: the consultation meeting had been set for Weds 6 Oct at 7.30 p.m. (lounge booked from 7 p.m.) to 8.30 p.m.

100/10 Drain covers: Severn Trent had denied ownership (to be referred to SDC)

100/10 Beardsmead: the Estate had said it was a bat roost so could not be demolished but measures to deter vandals would be taken.

## 102/10 POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

PC Mackie reported on the recent crime figures, government spending review, today's PiYN in the Maple Close area, and weight restrictions and speed limits in the lanes. PC Lucy Kaye was now responsible for Quedgeley and he had Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney but might be moved. He requested members to hold a consultation exercise with him at the two shops to canvass opinion on what the police should be doing in Hardwicke, and "walk-about" to meet residents. He then left the meeting.

## 103/10 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Mr Blackburn had sent an email concerning speed limits on the Bristol Road and in the lanes, lack of progress on flood measures, and Mayo's Land development. Mr Littleton spoke on Green Farm, Mayo's Land, the Core Strategy and the Severn Voice meeting on 21 October at Longney School, at which the SDC scheme of delegation would be discussed. He said that a group would be set up to look at the maintenance requirements (especially drainage) at Hunt's Grove.

## 104/10 CORRESPONDENCE

From GAPTC/NALC: annual Report & A/cs with invitation to AGM; news Update, autumn; calendar of events; Local Council Review magazine; Being a Good Employer booklet.

From GCC: Local Transport Plan summary; leaflet on budget cuts and notice of Electoral Review by the Boundary Commission (for county council).

The Clerk magazine; request from Nailsworth TC for support for a motion at GAPTC's AGM (nobody could attend).

105/10 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**Decisions**

S.10/1289/COU photovoltaic panels at Madam's End Farm, Longney Rd (permitted)

S.10/1411/FUL Verona Cottage, new building (permitted)

S.10/1433/HHOLD conservatory at Fieldview, Sellars Rd (permitted)

S.10/1530/HHOLD 2-storey ext. at Ellis Cottage, Sticky Lane (permitted)

S.10/1542/LBC thatching at The Old Thatch, Church Lane (permitted)

**Appeal**

An appeal had been lodged against refusal of S.10/0195/FUL (outbuilding at Green Farm Barn)

**Other Planning Matters**

Glos City 10/00746/OUT: a revised site map had been received for the outline application for development of up to 49 houses on Mayo's Land at the boundary of Hardwicke and Quedgeley. It was agreed to send in a response along the lines drafted by Mrs Box, to object to the plans.

106/10 **FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

The following accounts were approved:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£123.67
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Gloucestershire LGPS (pension)	£178.90
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Clerk salary, Sept	£804.34
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Mrs Edwards, Sept	£317.20
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Hardwicke PCC (agreed last meeting)	£250.00
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R. A. Neale	£80.00
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Clerk's ¼ expenses July-Sept	£183.34
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Equals (donation made to PC direct)	£25.00
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Dale Haines grasscutting Sept	£320.00
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Fretherne with Saul PC (ch no 422 cancelled)	£7.20
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Information Commissioner	£35.00
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Staples plc	£93.30
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Direct debit for CCTV	£17.88
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It was noted that GCC had sent an invoice for CRB charges including clearance charges for which the parish council was not liable. The matter was still being investigated.

**Quarterly Cashflow**

Summary copied to all for information

**Draft Budget 2010-11**

It was suggested that a meeting of the Working Group should be set up to consider this and the next item, and to report back with recommendations.

**Review of Litter Picker Contract renewal**

The Minimum Wage had increased to £5.93 on 1.10.10. The council had agreed to review Mrs Edwards' rate this month.

107/10 **RECREATION & AMENITIES**

**Storage Container for Cricket Club**

Mr Chapple was present to seek approval for the siting of a half-size storage container on the car park. The parish council felt this was the best place and would support (or apply for) the planning application; the Club would consult neighbouring householders first (a handout letter to be drafted for approval) and if all went well, the council would set up a formal agreement with HCC including notice periods, peppercorn rental, etc.

### **Elmgrove Estate Play Area**

The inspection report was signed.. Mrs Box had done a great deal of pegging and cable tying there.

### **Church Green Ditch**

Mr Thomas of Minnette Cottage was to ask for further quotes. The Estate had replied, again saying that the ditch was not its responsibility. Mr Lloyd-Baker would be asked whether he agreed with this, and Mr Middle would seek advice at Severn Voice. Mr Kear at SDC would also be consulted.

### **Churchyard Committee**

A meeting had been held at the churchyard on 30 September and two monuments had been found to be unsafe and had been laid flat. The Clerk had written a piece which had been circulated and approved before forwarding to Hardwicke Matters for publication. The Lychgate needed minor repairs for which Mr Haines had been asked to estimate. Mr Clarke volunteered to collect and put out the binbags from the churchyard bins, as Mr & Mrs Taudevin were moving away.

### **The Plantation**

Persimmon had reworded the draft but had still not adequately identified the boundaries. Mr Butler and Mr Plater would inspect and make recommendations.

### **Litter Working Parties and Dog Notices**

There had been a PiYN event earlier in the day. Clearance of the school path across the field had been requested from the Warden (the Youth Shelter appeared to have been cleaned). Mr Clarke did a great deal of litter-picking at Church Green and would replace plastic bollards there which had been knocked over. Mr Butler would investigate the provision of hi-vis jackets, and Mrs Fallows would produce ID badges, for the Saturday consultation exercise and "walk-about" requested by PC Mackie.

### **The Pond notice**

The original notice had been re-erected, and an estimate obtained for a new one if this was necessary. The second notice there had been cleaned off.

### **Grass Cutting**

Eight contractors including the present contractors had been invited to tender for next season and two had already requested the documents. Tenders would be submitted by the end of November, and the contracts would be awarded at the December meeting. It was noted that both present contractors had been satisfactory.

### **Part Night Street Lighting**

The meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 6 October had been advertised in Hardwicke Matters and on the notice boards. Members would try to attend.

## 108/10 **ROADS & TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Mr Butler would reply to Mr Blackburn's message on speed restrictions.

## 109/10 **IT & COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr Clarke would be looking into the electronic storage of documents when time permitted. He requested agendae to be sent monthly by email.

## 110/10 **JAVELIN PARK**

There had been various meetings of GlosVain and GlosAin. GCC would be deciding in December on the method to be used, and there were concerns that incineration had not been ruled out.

**111/10 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Several members had already left. Blocked ditches were still a concern, but Mr Plater had reported them to Ian Kear at SDC. Mrs Welbourne thanked members for moving the next meeting. There was discussion on whether the council should have a get-together in December, possibly after the monthly meeting.

**112/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed for Tuesday 2 November at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m. A meeting of the Finance Committee followed immediately, to carry out internal auditing procedures, and closed at 9.20 p.m.

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