

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mr I. Butler (Chairman)

Mrs V. Box

Mr A. S. Clarke

Mrs L-J. Fallows

Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mr D. G. Middle

Mr C. J. Newell

Mrs G. E. Oxley

Mr A. G. V. Plater

Mr D. L. Welbourne

Mrs F. Welbourne

One parishioner, Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC), and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mr Blackburn (GCC) and PC Mackie. There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The meeting was adjourned for public participation but no comment was made so the meeting was then reconvened. The **Minutes** of the meeting of 4 October, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

113/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

97/10 Part Night Lighting scheme: only four parishioners had attended but a few suggestions were made. There had been plenty of publicity for the scheme, and for the meeting.

107/10 Mr Chapple had sent a draft letter for circulation to residents, which was approved.

114/10 POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

PC Mackie had sent a written report in which he had said that the Wardens had been disappointed at the lack of parish representation at the PiYN event on 4 October (members pointed out that most of them were in full-time employment and all were volunteers). The date of Sat 20 November at 10 a.m. had been set for consultations at the two shops. Mrs Fallows could make up ID badges if members supplied a photograph.

115/10 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Littleton, like parish council members, had been disappointed at the Inspector's decision to allow the appeal at Green Farm. There was considerable discussion on this topic as councillors felt that any applicant prepared to "work the system" could eventually obtain permission, resulting in the frustration of local people and parish councillors who felt that their views were ignored. A meeting with local MPs was suggested, and Mr Littleton would look into this. He also explained the possible changes to the system of delegation for planning applications, which would be discussed at SDC on 11 Dec (proposals were that ward members would have more power to decide whether applications should go before Committee, and local letters of objection would not automatically ensure this). He was asked about the possible development of land at Sellars Farm, as a room at the Village Hall had been booked for presentations by a developer. He would oppose any such development, which could not be supported by the local infrastructure, but no application had yet been made. Mr Littleton then left the meeting.

Parish council members agreed to contact the Planning Inspectorate to express their concern at the Inspector's decision on the Green Farm barn, and to contact the developer for more information on the Sellars Road project.

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116/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Playing Field magazine; an email from GRCC concerning speed limits (members to respond to the Chairman or Clerk within a few days so that a response could be sent); summary of benefits of membership of SLCC; notice of SJAB Open Evening 11 Nov; Came & Co parish newsletter; GRHA annual Report; letter of thanks from PCC (works to begin this month); Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

117/10 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****Applications**

S.10/1943/COU Land at Elm Farm, Bristol Rd (comment on hours and stormwater)

S.10/2131/HHOLD pitched roof over porch & garage at 37 Westland Rd (no obj)

Decisions

S.10/1511/COU Sellars Farm Barn, c/use (permitted)

Appeal

10/0195/FUL outbuilding at Green Farm Barn (appeal upheld)(see 115/10)

Other Planning Matters

Glos City 10/00746/OUT: 49 houses at Mayo's Land (obj)

Land at Sellars Farm (see 115/10)

Hunt's Grove

Street Naming: there had been considerable correspondence on this and one more name was still needed, to go with Hunts Grove, Colethrop, Whitstone, Shorn Brook, Hunters, Hawthorn, Lime Tree, Acorn and Oak (variously Drive, Close, Walk etc)

118/10 **FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£123.67
Gloucestershire LGPS (pension)	£178.90
Clerk salary, Oct	£804.34
Greenfields Garden Services (inspection Oct)	£64.63
GAPTC for Clerk's Networking 7 Dec	£6.00
GCC for CRB charges	£84.51
Post Office, stamps	£20.28
Dale Haines, churchyard	£160.00
T. W. Hawkins, Playing Field	£1113.14
R. A. Neale	£30.00
Hardwicke Village Hall, meetings Sept	£40.50
Mrs Edwards, Oct	£317.20
Direct debit for CCTV	£17.88

Draft Budget 2010-11

A draft prepared by the Finance & Governance Group was considered, and agreed by majority decision (Mr Plater, Mr Newell and Mr Middle opposed any increase in the Precept). The Clerk would work out the figures for the next meeting.

Review of Litter Picker Contract renewal

It was agreed that no increase would be made this year.

119/10 RECREATION & AMENITIES**Elmgrove Estate Play Area**

The inspection report was signed (Mrs Box had noted that the swing seats would soon need renewal). Greenfields had inspected.

Youth Shelter

The perspex appeared to have been cleaned during the PiYN event. More bark might be needed under the older shelter this winter.

Church Green Ditch

Mr Middle said that there was a 40m stretch of ditch to be cleared of tree roots and silt, and that Eon would trim several trees there before any other works could be put in hand. Bushes and trees on Church Green needed pruning. Mr Kear at SDC could not advise on the ownership of the ditch, and the Severn Voice meeting had been postponed.

Church Lane Culvert

Severn Trent works appeared to be too expensive for the budget allocated for the scheme, which had now been postponed. Mr Blackburn was following progress on it.

Churchyard

There had been a problem with non-collection of the bins but Mr Novoth had been contacted and had sorted the matter.

Noticeboards

Mr Welbourne had removed and stored the board from Sellars Farm Barn; the header of the board at the Post Office had fallen off, and Mr Neale had repainted and re-fixed it.

The Plantation

Mr Plater had established that the properties west of the entrance owned the piece of land in front, and recommended that the council adopt all the land to the east of the entrance, including the Play Area. This was agreed.

Grass Cutting

The tenders would be considered next month. Highways had asked whether the parish council would take on the new pieces of grass at the Bristol Road end of Green Lane, to be reimbursed at 5p per sq. m. (£18). Highways would be asked whether they would increase the reimbursement, and an estimate would be requested for mowing it; the matter would then be considered further.

120/10 ROADS & TRAFFIC SAFETY

PC Mackie had promised action of traffic speeds in the lanes this month. Mr Clarke would replace bollards shortly.

121/10 IT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr Welbourne had supplied footage to Police. There had been considerable correspondence with the County, which had insisted on payment for CRB clearances at full price.

122/10 JAVELIN PARK

The financing of the project had been changed and the County had now postponed its decision until January; members had attended various meetings and were keeping informed on this matter.

123/10 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The Village Hall AGM had been arranged for 29 Nov (Chairman to be invited); hire charges were to increase; Mr Plater would read a lesson at the Carol Service; Mr Middle reported a pothole outside his property, and that he had represented the PC at the funeral of Mr Norman Sims; a Christmas get-together would be arranged for a Thursday early in December.

124/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** was confirmed for 7.30 p.m. on Monday 6 December

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Date Signed