

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Butler (Chairman)

Cllr Andy Clarke

Cllr Caro Kingsnorth

Cllr Gill Oxley

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Fran Welbourne

IN ATTENDANCE

Two parishioners, PC Lucy Kay and the new Clerk, Mrs Mary Gribble

Apologies were received from Cllr Lisa-Jayne Fallows, Cllr Theresa Harrison, District Cllr Littleton, and PC Mackie.

60/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr F. Welbourne proposed Cllr Ian Butler as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Clarke and carried unanimously. Cllr Butler was duly elected as Chairman, and signed the Acceptance of Office.

Cllr F. Welbourne proposed Cllr Clarke as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Oxley and carried unanimously. Cllr Clarke was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

61/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.

62/11 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The meeting was adjourned for public participation but no comment was made, so the meeting was then reconvened.

63/11 THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 4th April, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

64/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Elmore Road East planning application has raised public concern. It was agreed to request a site visit, and that Cllr Littleton be requested to take this to Committee.

Anti-social driving was discussed. Additional speed limit signs, a 'School' sign, and speed checks were suggested. The Roads and Traffic Safety Committee will work on this.

65/11 POLICE REPORT

The walk around the Overbrook Road area had taken place. It was agreed the area needs improvement, including repairs to the planters some of which have been damaged by plant growth. Cllr Kingsnorth will work with PC Mackie, the Neighbourhood Warden and GCC and report back to the next HPC meeting.

An update is awaited from the Charities Commission on the future of the Youth Club; it is due to shut on 16th July. There was full parish council support of the suggestion of funding the youth club jointly with Quedgeley. PC Mackie will assist with questions regarding CRB checks.

Speed checks have been taken in the area. All motorists exceeding 40mph on Bristol Road were issued a speeding ticket. Those travelling between 33 and 40mph were given words of advice.

66/11 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no reports; neither was in attendance, and written reports were not received.

67/11 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES, WARDENS AND COMMITTEES

Appointments were as follows:

Committees:

Churchyard	Cllrs Fallows, Clarke, Harrison
Finance and Governance	Cllrs Harrison, Butler, Fallows, F.Welbourne
Roads and Traffic Safety	Cllrs Butler, L.Welbourne, Clarke, Oxley and Kingsnorth
Recreation and Amenities	Cllrs F.Welbourne, Oxley and Kingsnorth
IT and Communications	Cllrs Clarke and L.Welbourne
Planning and Development	Three councillors nearest to site

Representatives:

Equals Representative	Cllr L.Welbourne
Police Representative	Cllr Oxley
Press Officer	Cllr Kingsnorth
Public Transport Representative	Cllr Harrison
Village Hall Committee	Cllr F. Welbourne
Severdale School Representative	Cllr Oxley
Hardwicke School	Cllr L.Welbourne and Cllr F.Welbourne

Wardens:

Grass	Mr Dawe (to be confirmed)
Church	Cllr Clarke
Flood	Cllrs Clarke, Kingsnorth and Oxley
Footpaths	Cllrs Clarke, Kingsnorth and Oxley
Litter	All Councillors
Noticeboards	Cllr F.Welbourne
Play Area	Cllr F.Welbourne
Roads	Cllr Clarke
Snow	Cllr Clarke
Trees	Cllr L.Welbourne
Watercourses	Cllr Clarke

68/11 CORRESPONDENCE

- GRCC, Review/refresh of Parish Plan: Cllr Oxley to lead on this, with Cllr Fallows. The involvement of wider community will be encouraged. Cllr Oxley agreed to set up working group, all Councillors to be involved.
- GAPTC training, 'Planning Part II': Cllrs F.Welbourne and L.Welbourne to attend
- Securi-Dogs patrol offer: to be passed to GCC Highways
- Community Safety Panel Meeting, 8th June: Cllr Oxley hopes to attend
- GAPTC call for Resolutions: The suggestion of opposition to Javelin Park incinerator was suggested.
- Email from parishioner regarding the rise in Precept: Clerk to reply, with input from Cllr Harrison

69/11 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Clerk to ascertain the current position of the application S.11/0150/FUL, Challenge Fencing

Applications:

S.11/0635/HHOLD Extensions to front and side of 9 Clover Drive (no objection)

Decisions:

S.11/0612/MINAM Minor amendment to S.10/2478/HHOLD, separation of replacement outbuilding into two parts and reduction in overall size at Haywicks Farm, Haywicks Lane (permitted)

S.11/0281/HHOLD Second storey extension to rear at 17 Arkendale Drive (permitted)

S.11/0284/HHOLD Second storey extension at 18 Orchard Close (permitted)

S.11/0345/DISCON Discharge of condition 6 from planning permission S.08/0611/COU at Unit 3, Quadrant Distribution Centre, Quadrant Way (permitted)

S.11/0410/ADV Erection of 1 fascia sign at Unit E Quedgeley Trading Estate West, Bristol Road (consent)

Appeals

S.10/1943/COU Change of use of land to form extension to existing B8 storage facility at Elm Farm, Bristol Road.

Sellars Farm: Nothing to report

70/11 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**Report from Working Group Leader**

Appointment of Signatories: Cllrs Gill Oxley and Fran Welbourne were appointed signatories.

The following accounts were approved:

Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association, seminar	£40.00
Stroud District Council, Contribution to Warden Scheme	£800.00
Direct debit for CCTV	£18.26
Expenses, Cllr Welbourne	£109.73
Dale Haines, 3 grass cuts	£480.00
Aon Limited, renewal of insurance policy, 1/6/11	£1930.61
Salary and expenses of resigned Clerk, Mrs Burns	£513.10

Audit 2010/11

Deferred to June meeting

71/11 RECREATION & AMENITIES**Report from Working Group Leader**

Cllr F.Welbourne reported that the insurance claim for repair to the youth shelter is not proceeding. Prices for repairs to the play areas are being obtained. Following the incident in which a teenager was injured, Cllr F.Welbourne will investigate the missing roundabout governor.

Cllr F.Welbourne proposed acceptance of the estimate of £90 to provide play area signs, carried.

72/11 ROADS & TRAFFIC SAFETY**Report from Working Group Leader**

The commercial signs that have been erected under the road signs at the A38/Pound Lane junction were discussed. It was agreed these are distracting, and the councillors wish them removed.

73/11 IT & COMMUNICATIONS**Report from Working Group Leader**

Cllr Clarke confirmed that the new laptop had been set up. He will set up standard email accounts for all Councillors by the 1st June.

Cllr F.Welbourne confirmed that the electrical fault at the village hall has been fixed.

74/11 PARISH ASSEMBLY

The public attendance level was disappointing. It was agreed that action was needed to engage the parishioners more fully and raise interest levels. Quarterly or mid-year parish assemblies were suggested. These would focus on topics of local interest to which community groups are invited. Other means to engage the community were discussed, including a community radio station, Twitter, blogging, and parish council attendance at local events such as the Quedgeley Show.

75/11 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no additional reports from Councillors.

76/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING was confirmed for Monday 6 June 2011.

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

Date Signed