

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday April 2nd 2012

Present:

Cllr Ian Butler, Chairman
Cllr. Gill Oxley
Cllr, Fran Welbourne
Cllr. Mike King

Cllr, Lyn Welbourne
Cllr. Caro Kingsnorth
Cllr John Perkin

In Attendance.

Caroline Gunn (Jubilee Committee) Kevin Lee (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Tony Blackburn and District Councillor Graham Littleton.

35/12 Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in any discussion in respect of Javelin Park.

36/12 Public consultation.

There were no matters raised under public consultation.

37/12 Minutes of Meeting held on March 5th 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on March 5th 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38/12 Matters arising from the Minutes.

31/12 Vacancies. The clerk reported that the period for nominations had now expired and the Parish Council would be able to Co Opt members to the Parish Council.

32/12 Youth Club. Cllr Lyn Welbourne informed the Council that the youth club were hoping to increase the number of evenings that the club was open. Members were informed that the additional cost would be approximately £5,000 per year. The Clerk reported that the advice from Stroud District Council was that this project would be supported under Section 106 funding.

The Council Resolved to grant the Youth Club a sum of £5,000 for the year to March 31st .2013 and to reclaim this money from Stroud District Council under the S 106 funding

33.12 Section 106 projects. Cllr John Perkin advised Members that several meetings had been held and the biggest single project would be for refurbishments to the

Village Hall. Cllr. Fran Welbourne reported that several quotes had been received for replacement kitchen units. It was agreed that more work was needed to fully develop the project and Cllr Perkin agreed to lead on further discussions.

39/12 Jubilee Celebrations.

Caroline Gunn gave a presentation to Members on proposals to host a day of celebrations on Monday June 4th on the Village Playing Field. The event would be taking place from 3pm to 9pm and would be free to all Hardwicke Residents. Caroline outlined the range of activities that would be available and informed Members of the cost of the event and the money raised to date and the funding still required.

Members Resolved to make a donation of £1,000

40/12 Sellars Farm

The Chairman provided Members with an update on the planning appeal and reported that the outcome of the hearing was expected for mid-April.

41/12 Litter.

Members discussed the need to increase the time spent on litter picking throughout the Village. There was general concern that the amount of litter was increasing and it was questioned whether it was the responsibility of the Parish Council to take on full responsibility. It was argued that the District Council also had a responsibility to pick up the litter in the area.

It was Resolved to continue with the present arrangements and to arrange a meeting with the District Council later in May 2012.

42/12 Stroud District Council Core Strategy.

The Chairman advised members of the District Councils Core Strategy consultation which proposed further development in the Village. It was acknowledged that the majority of this would be at Hunt's Grove but the Parish Council was concerned about further development in the area between the A38 and the Canal.

The Council Resolved; to continue its opposition to the Core strategy stated that it was against any further development in the Village.

43/12. Reports from Parish Councillors.

- a) Elmgrove West. Cllr Fran Welbourne reported on the recent meeting held with residents and Stroud District Council. Residents were concerned about trees having been cut down and also cars and motor cycles using the road. Cllr Welbourne advised Members that the district council had agreed to replant some trees and to place wooden bollards by the amenity area.

44/12 Grant Applications.

The Parish Council had received several applications for grant funding, it was agreed to hold these over until the June meeting as June and November were the agreed dates for considering applications.

45/12 Javelin Park.

Members were informed of the timescales for the submission of responses to the planning application at Javelin Park. The Clerk provided Members with the 'bundle' of documents prepared by the County Council. The Clerk also informed Members that the County Council had indicated that it would agree to a later date for the submission of responses given the amount of information to consider. The Chairman stated that a number of meetings would be held to consider the evidence and prepare the Parish Council's Response.

Members Resolved to; continue its opposition to the proposed Incinerator and the development at Javelin Park.

46/12 Internet Provider and E mail Provision.

Members discussed the new e mail addresses and agreed to trial it for a further month to allow all Members to get used to the new system.

Members Resolved to operate the new E Mails after the May meeting of the Council.

47/12 Financial Statement.

The Clerk presented the financial statement for March 2012, and the proposed payments.

The Council Resolved to agree the statements and approve the listed payments.

Date of Next Meeting was confirmed as being Monday May 14th 2012

The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed.....Chairman.

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