

# **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012.

## **Present**

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Mike King.

## **In attendance**

District Councillors; Graham Littleton and Russell Miles. Two members of the public and Kevin Lee Clerk.

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Caro Kingsnorth, Gill Oxley, John Perkin and from County Councillor Tony Blackburn. The Chair, Ian Butler was absent for the first three items and the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair, David Mossman.

## **72/12 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lyn Welbourne declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in the agenda item for Javelin Park.

There were no other declarations of interest.

## **73/12 Minutes of Meeting held on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on June 11<sup>th</sup> were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the removal of the reference to AGM in the heading.

## **74/12 District Councillor Reports.**

District Councillor Graham Littleton referred to the recent meeting between the Parish Council and Stroud District Council to discuss the impact of the Sellars Farm Development and to seek assurance that the Parish Council would be involved in all the 'reserved matters' from the appeal. The District Council Confirmed that it would ensure the Parish Council be fully involved in these matters. It was also confirmed that Stroud District Council that would seek to ensure that the sum of money for traffic calming measures would be taken up and the Parish Council involved in discussions about any resulting proposals.

Cllr Littleton discussed the ongoing issues of maintaining a five year land supply. Under planning guidelines the district council had a duty to ensure there was

adequate to development land for house building. The five year land supply was a rolling figure but there was ongoing dispute about how the figures are calculated. Interlinked with these calculations were the figures for current and projected number of people per household. The District Council was employing a consultant to review these figures. It was vitally important to ensure accuracy of these figures as it would affect the number of houses that the district council would need to provide for. It had been estimated that the dispute over the calculations could mean up to 2800 fewer homes being required across the district council area.

The Vice Chair, David Mossman re iterated the concern from the Parish Council that unless the District Council could confirm that it did have a land supply in excess of five years then the Parish could be victim to more predatory development.

Cllr Littleton and Cllr Miles provided an update on the problems of flooding at the corner of the A 38 and Pound Lane, there were ongoing discussions with the home owner, the district council and Severn Trent Water Authority.

Cllr Miles referred the meeting held for residents of Overbrook Road, Maple Close and surrounding areas. The meeting had been organised by the Parish Council in partnership with Stroud District Council, Community Safety Team. The meeting discussed a range of issues including; state of the roads, grass cutting and refuse being left in front gardens. Members were pleased to learn that Gloucestershire were planning to undertake roadworks during the autumn. There would also be a Pride In your Neighbourhood event to be held later in the year. Cllr Miles thanked the Parish Council for its input and for organising the meeting.

### **75/12 Sellars Farm**

The Chair added to the comments made to the report by Cllr Littleton, in particular, the Parish Council was pleased to report that following its representation there would full discussion and involvement on all the reserved planning matters. The Parish Council was actively pursuing the question of land supply figures and would be working with other groups and parishes to seek to ensure that the District Council responded fully to the concerns.

### **76/12 Javelin Park**

The Chair updated Members on the production of the DVD that would form part of the evidence to oppose the development of an incinerator at Javelin Park. Members viewed a version of the film and agreed that it would be a valuable piece of evidence to submit the County Council's Planning Committee.

### **77/12 Finance Report.**

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 and a list of payments for the month. Members agreed the report and payments. A copy is attached to the signed copy of the minutes.

The Clerk presented the annual audit report which had been prepared by the internal auditor. Members agreed the report, which was duly signed by the Chair of the Parish Council. The report would be forwarded to the external auditors.

**Resolved. The finance report for June and the Audit Report were approved**

### **78/12 Parish Councillor Reports**

1. Cllr Mike King raised concerns about vehicle speeding on the A38/B4008 on the approach to Hardwicke from the Cross Keys. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police to seek their input and make them aware of the speeding issues. Cllr King also raised concern about the overgrown grass verges and the poor visibility by the allotments. It was agreed to speak to Gloucestershire Highways. Concern was also expressed about the increasing number of Heavy Goods Vehicles using the lanes around the Village.
2. Cllr. Lyn Welbourne reported that the new CCTV cameras for the Village Hall had been installed. Some adjustment was needed to the focus; this would increase security for the village hall and its surrounding areas.

### **79/12 Planning Applications**

1. **S12/1118 Waters Meet Barn.** Members considered the application and asked for clarification on the wording in the application which stated 'occasional' domestic accommodation. The Parish Council had no objections to the application subject to confirmation of the correct wording.  
**Resolved To clarify wording and to delegate final decision to the planning committee**
2. **S.12/1122 and S.12/1123 Mc Donald.** These applications were variations of the applications previously submitted to the Parish Council.  
**Resolved. Not to oppose the applications but to raise concerns about litter and the need to provide adequate litter bins**
3. **S.11/ 0602 Land at Velthouse Farm.** Members considered the application for a wind turbine and expressed concern that it did not appear to fully address the issues raised with the previous application.  
**Resolved. To oppose the application on the grounds that the proposal was too close to neighbouring properties and did not follow the guidelines for the provision of wind turbines.**

### **80/12 Section 106 Projects.**

Cllr Fran Welbourne updated Members on the meetings that had taken place with members of the Village Hall Committee to consider the range of projects that could be progressed using section 106 funding. Cllr John Perkin had been involved in the meetings. It was evident that the projects for the Village Hall would make a

significant improvement to the viability of the hall as a community resource. One of the main issues for discussion was that there was concern that neither the Parish Council nor the Village Hall Committee had the capacity or expertise to project manage the rang of work required.

Cllr Welbourne presented estimates that had been received for a range of projects at the hall. These included; replacement windows, new heating, insulation, replacement flooring and a new kitchen. The estimates totalled £47,000. It was acknowledged that this figure would increase once further estimates for the provision of industrial standard cookers and ceiling refurbishment had been received.

**Resolved ‘To agree in principle to the projects outlined and to progress appropriate discussions with Stroud District Council for the release of S 106 funds.**

**81/12 Grant Application.**

The Parish Council considered the application it had received from the playgroup for the provision of equipment and removable safety fencing to enable children to play outside. Members recognised the need to provide this equipment but took the view that consideration should be given to providing a more permanent facility and build this into its Section 106 bids.

**Resolved, to meet with representatives of the playgroup and examine the provision of a permanent facility and build costs into the overall project bid for the Village Hall.**

**The Meeting closed at 21.50**

**Signed.....Chairman.....Date.....**

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