

# Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday March 5th 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Hardwicke.

## **Present**

Cllr Ian Butler Chairman  
Cllr. Lyn Welbourne  
Cllr. Caro Kingsnorth  
Cllr. John Perkin

Cllr. Fran Welbourne  
Cllr. Gill Oxley  
Cllr. Theresa Harrison.

## **Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mike King.

## **In attendance**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Graham Littleton, two members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

## **23/12. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr. Lyn Welbourne declared an interest in respect of items referring to Balfour Beatty.

## **24/12 Public Consultation**

There were no matters raised under public consultation.

## **25/12 Minutes of Meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **26/12. District Councillor Report**

Councillor Littleton provided a summary of the Sellars Farm Planning Appeal. He congratulated the Parish Council on its work to oppose the development and highlighted the work of the Chairman Ian Butler and Cllr. Caro Kingsnorth. Cllr. Littleton said that the result of the appeal was expected by mid-April.

## **27/12 County Councillor Report.**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn commented on the Sellars Farm Planning Appeal and expressed his concern that the development was being proposed at the same time as further homes were being planned for Hunts Grove.

In respect of the proposed Incinerator at Javelin Park, Cllr. Blackburn reported that the County Council had to 'validate' the planning application before it could then be formally submitted for consultation.

The Chairman, Cllr. Ian Butler thanked Cllr Blackburn for his support with the Sellars Farm Appeal.

### **28/12 Police Report.**

There was no representative from the Police. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police to request that if they were unable to attend then a report should be submitted.

### **29/12 Finance Report.**

The finance report for February was agreed and the payment of invoices for the month was approved.

### **30/12 Annual Parish Meeting.**

Members considered proposals for the parish meeting and agreed to invite a number of organisations and groups to attend. It was agreed that the Cllr Gill Oxley and the Clerk would meet to discuss arrangements.

### **31/12 Parish Council Vacancies.**

The Clerk reported on the process to be followed for the election to fill the existing vacancies. It was agreed to place the formal notice with a closing date of March 26<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### **32/12. Parish Councillor Reports.**

- Cllr. Theresa Harrison reported on the condition of the footpath at the entrance to Dimore Close and informed the council of an accident resulting from the poor state of the footpath.
- Cllr John Perkin informed members of the state of the ditch in Green Lane and the impact of flooding to local properties.
- Cllr. Fran Welbourne raised concerns about the increase in dog fouling in Elmgrove Road East. The Clerk was requested to report the matter to the Dog Warden at Stroud District Council. Cllr Welbourne also reported on the cost of replacing some of the Parish Notice Boards. It was agreed to approve the purchase of the provision of four notice boards at a cost of £350 per board.
- Cllr. Lyn Welbourne reported on proposals for improvements to the existing Youth Club provision. This included a request for additional youth worker hours.

### **33/12 Section 106 projects.**

Cllr John Perkin provided members with an update on the proposed S 106 projects. It was agreed to hold a further meeting to discuss the requirements for the Village Hall. The Clerk reported that Stroud DC had prepared a template for projects which formed the basis of a business plan. It was agreed that a business case would be developed for each project.

### **34/12 Planning Applications.**

- **S.12/0320/HHold pp-01822607 Rose Cottage.**

Members considered the application and made no objections to the application.

**The Meeting Closed at 21.35**