

Hardwicke Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting and AGM held on Monday May 14th 2012.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Caro Kingsnorth

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr John Perkin

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Graham Littleton, PC Lucy Kaye, Kevin Lee (Clerk), and one member of the public.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gill Oxley and Cllr Mike King.

48/12 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne declared an interest in the agenda item in respect of Javelin Park. This was a personal and non-prejudicial interest.

49/12 Co-Option

Further to the notice of vacancies for Parish Councillors Mr David Mossman was co-opted as member of the Parish Council.

50/12 Election of Chair

Ian Butler was nominated and elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year commencing May 2012 to May 2013

51/12 Election of Vice Chair.

David Mossman was nominated and elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the year commencing May 2012.to 2013.

52/12 Appointment of committee members, representatives and wardens.

Members were elected to the following committees and elected as representatives and wardens.

Committees.

Churchyard.

Caro Kingsnorth, Theresa Harrison, John Perkin.

Roads and Traffic.

Caro Kingsnorth, Ian Butler, Lyn Welbourne, David Mossman.

I.T.and Communications.

David Mossman, Lyn Welbourne.

Finance and Governance

Theresa Harrison, Fran Welbourne, David Mossman

Recreation and Amenities

Fran Welbourne, Theresa Harrison, John Perkin

Planning and Development

Fran Welbourne, Lyn Welbourne

Representatives

Youth Club Lyn Welbourne. **Press Officer** Caro Kingsnorth.

Police Fran Welbourne, Lyn Welbourne, Caro Kingsnorth, David Mossman.

Public Transport. Theresa Harrison, Ian Butler.

Severn Voice John Perkin, David Mossman. **Village Hall Ctte.** Fran Welbourne.

Hardwicke School John Perkin. **Severnvale School** Ian Butler, Fran Welbourne.

Community Safety (SDC) Gill Oxley

Wardens

Grass. Fran Welbourne. **Flood,** Ian Butler, John Perkin. **Litter** Fran Welbourne.

Play Areas Fran Welbourne, John Perkin. **Snow.** Caro Kingsnorth, Lyn Welbourne.

Watercourses. David Mossman. **Church** John Perkin. **Noticeboards** Fran Welbourne.

Trees. Fran Welbourne, Theresa Harrison, Caro Kingsnorth.

Roads. Fran Welbourne, Ian Butler. **Footpaths.** Caro Kingsnorth John Perkin.

53/12 Policy Updates.

The updated policies for; Standing Orders, Asset Register, Declarations of Interest and Financial Regulations were all approved.

54/12 Minutes of Meeting held on April 2nd.

The Minutes of the meeting held on April 2nd were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55/12 County Councillor Report

Cllr Tony Blackburn updated members on the County Council's budget which was still pursuing savings of £114m and that funding for services for older would be ring-fenced and protected. In respect of the County Council's proposals for the provision of an incinerator at Javelin Park, Cllr Blackburn confirmed that he had lodged his objection to the development and informed members that the planning application was likely to be considered in the autumn.

56/12 District Councillor Report.

Cllr Graham Littleton reported that the recent elections to the district council had resulted in no one party having a majority. Decisions about leader of the council and cabinet positions would be made at the district council's AGM. Cllr Littleton reported on the decision of the district council to oppose the planned development at Javelin Park, Cllr Littleton added that the district council would consider a legal challenge should the County Council press ahead with the development.

57/12 Police Report

PC Lucy Kaye provided an update on the recent changes to Gloucestershire Police including the impact of the resignation of the Chief Constable. In respect of issues affecting Hardwick PC Kaye stated that she was aware of issues of speeding traffic in parts of the village and also concerns about parking outside the school. PC Kaye provided an update on the initiative to set up a fishing club for 10-15 year olds. This was a new club and was available to young people in Hardwicke and Quedgeley.

58/12 Finance Report.

The Clerk presented the financial statement for April 2012 and the proposed payments. The Clerk also advised the Council of a quote for grass cutting at Cross Keys Roundabout. The contractor, Phil Richings had the required licences and had been approved by Gloucestershire Highways

The Council **Resolved** to agree the finance statement and payments and agreed to let the contract to Phil Richings for grass cutting at Cross Keys.

59/12. Javelin Park.

Cllr Welbourne declared his personal interest and took no part in the discussion and did not vote on any decision.

The Chair, Ian Butler provided an update on the planning process for Javelin Park. Members were informed of the vast amount of information that needed to be read and responded to. It was estimated that there was almost a month's work to go through all the documents. The chairman also reported on discussions that had taken place with neighbouring parish council and with Quedgeley Parish Council in particular who had also registered their opposition to the proposed development. Because of the complexity of the planning process and the technical aspects of the application, the Chairman proposed that that the Parish Council should seek to engage the services of a planning consultant to assist in developing the Parish Council's response.

The Parish Council fully supported the proposal and **Resolved to engage the services of planning consultants to develop the Parish Council's response to the planning application.**

60/12 Planning application S12/0665/ful

The council considered its response to the above application at Unit E Quedgeley Trading Estate.

Members had previously read the online planning application and expressed concern about the size of the proposed silos at the site.

Members **Resolved to; seek further information as to the size of the proposed silos and to state that any development should not exceed the height of the existing buildings.**

61/12 Parish Councillor Reports.

- a. **Lloyd Baker Court.** Cllr Fran Welbourne reported on the concern from residents about the provision of wheelie bins from Stroud District Council. Residents were concerned that the bins would be difficult to manoeuvre and there was no facility for storing them. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with a representative from the district council.
- b. **Noticeboards.** Cllr Fran Welbourne provided an update on the state of the noticeboards in the village and reported that four new boards had been ordered.
- c. **Section 106.** Cllr John Perkin gave an update on the discussions to utilise the section 106 money that being held by the district council.

The Meeting closed at 9.30.

Next Meeting Monday June 11th 2012

SignedChairman.....Date.....

