

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday October 1st 2012.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Gill Oxley

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Russell Miles, one Member of the Public and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Perkin and District Councillor Graham Littleton. The Chair informed the Parish Council that Cllr Caro Kingsnorth had resigned from the Parish Council.

91/12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lyn Welbourne declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in the agenda item to discuss Javelin Park.

92/12 Vacancies for Parish Councillor

Ms Helen Michaels attended the meeting and had put her name forward for being a co-opted Member for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED. The Parish Council resolved to appoint Helen Michaels as a co-opted Member.

93/12 Minutes of Meeting held on September 3rd 2012

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 3rd 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

94/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 88/12 The Parish Council reiterated its concerns about traffic matters within the village and following discussions with County Councillor Tony Blackburn it was agreed to seek a meeting with a senior manager from Gloucestershire Highways.

95/12 County Councillor Report

Cllr Tony Blackburn gave members an update on the new funding arrangements for schools and the impact that the financing of academies was having on the budgeting process for local schools. In respect of local highway matters, the Parish Council was informed that repairs to roads in Overbrook Road and Maple Close were to begin in October.

The Planning Application for Javelin Park was scheduled for consideration by the County Council's Planning Committee in December 2012. The County Council's Scrutiny Committee had 'called in' the Council's decision to award the contract for the incinerator before planning approval. A large number of objections to the application had already been submitted to the County Council, this included representations from English Nature and the CPRE.

96/12 Javelin Park

Cllr David Mossman gave Members an update on the continuing work of the Parish Council, in partnership with GlosVain and Quedgeley PC, to oppose the Incinerator at Javelin Park. Members of all groups were surprised that the County Council had agreed to sign such a major contract prior to any planning decision. All groups opposed to the Incinerator were continuing their work to raise awareness and seek further opportunities to challenge the County Council. The Parish Council confirmed that it would continue to work with partners to oppose the planning application. It also agreed the wording of its formal letter of opposition.

RESOLVED The Parish Council agreed its formal letter of objection to the proposed incinerator (copy attached to signed copy of the Minutes) and agreed to continue to work with partners.

97/12 Traffic Calming Measures

The Chair, Cllr Ian Butler, reported that there were increasing concerns about speeding traffic through the village. A number of suggestion had been made including installing 'pinch points' to slow down traffic. Members expressed their views that this was likely to increase with the development at Sellars Farm. There was unanimous support for seeking to have a village wide speed limit of 20mph. The Parish Council identified that there were precedents for this, with the 20mph limit for example, being applied through Stonehouse Town Centre.

RESOLVED The Parish Council stated that it wished to develop locally agreed speed limits for the village and to install a range of traffic calming measures. It would develop a local traffic calming plan and also incorporate this within a Village Design Statement.

98/12 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending September 30th 2012 and the list of invoices for payment. The Clerk confirmed that following the transfer of S 106 money from SDC in 2011/12 for maintenance of play equipment a sum of £6000 was still available within the budget. Members identified that the precept for 2013/14 would be affected by the new houses at Hunts Grove.

RESOLVED To approve the statement and payments and agree for quotes are obtained for appropriate maintenance work to play equipment. The Clerk was requested to seek clarification of the number of new houses at Hunts Grove and the impact on the Parish Council's precept.

99/12 Youth Shelter

Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported that he was concerned about anti-social behaviour at the Youth Shelter and potential misuse of the facility. It had been identified that the Parish Council need to improve its CCTV coverage of the area to ensure the protection of young people. Members were also concerned that the Police should respond to local concerns.

It was agreed to add another Parish Council representative to the list of Members approved to view CCTV footage.

RESOLVED. To obtain quotes for improved CCTV coverage of the Youth Shelter. To invite the Local Police Superintendent to the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that Cllr Theresa Harrison be approved to have access to the Parish Councils CCTV facility.

100/12 Section 106 Projects

The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the proposed projects. Information was also provided on Outdoor Fitness Equipment. The idea of installing some equipment had been suggested by a local resident. It was agreed to acquire estimates and proposals for the type of equipment that could be installed around the playing field.

RESOLVED To note the updated report and to examine the provision of outdoor fitness equipment.

101/12 District Councillor Report

District Councillor Russell Miles reported on the discussion being held by the District Council to develop its core housing strategy. The council was seeking to identify its housing needs through to 2031. The development of the plan would take place over a number of months and the final plan submitted to Government in spring 2013.

Members were interested to learn that throughout the district there had been an increase in the amount of recycling across the area and a decrease in waste.

Interestingly, given the County Council's pursuit of an Incinerator, the amount of waste to landfill had reduced by 11%.

102/12 Parish Councillor Reports

- a) There had been a number of complaints about vehicles parking on grass verges in Dimore Close and advertising vehicles parked in Westland Road. The Clerk agreed to contact the local police and Stroud District Council
- b) Business Cards. The Clerk provided costs and examples of styles of business cards. It was agreed to only provide cards for Parish Councillors who needed them. It was also agreed to investigate the provision of Identity cards.

103/12 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that there had been one response to the advertisement in Hardwicke Matters. The Parish Council agreed to invite the interested person to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 22.25

Signed.....Chair.....Date.....