

# **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday April 2nd 2013.

## **Present**

Cllr Andrew Gough	Cllr Helen Michael
Cllr Theresa Harrison	Cllr John Perkin
Cllr Mike King	Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr David Mossman	Cllr Lyn Welbourne

## **In attendance**

PCSO Kevin Lee, District Councillors, Graham Littleton and Russell Miles, Clerk Kevin Lee and three members of the public.

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gill Oxley.

## **43/13 Election of Chair**

Cllr David Mossman was elected Chair of the Parish Council for the year.

## **44/13 Election of Vice Chair**

Cllr Theresa Harrison was elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the year.

## **45/14 Election of Committees, Wardens and Representatives.**

The following appointments were made;

### **Committees:**

Churchyard	Theresa Harrison and John Perkin
Roads and Traffic	Fran Welbourne, Lyn Welbourne and Mike King
IT and communications	Theresa Harrison, David Mossman and Lyn Welbourne
Finance and Governance	Theresa Harrison and Fran Welbourne
Recreation and Amenities	Fran Welbourne, Helen Michael and John Perkin
Planning and Development	Fran Welbourne and Andrew Gough

### **Representatives:**

Youth Club	Lyn Welbourne
Press Officer	Vacant
Village Hall Committee	Fran Welbourne
Hardwicke School	Andrew Gough and John Perkin
Police	David Mossman and Fran Welbourne
Public Transport	Theresa Harrison and Mike King
Severn Vale School	David Mossman and Fran Welbourne
Severn Voice	David Mossman and John Perkin

**Wardens:**

Grass	Fran Welbourne and Helen Michael
Flood	John Perkin and Mike King
Litter	Fran Welbourne
Play Areas	Fran Welbourne
Snow	Lyn Welbourne
Watercourses	Mike King
Church	John Perkin
Footpaths	John Perkin
Noticeboards	Fran Welbourne
Roads	As per committee
Trees	Theresa Harrison

**46/14 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Fran and Lyn Welbourne declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in respect of any discussions on Javelin Park. Cllr Mike King declared an interest in the agenda item in respect of Section 106 projects.

**47/14 Public Consultation**

Two members of the public raised concern about the lack of play area facilities in the Springfield area. The Parish Council agreed to discuss with Stroud District Council the ownership of open spaces.

The other issue raised by the public concerned the increase of traffic through the village and the number of speeding vehicles. The Chair replied that the Parish Council had regularly reported traffic incidents to the Police and to Gloucestershire Highways. Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported that he had received an invitation from Gloucestershire Police for the Parish Council to take part in a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

**48/14 Minutes of Meeting held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013**

**RESOLVED** The minutes of the meeting held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

**49/14 Police Report**

PCSO Kevin Lee reported that there had been an overall reduction in crime over the past year. There had been a slight increase in burglaries and the Police had been visiting areas to give advice to residents on crime prevention measures. The Police confirmed that they would follow up on the issues of speeding.

**50/14 District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Russell Miles informed the Parish Council that a new committee system was being introduced at the district council. The district council's local plan was being developed and was currently out for consultation. Cllr Miles reported on the meeting held with Stroud District Council, Lister Petter and the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the new plant at Quedgeley West would be for assembly and that no manufacturing would be taking place on the site. Listers had also confirmed that sound proofing measures would be installed on the site.

## **51/14 Sellars Bridge**

The Chair, David Mossman informed Members that at a recent meeting with Redrow the developer had advised the Parish Council that it would be submitting a planning application to seek permission for an earlier time for starting work on the site with a start time of 7.30 am. This would be part of a formal planning application which the Parish Council would consider at a future meeting. The Chair informed members that Redrow were concerned that lorries from suppliers were 'stacking up' outside the site and causing traffic problems and wanted vehicles to be moved onto the site. Members acknowledged the safety benefits of lorries moving onto the site before 8.00am but wanted to see the agreed starting time of 8.00 a.m. strictly adhered to.

## **52/14 Planning Applications**

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications.

- S.13/0863/HHOLD 15 Orchard Close Hardwicke. **RESOLVED to raise no objections.**
- S.13/0664/HHOLD Ellis Farm Sticky Lane. **RESOLVED to raise no objections.**
- S.13/0806/ADV Unit A Quedgeley Trading Estate **RESOLVED to raise no objections.**
- Licensing application 13/00415/LAPRNW. Elmore Court. **RESOLVED to not support** the application on the grounds of; (a) The application does not align itself to the planning consent previously granted, (b) The Council is concerned about the additional traffic and the associated noise from vehicles that would be created particularly late at night.

## **53/14 Financial Report**

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. It highlighted that the first instalment of the Council's precept had been received from Stroud District Council.

**RESOLVED To agree the report and the list of payments**

## **54/14 Scrutiny Report and Section 106**

Cllr John Perkin gave Members an update on the progress of the village hall project. The first stages of the work had been completed and been carried out to a high standard. The next phase of the project would commence on May 28<sup>th</sup> and would include work to the ceiling, lighting and the floor.

**RESOLVED To receive the report**

## **55/14 Parish Councillor Reports**

1. Cllr Theresa Harrison reported that the litter problems at Wharfdale had not improved. There were also increasing amounts of litter in parts of the village caused by take-away packaging from McDonalds. Cllr Russell Miles agreed to raise the issue of litter with the area wardens.
2. Cllr John Perkin asked for an update on the provision of replacement wooden bollards along Green Lane. The Clerk informed members that an order had been placed for the work.

3. Cllr Andrew Gough informed the council that parking problems outside the school were still continuing. There was also a problem with a tree overhanging the footpath. District Councillor Russell Miles agreed to speak to the Head Teacher.
4. Cllr Mike King reported that the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles parked on the forecourt of the Cross Keys garage was causing a road safety problem particularly when vehicles were reversing onto the highway. The Clerk agreed to write to highways.
5. Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the Parish Council notice board sited at the post office had been damaged. Quotes had been received for the repair. It was agreed to approve the expenditure of £140
6. The Chair Cllr David Mossman informed Members that a question had been raised about the provision of the CCTV cameras located on the village hall. It was acknowledged that the cameras were originally installed to record any incidents of damage to the Council's property such as the play equipment and youth shelter. CCTV also provided security for the village hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue with the CCTV.

Meeting Ended 9.25 pm

Signed  
Date

Chair