

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday February 4th 2013.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr John Perkin

In attendance

District Councillors Graham Littleton and Russell Miles, County Councillor Tony Blackburn and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Helen Michael and Gill Oxley.

11/13 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Lyn Welbourne declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in the agenda item to discuss Javelin Park. Cllr Mike King declared an interest in agenda item on Section 106 projects.

12/13 Public Consultation

There were no items raised

13/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 7th were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14/13 District and County Councillor Reports.

Cllr Graham Littleton reported that he had met with planning officers to discuss the 'reserved matters' in respect of the development at Sellars Farm. He informed the Parish Council that he was satisfied with this part of the application. He expressed concern about the removal of the provision of £86,000 for highways work. It was understood that the sum of money had been offered unconditionally by the developer to facilitate road safety and traffic calming measures in the Village. The Chair of the Parish Council, Ian Butler confirmed his understanding that the money was offered by the developer in recognition of the impact that the additional traffic would have on the Village. Section 106 had been used as the mechanism for delivering the funding which put it into a legal framework. However, because the County Council had

deemed the highway improvements to be unnecessary, the funding was removed from the final agreement.

There was general dissatisfaction with the way that the County Council had approached the matter and had made decisions without having discussed them with the Parish Council. Members agreed that Hardwicke had been severely let down by the County Council. County Councillor Tony Blackburn expressed his annoyance with County Highways officers and reported that he had taken up the matter with the Cabinet Member within the County Council.

In respect of Javelin Park, Cllr Tony Blackburn reported that no date had been set for the planning committee to meet to consider the application.

15/13 Budget and Precept for 2013/2014

The Clerk reported on the changes made by the Government into how council tax support was allocated to district councils. The impact of the changes meant that, the amount of grant for council tax relief, given to parish and town councils would diminish over the next three years. The impact for Hardwicke Parish Council had been lessened by the increase in new properties having been built which increased the Parish Council's Tax Base.

The Clerk presented the proposed budget for 2013/14 which set the budget for the year at £41,320. Setting the budget at this level would deliver require no increase in the precept and the Parish Council's element of Council Tax Bills would remain the same as the previous year.

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending January 31st and a list of payments for the month.

RESOLVED. To agree the budget of £41,320 for the financial year 2013/2014.

To agree the financial statement and list of payments for the period ending January 31st 2012.

16/13 Police Report.

There were no Police Officers available to attend the meeting. Members highlighted a number of concerns to raise with the Police. These included speeding vehicles throughout the village and quad bikes being ridden across the sports field.

RESOLVED . To report the concerns to the police and request their presence at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

17/13 Sellars Farm

The Vice Chair, David Mossman, presented a report which summarised a number of responses to the 'reserved matters' aspect of the planning application.

- The area marked as a football field should be designated as an open space for general recreation and leisure use
- 20 mph speed limit throughout the development to be adopted/imposed by Gloucestershire Highways
- Hedgerows along Sellars Road to be maintained
- Ditches along Sellars Road to be maintained by Redrow
- Street lighting to be provided along Sellars Road

RESOLVED to support the application for the reserved matters and to include the above items as part of the response.

18/13 Planning Application S.13/0147/FUL Land at 24 Elmgrove Road East.

The Parish Council considered the above application and raised concern about the impact on properties in Hildyard Close.

RESOLVED to respond to the application, highlighting concerns about impact on properties in Hildyard Close.

19/13 Street Naming

The Clerk reported that the District Council had been asked for its views on a proposed name for the development at Elmgrove Road East. Members rejected the names submitted by the developer and proposed Mostyn Close.

RESOLVED to recommend Mostyn Close as the preferred name for the development

20/13 Parish Councillor Reports.

- a) Cllr David Mossman provided an update on the work of GlosVain and the continued opposition to the incinerator at Javelin Park. It was reported that GlosVain had not been able to encourage officers and members from the County Council to visit an alternative waste facility at Bristol.
- b) Cllr Lyn Welbourne informed the Parish Council of new legislation which would be implemented in 2014, which would necessitate additional CCTV being provided in the bar area of the village hall.
- c) Cllr Andrew Gough informed members that he would be arranging to meet with the Head of the Primary School to discuss the issues of parking and the problems and safety issues being generated.
- d) Cllr Theresa Harrison reported on increased amounts of litter around Wharfdale, and in particular, in the areas leading down to the canal. It was also reported that one of the seats facing the canal had also been removed. Trees and hedges had been cut along school lane but had not been cleared away. There was also an increase in the number of vehicles speeding along the lanes.

The Meeting Closed at 9.27 pm

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