

# Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## Present

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Gill Oxley

Cllr Mike King

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Theresa Harrison

## In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, PC Faye Jones, Caroline Gunn (Hardwicke Matters) and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

## 84/13 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Mossman, Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne. In the absence of the Chair the Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair Theresa Harrison.

## 85/13 Public Consultation

Caroline Gunn gave a presentation on the proposed music festival for the August Bank Holiday 2014. Caroline reported that the idea for a festival had come from the success of the Jubilee Festival held in 2012. Feedback from that event indicated that local residents would welcome a music based event in the future. A survey form had been distributed to residents via Hardwicke Matters. To date 40 forms had been returned indicating support for such a festival. The proposal would be to hold an event on the main field and to erect a marquee. It would be a fee paying event and the Parish Council was asked for support for the use of the field and also for the provision of gated access to the field. Caroline added that income from the festival would be used to benefit local organisations.

Members discussed the proposal and congratulated Caroline a very full presentation and research for the idea. There were one or two areas requiring further information in particular could the Parish Council restrict access to the field, what would be the impact on local residents and what would be the planning requirements.

**RESOLVED It was agreed to seek clarification of these issues and to add to the agenda for the November meeting for further discussion.**

### **86/13 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair. Cllr John Perkin asked that consideration be given to providing steel side panels to the Youth shelter

**RESOLVED to agree the Minutes and investigate the cost of providing new side panels to the youth shelter**

### **87/13 County Councillor Report**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn reminded Members that the planning appeal for Javelin Park would be commencing on November 19<sup>th</sup> and was scheduled to last for 4 to 6 weeks.

An issue which had been a concern for the Parish Council for some time was the speed limit on the B4008. Tony reported that Cllr Mark Hawthorne was also pursuing a speed reduction on the same stretch of road. The development at Mayo's land would seem to allow for further consideration of the speed reduction on to the A 38. Cllr Blackburn asked if the Parish Council would write to the Cabinet Members for Highways stating its support for a speed reduction.

**RESOLVED to write the cabinet Members for Highways supporting the speed reduction on the B4008 from 40 mph to 30mph.**

### **88/13 Police Report**

PC Faye Jones updated Members on the recent staffing changes within the division. In respect of crime figures it was reported that there had been a slight increase in bicycle thefts and thefts from vehicles. This was an issue which was county wide and not specific to Hardwicke.

Members raised concerns about vehicles speeding on the A38 between the Cross Keys Roundabout and Waterwells Roundabout. PC Jones agreed to refer the matter to the traffic division for investigation. A spate of anti-social behaviour had also been taking place on the allotments. PC Jones stated that it was important all such incidents to be reported. She urged residents to use the 101 telephone number to report incidents of concern.

### **89/13 Planning Application**

S.13/1853/HHOLD Den Helder

The Parish Council considered the application and made no objections.

**RESOLVED To make no objections to the application.**

**90/13 Finance Report and Audit Report**

The Clerk presented the finance statement for the period ending September 30<sup>th</sup> and list of payments. It was also reported that the Audited accounts for 2012/13 had been returned and the Council had received a satisfactory audit.

**91/13 Dog Bins**

Members considered the need for an additional dog bin for Maple Close.

**RESOLVED To agree the purchase of an additional dog bin**

**92/13 Parish Councillor Reports**

Cllr Helen Michael reported that she had been approached by a resident from Springfield who had complained about the difficulty of purchasing green refuse sacks. There was no outlet within Hardwicke for buying the sacks and the nearest place was Stonehouse Town Council. Cllr Andrew Gough agreed to investigate further.

Cllr Helen Michael and Cllr Andrew Gough reported on complaints about the amount of weeds growing along the footpaths in the kerbs at various places in the village. The Clerk was asked to report the concerns to County Highways.

Cllr Harrison reported on the poor state of the footpath leading from Wharfdale to the Pilot Inn. It was agreed to raise the matter with County Highways.

Meeting Closed 9.15

Signed..... Chair

Date .....