

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday April 7th 2014.

Present

Cllr David Mossman (Chair)	Cllr Lyn Welbourne
Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne	Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr Andrew Gough	Cllr Mike King
Cllr John Perkin	

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn and Kevin Lee, Clerk

37/14 Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors, Victoria King-Lowe, Theresa Harrison, Helen Michael and Gill Oxley.

38/14 Declarations of Interest

There were none

39/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 3rd were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes

40/14 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the plan. Survey forms had been distributed through Hardwicke Matters and a number of 'drop boxes' had been provided around the village. Already there had been quite a good response. The closing date for submission of forms was April 22nd 2014.

The analysis of the forms would be undertaken by GRCC. A presentation would be made at the Parish Assembly on April 23rd which would also give residents the opportunity to discuss matters with members of the steering group.

Members noted progress of the plan and recorded their thanks for the hard work Being undertaken by the steering group and for the leadership of the Chair Kevin Marsden and Vice Chair Ian Widdows.

RESOLVED to note the progress of the plan

41/14 County Councillor Report

Tony Blackburn gave an update on the latest issues within the County Council. Cllr Blackburn informed Members of the ongoing discussions with Gloucestershire Highways about the aims for a 30 mph speed restriction on the B4008. He had been in discussion with County Councillor Mark Hawthorne who had agreed with proposal.

The issue was the lack of funding available from Gloucestershire Highways. There was no budget allocation within their capital programme to undertake the work. There had been discussions about joint funding but a final cost of the project was still needed. Cllr Blackburn said that he would raise the issue with Mark Hawthorne to approach Quedgeley Parish Council to seek their support for contribution to the costs. Cllr Fran Welbourne suggested that an approach also be made for the provision of a pedestrian crossing to be included in the project Parish Cllr Andrew Gough suggested that an approach be made to the new owners of the Starting Gate. It was also suggested that an approach be made to Stroud District Council to enquire if S106 funding could be sought from the developers of Mayo's Land.

Cllr Blackburn reported that he was continuing his opposition to the new road junction from Hunts Grove on to the A38. He was concerned about the provision of a crossing and the issues in respect of Haresfield Lane.

Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council of a new funding scheme for County Councillor to use in their divisions. A sum of £40,000 had been made available under the heading of 'Active Gloucestershire' this would be to support projects that encouraged residents to physical recreation. Cllr John Perkin proposed that a bid be made to match fund the proposed outdoor fitness equipment project for around the sports field. Members agreed and asked the Clerk to submit a bid

RESOLVED to note Cllr Blackburn's report and to submit a bid for match funding for the outdoor fitness equipment project.

42/14 Highways Data

The Chair gave an update on the report that had been prepared by Cllr Mike King. It was recognised that separate meeting should be held to discuss the findings and recommendations, then for a meeting to be held with Gloucestershire Highways.

RESOLVED To hold a separate meeting to discuss the findings of the report.

43/14 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following applications.

- S.14/0732/VAR Quedgeley West
There were no objections.
- S.14/0466/HHOLD 43 Dimore Close
The parish Council had a number of concerns which related to their previous discussions on the original application.

RESOLVED It was agreed to write to SDC setting out the concerns.

44/14 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending March 31st and for the list of monthly payments.

RESOLVED to agree the report and payments

45/14 Parish Councillor Reports

1. Cllr Fran Welbourne had received complaints about the overgrown hedge in Green Lane which was causing a hazard to motorists. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise the matter with Gloucestershire Highways.
2. Cllrs Lyn Welbourne and Andrew Gough gave an update on the meeting held with Stroud District Council over the provision of the youth club. It was recognised that more provision needed to be made and further discussions would be held. SDC were also helping to support the provision of a youth worker following the resignation of the exiting post holder.

3. Cllr John Perkin asked if the grass cutting contractor could leave a wider strip around the pond for the benefit of wildlife as had been done previously. The Clerk agreed to speak to the contractor. Cllr Perkin asked if progress had been made on resolving the flooding issues to Tudor Cottage, it was understood that SDC would be approaching the owner to conduct a survey. The Clerk agreed to follow up with SDC. Cllr Perkin was also concerned about the ditch clearance in Green Lane and suggested that the area be levelled out. He also raised the issue of jetting the pip from the pond
4. Cllr Sarah Costello–Byrne reported that residents had approached her expressing concern about vehicle parked at the top of Green Lane close to the B4008. The road was very narrow and the parking of vans was causing a problem
5. Cllr David Mossman gave an update on the progress of Stroud District Council's Local Plan which was subject to an enquiry and examination in public. Cllr Mossman gave an update on the discussions with NHS England and the Developers for the provision of health services at Hunts Grove. A further meeting with Crest Nicholson, Stroud District Council and NHS England was to be held to progress the provision of a health centre. Cllr Mossman raised the issue of Co-Option of Parish Councillors. He suggested that if there was a future need to Co-opt members to the Council then a set procedure should be followed. This would take the form of a 'prospective candidate' having an initial meeting/interview before a presentation and approval by the full Parish Council. Members agreed to the proposal

46/14 Elmgrove Play Area

The Clerk advised Members that the new lease agreement for the play area had been received and set out the arrangements as reported to a previous meeting.

RESOLVED To approve the signing of the lease

The meeting Ended at 21.10