

# Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## **Present**

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr John Perkin

## **In attendance**

Graham Brearley, NDP Steering Group, PCSO, Eight Members of the Public and Kevin Lee, Parish Clerk.

## **61/15 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Sarah Costello-Byrne

## **Resolved to accept the apologies**

## **62/15 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

## **63/15 Public Consultation**

Residents raised concerns over the parking and delivery vehicle problems currently experienced at the New Post Office / One Stop Shop in Hardwicke. Heavy Goods delivery vehicles are forced to unload very close to the junction causing problems for vehicles entering and exiting Elmgrove Road East. Large delivery vehicles have difficulty in turning round after entering Elmgrove Road East as there is no other exit from the estate. During the delivery of supplies and at busy times the roads around the shop become gridlocked due to insufficient parking / unloading arrangements provided by the shop with customers even using the bus stop on the B4008.

This causes the buses to stop on the main road to alight their passengers, this includes school buses, and children cannot get on and off buses without stepping into the carriageway. The exit from the One Stop car park has restricted vision due to a high fence extending to the edge of the footpath causing cars to cross the pavement without being able to see pedestrians.

Residents and Parish Councillors commented that the original planning application for the shop showed 52 car parking spaces and there was no suggestion of part of the site being set aside for development.

District Cllr, David Mossman agreed to arrange a meeting with planning officers at Stroud District Council to discuss the issues raised.

### **64/15 Minutes of Meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup> were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

### **Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**

### **65/15 County and District Councillor Reports**

District Councillor David Mossman reported that the Planning Inspector would recommence the examination of the district council's local plan on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The first few days would be dedicated to examining the housing numbers.

Cllr Mossman advised that Elmore Court had applied for an extension to its licence which would allow for longer operating times. Approval had been given for a temporary licence for 12 events per year with an operating extension to 2am with a further two hours for cleaning up

The Clerk read out a written report from County Councillor Tony Blackburn. Cllr Blackburn highlighted concerns that the proposed speed reduction on the B4008 would be starting near to the junction with Green Lane and not further South before the residential properties.

### **Resolved to note the reports**

### **66/15 Police Report**

The Parish Council was informed that there had been a nuisance issues with quad bikes in Barley Close and Elmgrove Road West. The people causing the nuisance had been stopped by the police and had been issued with notices. The effect of the notice is such that if a person is found riding the quad bike or another quad bike then the bike will be confiscated.

There had been an incident in the Hunts Grove Area with a group of around 15 people playing loud music in an open area. The Police were called and the music speakers were seized.

## **Resolved to note the report**

### **67/15 Co-Option of Parish Councillor**

Graham Brearley who was an active member of the Neighbourhood Planning Group had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. Members acknowledged the work that Graham had been doing as part of the group and recognised the commitment that he would bring to the Parish Council.

## **Resolved to Co Opt Graham Brearley to the Parish Council**

### **68/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Members were informed that the NDP Group had been developing the draft plan and copies had been circulated to Parish Councillors for comment. The draft document was being developed in line with the story boards presented at the recent consultation event and taking account of the public comments. It was acknowledged that the development of the plan was reaching a crucial stage and it was confirmed that the NDP Group and the Parish Council would now meet as one group, led by the Parish Council.

The Council's Planning Consultants, Hunter Page had provided feedback on key policies and these were being incorporated into the draft plan

## **Resolved to note the report and confirm that the work of the NDP Steering Group would be led by the Parish Council**

### **69/15 Elmgrove Estate and Plantation Play Areas Safety Report**

The Clerk reported on the accident to a young boy who broke his arm when he fell from the climbing frame at the Elmgrove Play Area. Several Parish Councillors had met with the child's father when they inspected the equipment.

The Clerk further reported on the annual RoSPA inspection of the play equipment which had been undertaken by Play Safety Ltd. The report, which also commented on the Plantation Play Area, had found all the equipment to be in good order and did not identify areas of concern.

Cllr Andrew Gough informed the Council that during the visit one resident had said how pleased they were with the fencing but would welcome the provision of additional seating within the play area.

## **Resolved to note the reports and to obtain costs for the provision of additional seating**

## **70/15 Planning Applications and SDC Planning Protocol**

### **Planning Protocol**

Cllr David Mossman informed the Parish Council of the protocol established by the District Council when parishes wanted to have planning applications referred to Development Control Committee.

The Head of Planning had advised that if a parish or town council wanted an application to be referred to DCC, as opposed to being dealt with by officers under delegated powers, then the parish/town council would need to get approval from the Chair of DCC. It was also expected that the parish/town council would discuss the matter with their district councillor.

The Parish Council noted the protocol and would adhere to it when seeking to refer matters to DCC.

### **Planning Applications**

#### **S.15/0677/FUL Land at the Starting Gate**

In considering the application The Parish Council's response took into account; concerns over the existing highways issues presented by the shop and the views of 8 residents from Elmgrove Road East who attended the meeting to voice their concerns.

Concerns by both the Parish Council and residents were raised over the parking and delivery vehicle problems currently experienced at the New Post office / One Stop Shop in Hardwicke. Heavy Goods delivery vehicles are forced to unload very close to the junction causing problems for vehicles entering and exiting the estate. Large delivery vehicles have difficulty in turning round after entering Elmgrove Road as there is no other exit from the estate.

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The Parish Council believes that the proposed development would add additional risk to road users and pedestrians.

**Resolved to oppose the application on the following grounds;**

- 1. Access to and from the proposed development would be through the existing car park for the shop and proposed take away service thus further restricting parking provision.**
- 2. There is a significant Highways Safety Issue. Currently, Heavy goods vehicle that service the shop block the entrance to the car park and The provision of additional housing on the site will add to existing road safety issues**
- 3. There is an over development of the whole site and the proposed development does not take into account the amount of vehicle traffic to the shop, take away service and to the two flats. The total traffic movements associated with the whole site would produce an unacceptable level of risk.**

#### **S.15/0826/HHOLD Waterdale Close**

It was noted that there was insufficient information on the planning website

**Resolved to consider this application at the next meeting of the Council**

#### **S.15/0825/CPL 41 Pinewood Road**

**Resolved to raise no objections**

#### **S.15/0937/FUL Purton Cottage**

**Resolved to oppose the application on the following grounds;**

- 1. The proposed development is outside the settlement boundary as per policy HN10**
- 2. There is a Highways Safety Issue at this location**
- 3. The proposed development will be in close proximity to the highway alterations linked to the Hunts Grove Development**

#### **71/15 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the budget report for the period ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 and the list of monthly payment

## **Resolved to approve the report and the list of monthly payments**

### **72/15 CCTV for Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that one quote had been received for the provision of an additional CCTV camera and for an annual maintenance cost.

The Clerk was asked to seek further quotes and report back to the next meeting

## **Resolved to seek further quotes**

### **73/15 Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

Members considered the three quotes for the outdoor fitness equipment and reviewed the options for the types of equipment and the 'matting'. It was acknowledged that a number of further options needed to be taken into account and it was agreed to refer the matter back to the recreation and amenities committee with a formal recommendation being made to the next meeting of the Council

## **Resolved to refer the matter back to the recreation and amenities committee**

### **74/15 Work Plan Update**

The Clerk presented the update report for the period ending April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Fran Welbourne requested that additional bollards be purchased for Green Lane as vehicles were still parking on the verge

## **Resolved to note the report and to obtain quotes for additional bollards**

### **75/15 Parish Councillor Reports**

1. Cllr Andrew Gough raised concerns about the lack of grass cutting in Pear Tree Close. It was noted that this was an issue for the district council. There were continuing problems of car parking caused by parents picking up children from school. It was also noted that there was no longer a school crossing patrol officer for the school.
2. Cllr John Perkin commented on the poor state of the carriageway in Green Lane and noted that in one area the surface had worn down to the concrete layer. It was also noted that the verge leading from the Pond to the Planation was overgrowing was overgrowing. The Clerk advised that this would be cut back as part of the grass cutting contract.
3. Cllr Theresa Harrison noted that a new bus stop had been provided in School lane but there was no footpath. The hedge near to the bus stop by the Pilot was also overgrown

4. Cllr David Mossman gave an update on the discussions with Stroud District Council and Severn Trent on the plans to alleviate the flooding problems at Tudor Cottage. It was noted that the verge on the corner of Sellars Road and School Lane was very overgrown. It was agreed to raise the matter with Redrow as the adjacent landowners.

Meeting closed at 21.35

Signed

Chair

Date