

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on Monday October 5th 2015.

Present

Cllr Theresa Harrison (Vice Chair)	Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne	Cllr Lyn Welbourne
Cllr Andrew Gough	Cllr John Perkin

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

121/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mike King, Cllr David Mossman and Cllr Graham Brearley.

122/15 Public Consultation

There was none

123/15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fran Welbourne declared an interest in respect of the item to discuss the application for a storage container in the car park. Councillor Lyn Welbourne declared an interest in the item to consider the Youth Club.

124/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 7th 2015

125/15 County Councillor and District Councillor reports

County Councillor Tony Blackburn gave an update on the proposals by the Canal and River Trust to introduce automatic bridges along the canal. The CRT was continuing with the proposals not to include cameras facing the highway. After an unsatisfactory meeting at the County Council, Severn Voice would be asked to present their case to the County Council.

The County Council would be giving consideration to the introduction of a 30mph speed limit for the B 4008 at a meeting of the T.R.O. committee in December.

The Clerk read out a written report from District Councillor David Mossman.

The report highlighted that the construction of the incinerator at Javelin Park would commence in 2016 and take three years to build. A meeting was planned for Friday October 9th, with representatives from neighbouring parish councils, to discuss the establishment of a Community Liaison Group.

Cllr Mossman would be meeting with the MP to pursue the provision of a GP surgery at Hunts Grove.

In respect of the CRT proposals, Cllr. Mossman's report highlighted his concerns about the impact on the roads to the villages to the west side of the canal and the potential impact for emergency services.

Resolved to note the reports

126/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the plan. The consultation process had commenced and three replies had been received from the statutory consultees. The District Council were undertaking a screening of the plan and would provide feedback by the end of October.

It was agreed to arrange a further meeting of the Parish Council on Monday October 26th to consider any changes to the plan following the consultation process.

Resolved to note the report and agree to a further meeting on October 26th

127/15 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered its response to the following applications.

S.15/2038/FUL Unit J Quedgeley Trading Estate

Resolved no objections

S.15/1760/ADV Unit L Quedgeley Trading Estate

Resolved no objections

S.15/2137 3 Elmgrove Road East

Resolved no objections

128/15 Request from Hardwicke Playgroup for the Provision of a storage container

The Council gave full consideration to the request from the playgroup for extra storage space. The Council recognised the issues raised but felt that it was not appropriate to have a container in the car park.

Resolved to refuse the request

129/15 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending September 30th 2015 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved to accept the report

130/15 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that three residents from Hunts Grove had responded to the request for two people to fill the vacancies for Parish Councillor. It was agreed to hold the interviews on the 26th October.

Resolved to invite the residents to a meeting of the Parish Council on October 26th at 19.00

131/15 Street Naming for Hunts Grove

The Parish Council considered the proposed names for five new streets in Hunts Grove. The Council accepted most of the names but did not support Fallow and Woodstock and asked for alternatives to be considered.

Resolved to reject the names of Fallow and Woodstock but support the other names proposed.

132/15 Hardwicke Youth Club

Members considered the report on the future and funding of the Youth Club. It was recognised that the Club provided a valuable service and facility to the community and should be supported. Members noted the additional funding that was required to ensure the viability of the club. It was agreed that the Parish Council should increase its funding to the Youth Club with a minimum contribution of £4,000 per year with an annual review. The Club would be required to submit regular accounts to the parish Council

Resolved to increase the funding of the Youth Club from 2016/17, to a minimum of £4,000 per year. This to be reviewed each year and payments to be made on a quarterly basis. The Youth Club would be required to submit regular accounts to the Parish Council.

133/15 Parish Councillor Reports

Councillor John Perkin was pleased to see that the outdoor gym equipment was being used on a regular basis. He reported that the Pond was very overgrown and needed attention. The Clerk advised that contact had been made with the Wildlife Trust who had agreed to visit the area and make proposals for the work to be undertaken.

Councillor Fran Welbourne reported that the area around the dog bin near to Elmgrove Road East/Sellars Road was overgrown and needed to be cut back.

Councillor Andrew Gough noted that there were continuing problems with motorcycles speeding along the A38 and B4008. There were areas of verges in Pear Tree Close that had not been cut.

Resolved to note the reports and follow up actions as necessary

134/15 Work Plan Update

The Clerk presented the work plan for the period ending September 30th 2015. Cllr John Perkin highlighted the item relating to flooding near to Tudor Cottage. Meetings with the district council and the appropriate bodies had been held. There was a delay in that the sewer from the Plantation had not been adopted and therefore, the proposed work would have be put on hold.

Resolved to note the report

135/15 Play Area Inspections

The Clerk reported that formal inspections of the play areas was undertaken on a quarterly basis and that annual inspections were undertaken by RoSPA and Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association. In addition Cllr Welbourne undertook an informal inspection each month. It had been suggested by the Playing Fields Association that inspections by the Parish Council should be undertaken every two weeks and report forms submitted to the Council. The Playing Fields Association had offered to provide some onsite training.

Resolved to undertake fortnightly inspections and for Cllr Fran Welbourne and the Clerk to undertake the inspections and submit reports to the Council.

Meeting Closed at 20.40

