

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday April 4th 2016

Present

Cllr Mike King (Chair)

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Graham Brearley

In attendance

Five Members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

39/16 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andrew Gough, David Mossman and Lyn Welbourne. County Councillor Tony Blackburn also sent his apologies.

40/16 Declarations of Interest

There were none

41/16 Public Consultation and Questions

Members of the public asked if there was an update on the proposed development for the land at the One Stop Shop. The Chair reported that a meeting had been held with the landowner and a new planning application and site layout was being considered. In respect of the initial proposal for a 'take away food service' The Chair advised that the landowner had stated that this was unlikely to happen and other options, such as a hairdressers, were being considered.

Other members of the Public raised questions about the development at Mayo's Field and voiced concern about the access to the development and the small amount of space allocated for a play area.

42/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on March 7th 2016

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 7th 2016

43/16 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Clerk reported that members of the NDP would be meeting on April 5th to consider the policy notes prepared by Hunter Page. A further update would be provided to the Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

RESOLVED to note the report

44/16 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

Cllrs Tony Blackburn and David Mossman had previously circulated reports on issues affecting the County Council and District Council. An update had been circulated on the proposal of Devolution for Gloucestershire with further questions being asked of central government on the issue of an elected mayor.

RESOLVED to note the reports

45/16 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending March 31st 2016 and the list of monthly payments for approval. A quote of £150 had been received for the weed spraying of the football pitch.

RESOLVED to; approve the report and monthly payments and to agree to the weed spraying of the football pitch.

46/16 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered its response to the following applications;

- S.16/0525/HHOLD Larian House
RESOLVED To raise no objections
- S.16/0127/REM Mayo's Field

Cllr David Mossman has previously circulated a report to Members setting out concerns about aspects of the development and the access via Meerbrook Way in particular. Members of the public reiterated the views expressed earlier.

RESOLVED to object to the proposals; for access to the development and to seek a second access from the B4008, concerns about the impact on residents of site construction traffic and to question the size of the play area LEAP

47/16 Replacement Lighting for Car Park

The Clerk reported that the proposed contractor was preparing a quote for the work.

RESOLVED To note the report

48/16 Parish Assembly

The Clerk informed the Council that the following groups/organisations had agreed to give a brief presentation at the Assembly; Fire and Rescue Service, Hardwicke Youth Club/Stroud Youth Forum, Neighbourhood Warden and SDC Open Spaces Manager.

RESOLVED to confirm the arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly on April 20th 2016

49/16 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Graham Brearley commented on the fly tipping in Sticky Lane and also the debris in the brook.

Cllr John Perkin reported that contractors who jetted the drains had identified that the pipe leading from the Plantation to the centre of Green Lane may be broken. The contractor would pass the information on to Gloucestershire Highways.

Cllr Theresa Harrison commented on the new website and asked if there would be a link from the former SDC website. The Clerk confirmed that SDC had agreed to provide a link and that most of the data had been transferred.

Cllr Fran Welbourne circulated a report from the Litter Picker who had commented on the extent of litter and fly tipping in parts of the Village. Cllr Welbourne had forwarded the report to the Neighbourhood Warden.

The Chair, Cllr Mike King gave a report on the open meeting of the Village Hall Committee. The Hall was being well supported with many bookings throughout the week. An issue of concern was that users of the hall were required to send representatives to meetings of the Village Hall Committee. Not every organisation was adhering to this requirement. It was agreed that Cllr Mike King be the Parish Council representative on the Committee.

Cllr King further reported on the responses to the Facebook Page, a number of residents had commented on the amount of speeding traffic.

RESOLVED to note the reports and confirm Cllr Mike King as the representative on the Village Hall Committee.

50/16 Work Plan Update

The Clerk presented an update of the Work plan. Cllr John Perkin advised that the long standing position of flooding near to Tudor Cottage was still unresolved. This was due to lack of agreement between Severn Trent Water and the Developer of the Plantation.

Cllr Mike King confirmed that he had spoken to a contractor for repairs to the Church Lych-gate and to the pedestrian gate leading to Church Lane.

RESOLVED to note the report

Meeting Closed at 20.30

Signed

Chair