

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday February 5th 2018

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Mark Ryder

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Kevin Marsden

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Darren Morris

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes

In attendance

District Councillors Gill Oxley and David Mossman, County Councillor Stephen Davies two members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

8/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Theresa Harrison and Graham Brearley

9/18 Declarations of Interest

There were none

10/18 Public Consultation

Residents were in attendance to listen to the discussion in respect of the planning applications at Hunts Grove and Davy Way and the impact on Shorn Brook Close. They expressed support for the land being developed for housing instead of commercial use.

11/18 Minutes of meetings held on January 2nd and 29th 2018

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 2/1/18 and 29/1/18

12/18 District and County Councillor reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies informed the meeting that a meeting with Highways England to discuss the proposals for M5 Junction 12 and Cross Keys Roundabout would be held on March 8th.

The planning application for Clearwater School, which had been refused by Gloucester City Council, would be going to appeal. The Diocese was concerned of the impact on Hardwicke School created by accommodating children who would be

attending Clearwater School. The Leader of the County Council had indicated that other sites for a Clearwater School were being investigated.

District Councillor David Mossman commented on views being expressed in respect of the proposed designs for housing at Hunts Grove by Bellway Homes. It was likely that the application would be considered by Stroud District Council, Development Control Committee.

Cllr Mossman advised that the BT line into the post office/One Stop would be unlikely to be repaired by March 1st. David Drew MP had been pursuing the matter and was urging BT to complete the work required.

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that Steve Lydon had stepped down as Leader of Stroud District Council; Cllr Doina Cornell had been appointed Leader of the Council.

The Warm and Well initiative, which was available to give advice to residents could be contacted on 0800 500 3076

13/18 Planning Applications

It was confirmed that Cllr Mark Ryder be co-opted to the Planning Group to assist with planning applications in respect of Hunts Grove.

The Council considered its response to the following planning applications;

- S.18/0865/TPO 17 Ashgrove Close

Resolved to raise no objections

- 2018 /0053/EIA Land at Quadrant Distribution Centre

Resolved Hardwicke Parish Council requests that SDC informs the applicant that an Environmental Impact Statement on this land to support a residential proposal in the future would unlikely to succeed as such a proposal would

- **Be non-compliant with NPPF paragraph 7, a cornerstone of sustainable development principles**
- **Be non-compliant with SDC Local Plan Policy CP2 and CP11.**
- **Directly oppose the requirements of SDC Local Plan Policy E11 and The Guiding Principles of the Gloucester Fringe in the SDC Local Plan.**
- **Be non-compliant with the Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy GEN1 and EC2.**

The full report on the application is attached to the signed copy of the minutes

- S.18/ 0090/GDPE 1 Collet Close

Resolved to raise no objections

- **S.17/2289/REM Land at Colethrop Farm**

The planning group reported that the response to the application was being prepared and a significant amount of work was required to provide a final response

Resolved; to note the update

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin gave a report on the meeting he attended for parish and town councils with Stroud District Council. One of the main topics was the problems being experienced with the On Line planning system. SDC had acknowledged that the problems were making it difficult for local council's to submit responses to applications. Amendments to the system were being tested

14/18 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending January 31st 2018 and the list of monthly payments.

Cllr Marsden asked the Council to confirm the use of the validation report when considering future projects and priorities.

Resolved; to approve the report and schedule of payments and to approve the validation report for considering future project funding

15/18 Parish Councillor and Lead Member Reports

Cllr Fran Welbourne gave an update report on the play areas; the surface to the Planation Play Area had been cleared and the fencing around the basketball court had been replaced. The roundabout in the Elmgrove Play Area had been repaired.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne noted that two of the black and white bollards in Green Lane had been removed and need to be replaced.

Cllr Darren Morris advised the Council that some of the contractors at Hunts Grove were still working outside the approved hours; this had been taken up with Crest.

The issue of the establishment of a management company for Hunts Grove had been discussed and it had been acknowledged that residents from the first phase of the development are not included in the Section-73 variation of planning permission approved in September 2017 by Stroud District Council that changed the 2009 agreement of adopting the public open spaces and facilities. Phase 1 buyers were not informed of a liability for a management company at time of purchase.

Councillors and the HGRA (Hunts Grove Residents Association) are seeking an alternative approach to resolve this situation.

Cllr Mark Ryder reported on discussions that had been taking place in respect of the open space and play areas at Hunts Grove. A view had been expressed about the Parish Council assuming responsibility for some of the areas. Members agreed that, in principle, Cllrs could continue discussions about these areas and that the Council may be interested in taking on responsibility for them.

There had been issues in Hunts Grove with car transporters taking the wrong directions and entering the development causing damage to fences and footpaths. Crest had agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Ryder thanked the members of the planning group for all their work in responding to the many applications in respect of Hunts Grove.

Cllr Kevin Marsden asked if a letter was to be sent to the County Council and City Council in respect of the decision to refuse planning permission for Clearwater

School. The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on the meeting with the Head Teacher of Hardwicke School and the concern the Head Teacher had of the difficulties relating to the temporary classrooms.

Cllr Marsden urged to Council to progress the use of social media for to provide information to residents. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Darren Morris would meet to discuss this and to review the content of the website.

Cllr Demelza Turner–Wilkes reported that some residents had not had their refuse collected. The district council team had been unable to get to some properties because of the narrow roads and car parked both sides.

Cllr Jill Brearley reported that a large tree had fallen into the ditch near to Apricot Cottage. She also raised concern about the safety fencing around the culvert near to the Church; it appeared as though a vehicle had damaged the safety rails.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on a meeting of the Churchyard Committee, Fr Andrew had said how pleased the Church and congregation were about the well maintained churchyard. Cllr Perkin had asked about the need to expand the burial area of the churchyard. Although there was no immediate need it was recognised that as the village grows then more space would be needed for the future.

Cllr Perkin gave a further update on the meeting with the Head teacher of Hardwicke School and advised Members of the schools plans to encourage more parents to walk to the school. The possibility of re-establishing a youth club for the 8-11 age group was discussed. The Head teacher offered to advertise through the school newsletter to gauge support and seek volunteers to run the club

A meeting held been held with the District Council's Manager for open spaces to assess which areas, currently owned by SDC could be transferred to the parish council.

Cllr Perkin gave a report on the meeting held by SDC for Parish and Town Councils during which the five year review of the local plan was discussed. Cllr Perkin met with the lead planning officer and asked to what extent SDC were using the Parish Council's NDP. It was agreed that any planning decisions which appeared not to take full account of the NDP would be investigated.

Resolved to note the reports and follow up actions

16/18 The Green

It was agreed to investigate further the options for protecting access to the area.

17/18 Work Plan Update

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending January 31st 2018

Resolved to accept the report

18/18 Meeting with Football Club

It was agreed to hold a separate meeting with the club to hear their development proposals

Meeting closed at 21.30

Signed

Chair

Date