

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Hardwicke Parish Council held on Monday April 1st 2019

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Mark Ryder

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Darren Morris

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies, District Councillor David Mossman, one resident and Kevin Lee, Clerk

38/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Gill Oxley, Parish Councillors Graham Brearley and Anthony Doyle

39/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none

40/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 4th 2019

41/19 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported on a meeting with the Severn Voice Group of Parishes where there had been a discussion on the use of VAS Speed Signs. It was considered that the threshold for providing such signs were too high. Discussions were being held with the Area Highways Manager to explore the possibility of lowering the threshold.

District Councillor David Mossman reported that Redrow had withdrawn its planning application for land south of the Bristol Road. It was likely that the developer would prepare a complete plan for a wider development. The Joint Core Strategy Group, which included Gloucester City Council, had identified Hardwicke along with Brookthorpe and Whaddon as potential sites for meeting Gloucester's unmet housing need.

Councillor Mossman had sought clarification on the status of the Parish Council's NDP if the Governance Review led to the separation of Hardwicke and Hunts Grove. It had been confirmed that there would be no negative impact. It was noted that the NDP would need to be reviewed every five years which would mean 2022 for a review of the Plan.

The Energy from Waste Facility at Javelin Park would be starting its hot testing during April/May. The data from the air monitoring was available on the following website www.glosclg.weebly.com

The funding group was up and running and available for community organisations to submit bids for grants by the end of June.

Resolved to note the reports

42/19 Public Questions

A resident asked for clarification on the proposed road layout around Haresfield Lane. Councillor Mark Ryder advised that the plans had changed slightly from the original design as a result of the Hunts Grove Extension. Cllr Ryder produced copies of the latest plans and proposals. There would be further discussions about the boundary impact with nearby properties

43/19 Planning Applications

The Parish Council confirmed its response to the following applications

- **S.18/2777/REM Bovis Homes, Hunts Grove**
Resolved; no further observations on the proposed layout. The Parish Council registers its continuing concerns about the noise levels and the proposed ventilation systems. In particular the temperature of the homes during summer months could increase to 26 degrees which would be above the accredited limit.
- **S.19/0569/DISCON Hunts Grove and S.19/0457/DISCON Hunts Grove**
Resolved to highlight that a Badger Set had been identified within 10metres of the development (S.19/0457)

44/19 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report and list of monthly payments for the period ending March 31st 2019

Resolved to approve the report and payments

45/19 Purchase of Dog Bins

Councillor Fran Welbourne had identified the three areas which required new dog waste bins. Members made a suggestion as to the change to one of the sites to include Davy Way

Resolved to approve the purchase of three bins at a cost of £198 each

46/19 Stroud District Council Community Governance Review

The Chair commented on the draft proposals document submitted by the District Council and advised that the consultation period would run until May 6th 2019. The Chair advised Members that the Annual Meeting of the Parish on April 17th would contain an update on the Review. The Parish Council would formulate its final response after this date.

Reference was made to the article on the Governance Review that had appeared in the latest edition of Hardwicke Matters which had been submitted by a resident. District Councillors felt that the article was ill timed and that it did not reflect the level of support that they as Councillors gave to the Parish Council. Parish Councillors expressed concern that the article did not accurately reflect the views of the Parish Council and that there should be no association linked to the article. It was noted that there would be an impact on membership of the planning group because the co-opted member will be requested to cease their contribution and membership of the group as of this meeting. Members also expressed the view that there was still a period of consultation and residents should be encouraged to submit their views.

Resolved; Hardwicke Parish Council has considered the first round of consultation response from parishioners and fully support the right of parishioners to submit their views on the future local governance arrangements. As such Hardwicke Parish Council encourages parishioners to submit their ideas to the consultation survey.

The Parish Council further resolved to review the membership of its Planning Group at the next meeting of the Council

47/19 Transfer of Open Spaces from the District Council to the Parish Council

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin introduced the report and noted the large amount of work that had gone into producing the maps of the open spaces. The proposal had been initiated through discussion with the district council a number of years ago and as part of the research around the development of the Parish Council's NDP. Members discussed the proposals and raised a number of questions about the freehold use of the land and also the maintenance arrangements. It was also noted that there were some areas of open space that had not been identified on the maps. The offer from the district council was open for a period of six months.

Members gave their support in principle to the proposal subject to the confirmation of the issues identified and the space areas not identified.

Resolved; to agree in principle to the transfer subject to further discussions

48/19 Annual Parish Assembly

The Chair reminded Members that the Annual Assembly would be held on April 17th and the list of invited speakers had been agreed

Resolved to approve the agenda for the evening

49/19 Parish Councillor and Lead Member Reports

The Chair reported that he had received a complaint from a resident about the amounts of litter on the B4008 Bristol Road near to the flyover. It was agreed to request a further litter collection in the area.

Cllr Mark Ryder gave an update on the Hunts Grove Planning Forum, discussions had been held about the proposed community hall at Hunts Grove and the use of sports pitches. Cllr

Ryder informed the Council that Gloucester City Homes had purchased 40 properties on phase 2 from the developer Crest. A Traffic Marshall had been employed to supervise construction vehicle movements on Marconi Drive. A team of litter pickers 'Hunts Grove Wombles' would go around the area every 4 to 6 weeks to litter pick. A project was being established with volunteers to take part in a landscaping project. The local school would also be involved.

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes had been approached by residents asking if there were any allotments available in the Village. It was noted that in time there would be allotments at Hunts Grove and there was a long waiting list for plots on the site off the Bristol Road which was managed by the Hardwicke Estate.

Cllr Darren Morris gave an update on the discussion with Amazon and the complaints about employees parking on Hunts Grove Drive. The response from Amazon had been very positive and employees had been instructed not to park on the roads around Hunts Grove.

Members noted the response from Amazon and recorded its appreciation of the company's action.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne raised concerns about the poor state of the road in Elmgrove West following the works by Wales and West Utilities.

Cllr Fran Welbourne noted the letter in Hardwicke Matters which suggested that the Parish Council had omitted to comment about speeding traffic in Sellars Road. The Parish Council had included Sellars Road in its recent speed surveys.

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the notices to the play areas need to be repaired and updated.

The Chair Cllr John Perkin confirmed that the Parish Council's 125th Anniversary Fete would be held on the afternoon of June 29th 2019

Meeting Closed at 21.40

Signed

Chair

Date.