

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday March 2nd 2020

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair) Cllr Mark Ryder Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr Darren Morris Cllr Jill Brearley Cllr Graham Brearley

In attendance

District Councillor, Gill Oxley, County Councillor Stephen Davies, Three representatives from Redrow

31/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Denise Powell and Demelza Turner-Wilkes

32/20 Declarations of interest

There were none declared

33/20 Public Consultation

There were no matters raised

34/20 Redrow

Emma Powell, on behalf of Redrow, attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council of their submission to the Stroud District Council Local Plan Review. It was stated that Redrow acknowledged that Hardwicke's NDP did not support further development in the Village and that the Parish Council's response to the review reiterated the policies within its NDP.

Under the protocol of dealing with developers, which required developers to consult with Parish and Town Councils, Redrow advised the Parish Council of its proposed future development for land (on which it had 'options') within Hardwicke. Copies of the proposals were presented and discussed with Parish Councillors.

It was noted that the timescale for the Local Plan Review was that the district council would be presenting its final review to a meeting of full council around July time and that the revised plan would be presented to the Planning Inspector. The Planning Inspectorate would then undertake an 'examination in public' which would possibly commence in late 2021.

Emma Powell said that Redrow would be happy to present their proposals to a future public meeting which could be held after the local elections.

Resolved; to note the presentation and thank Redrow for their attendance

***Further information about the Review is held on the district council website
www.stroud.gov.uk***

35/20 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on February 3rd 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on February end 2020

36/20 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies gave an update on a number of items

- 97% of students had been offered their preferred places at secondary school.
- Repairs to the ditch wall in Church Lane had been delayed due to voles nesting in the area
- The damaged drain in Green Lane, near to The Planation required further investigation
- A bus service to Hunts Grove would commence on April 1st

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that she had received a number of complaints about fly-tipping and the Youth Forum had said that they would like to undertake an anti-litter campaign.

At Stroud District Council a new working group of Members and officers had been set up to deliver carbon neutral by 2030.

Resolved to note the reports

37/20 Planning Applications

The following Planning Application was considered by the Council

S.20/0273/DISCON Hunts Grove, Land at Colethrop Lane

Resolved; No Objections

38/20 Land Transfers

The Chair presented the report and offer from Stroud District Council to transfer to the Parish Council open spaces, currently by the District Council. As part of the transfer the district council would continue to undertake the maintenance and grass cutting of the areas for a period of three years.

The areas would be transferred to the Parish Council who then hold the full freehold. The additional requirement would be that if the parish council should. At some future point decide to develop an area then the District would receive 50% of any sale price.

Parish Councillors wanted to have an estimate of the costs of maintenance after the three year period. Members did agree in principle to the offer subject to be clear on future costs.

Resolved; to agree in principle to the transfer subject to the estimate of future maintenance costs and for the Chair and Clerk to seek a further meeting with the district council to clarify future cost information

39/20 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending February 29th 2020 and the schedule of monthly payments.

Resolved; to approve the report

40/20 Local Council Elections

Members were advised of the time frame for the local elections and the requirements for completing nomination papers. It was noted that the formal notice of election would be announced on March 23rd and that nomination papers were available from the Clerk for Hardwicke and Hunts Grove Parish Councils

Resolved; to note the report

41/20 Family Fun Day

Darren Morris gave an update on the preparations for the day and the list of groups and stallholders to be invited. The Chair confirmed that he had spoken to a number of groups who had agreed to attend

Resolved; It was confirmed that the Family Fun Day would be held on Saturday June 20th from 12.00 to 4.00 and that the Chair of the Parish Council, the Vice Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Darren Morris and the Clerk to the Parish Council form a working group to manage the event.

42/20 Parish Councillor and Lead Member Reports

Cllr Mark Ryder reported that a lot of work had been put into the recent planning applications for Hunts Grove; in particular, the response to the Neighbourhood Centre. Over 140 objections to the changes had been lodged with the planning authority. He confirmed that, with the support of Cllr Gill Oxley the application had been 'called in' to the Development Control Committee.

There were still incidents of construction traffic entering the development through Waterwells Drive instead of the recently opened access road.

Cllr Darren Morris gave a report on the project on Mental Health 'Marshalling Men's Health' that was being delivered at the Village Hall. The organiser and provider had submitted a grant application for £295 which would cover the cost of hiring and the proviso of materials. Members supported the application and noted the invaluable work being delivered.

Cllr Graham Brearley gave an update on the condition of the Shorn Brook; Graham had met with an officer from the Environment Agency and was unable to identify a specific problem, it had been noted that there was less water flowing down stream. Graham also reported that a broken tree in Church Lane had branches leaning against a BT Cable.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that one of the newly planted trees had been damaged; John had retied the tree to protect it. The Chair reported that there had been a significant increase in dog fouling in the area, particularly along the footpaths/pavements. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Dog Warden to request more signs be put up and patrols to be undertaken.

Meeting Closed at 21.10

Signed

Chair