

Draft

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 March 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mrs J. Storton (Chairman)
Mrs V. Box
Mr I. R. Butler
Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mrs D. Mumford
Mr C. J. Newell
Mrs G. E. Oxley
Mrs R. L. Smith

Four parishioners, Mr D. L. Tomlins (GCC), PCSO Helen Devlin, and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mr Hunt, Mrs Hunt, Mr Middle, Mr Littleton (SDC) and PC Mark Peer. There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The Minutes of the meeting of 4 February, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/08 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Devlin reported on the crime figures for the last month, measures to reduce school truancy, street dance classes, anti-social behaviour and a forthcoming ANPR (automatic numberplate recognition) exercise to be carried out shortly. She answered questions and was told of flytipping problems in Longney Road.

25/08 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Mr Tomlins had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for public participation. Tall Leylandii in Maple Close were discussed (Andy Foster would be asked whether anything could be done). The meeting was then reconvened.

26/08 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7/08 Councillor Training: Mr Hunt and Mrs Hunt were booked on a course on 20 March.
8/08 The residents at The Old Telephone Exchange had been asked for comments on the use of the bus shelter at the A38; as passengers still used it and removal would involve new fencing or hedging, it was agreed to leave the matter for the present.

27/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From GAPTC/NALC: Local Council Review, March; GAPTC newsletter, Feb
From SDC: Mrs Mumford had obtained a copy of SDC News, which had been intended for circulation over Christmas but there had been problems, so its content would be included in the next issue (to be circulated to all households in the District); SDC Local Plan adopted Nov 05
From GCC: nominations for Medal for Courage 2007
Glos City Council on changes in validation of planning applications; Local Councils Update newsletter; Social Enterprise Co-operatives details; St George's Day magazine; Glos Wildlife Trust newsletter; The Clerk magazine and Open Space magazine
Emails on request for contributor to The Citizen; closure of Sellars Bridge overnight 8 April; Chartered Parishes meetings monthly Thursdays at Shire Hall; Severn Voice meeting 19 March (apologies); Parish Seminar Hartpury 27 March (Mrs Oxley, Mrs Mumford).

28/08 **PLANNING MATTERS****Applications**

S.08/0224/FUL single storey ext. at 28 Elmgrove Road East (no obj)

S.08/0281/FUL loft conversion & 2-storey ext. at 16 Rosedale Close (no obj but comment on small size of remaining off-street parking area)

S.08/0303/FUL conservatory at 12 Cornfield Drive (no obj)

Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.07/2618/FUL loft conversion at 127 Wharfdale Way (permitted)

S.07/2619/FUL demolition and two new buildings at Woodside, Sellars Rd (refused)

S.07/2605/FUL garage at Green Farm (permitted)

S.07/2670/FUL single storey ext. at 9 Arkendale Drive (permitted)

S.07/2510/REM approval of reserved matters at Quedgeley Trading Estate West (permitted). Demolition works had commenced, resulting in considerable disturbance to neighbouring residents, particularly from dust containing asbestos. Environmental Health officers had been contacted, and had visited to ensure compliance with HSE regulations (they had also been called to the site on previous occasions). At the time of this visit (29 Feb) the works appeared to be legal, but less than satisfactory for residents, and the site would be closely monitored. A letter of complaint would be sent to the main contractor.

Enforcement

Reports had been received on S.07/2317/FUL and on building works at Green Farm.

29/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were approved:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£205.34
Glos. County Council (pension)	£171.65
Clerk salary, Feb	£965.12
Mrs D. M. Edwards, Feb (new rate)	£287.04
Post Office Ltd, stamps	£15.60
Haresfield PC for Hunts Grove coach one-third	£55.00
SDC for Play Area rental	£5.00
GAPTC subscription	£668.80
Hardwicke Village Hall hire Jan/Feb	£49.00
M & D Property & Garden Maintenance Ltd (graffiti removal)	£20.00
Cathedral Florists Ltd (see below)	£53.46
Arkell & Hurcombe Ltd (see below)	£365.30
Hardwicke Village Hall (as agreed last meeting)*	£1685.00

*SDC had not yet released the funds from s106 accounts because the officer in charge had changed; the donation for Hardwicke Rangers had been approved but the Village Hall grant had had to be paid from the council's Repairs & Maintenance budget as it was not thought to qualify.

Requests for Donations

Community Safety for the removal of graffiti (it was agreed that Hardwicke did not suffer much of this and M & D had done the job quickly and satisfactorily)

Churchyard Expenses

It was agreed to purchase 50 flower holders to be stored at the churchyard; the wording of the notices was approved and they would be ordered from a local supplier who had agreed a discount. Mr Kent would be asked to fix them on the wall.

Audit 2007/8

It was agreed to appoint Mr Selkirk as Internal Auditor for 2007/8.

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30/08 **PARISH MAINTENANCE****Ditch clearance**

The Clerk had written to Highways, the Estate, SDC Land Drainage and Puddleducks Nursery concerning the new culvert. Highways had replied that the scheme had been allocated a high priority, and Mr Bowery of Puddleducks had replied outlining the difficulties (to be circulated). There was no further news on the Plantation drainage ditch as yet.

Elmgrove Estate Play Area

The Inspection report was signed. There had been concerns over the Space Net stays which could be a trip hazard; Greenfields had inspected and would cover with grassmat, and the Clerk had found a company which could obtain new gauntlets for the shackles. The cradle swing shackles needed renewal, which was approved. The Working Group had arranged consultation with local residents over new equipment and had looked at the possibilities of using an additional piece of ground near the Play Area, adding benches near the Youth Shelter, widening the footpath, and the problems of youth drinking at the Play Area (PCSO Devlin reported on various initiatives).

Playing Field & The Close

Further estimates for fencing near the Youth Shelter had been received but it was not clear what length was involved. It was agreed to accept Mr Kent's quotation if further details could be obtained and approved before the next meeting.

Gardens Competition 2008

Forms had been sent out to the Judges; Wyevale (which had taken over Blooms) would be asked to sponsor the prizes; and presentations would be made at the September meeting.

The Pond

An advisor from FWAG had visited the Pond with Mr Newell and had offered to undertake a comprehensive report on recommended improvements at approx £350; this was agreed. Mrs Harrison reported on the fence to be installed on the School side, which was approved.

Scouts

The Scouts had asked for ideas for "hands on" projects in May: the Clerk had suggested cleaning the Lychgate, and this was approved.

National Offender Management Service

Leyhill Prison had also offered working groups for community projects; this would be borne in mind.

31/08 **TRAFFIC**

The Working Group had met at the Village Hall on 12 February. Speeding and weight restrictions in Bristol Road, Green Lane and Church Lane/Pound Lane with a possible one-way system had been set as priorities. Funding for all this (at least £20,000) would not be easily obtainable, and completion of a scheme in any one area would exacerbate problems in the others. Maintenance in the lanes, leaks in utilities under Bristol Road, lorry routes and co-operation between residents, traffic police and local authorities were discussed. Mr Roberts of Highways would be contacted, and Mr Butler would circulate a report.

32/08 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Mr Butler had attended a meeting on this subject on 11 February; it had focussed on flooding and parishes had been asked to appoint Watercourse Wardens (Mr Hunt). It was not really clear that a plan for Hardwicke would be useful. SDC would design its Emergency Plan, which would be circulated for consultation later.

33/08 **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday 15 April at 7.30 p.m. Angela Burlow (Parish Plan) and two Planning Officers (Phil Skill, Head of Planning, and John Longmuir, Development Control Manager) had agreed to come. Mrs Box would organise refreshments (to be purchased by the Clerk).

34/08 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Overgrown trees and hedges in Bristol Road, bulb planting by Scouts, and pictures for the website were discussed.

35/08 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** was confirmed for Monday 7 April 2008 at 7.30 p.m

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Date Signed