

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 August at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mrs J. Storton (Chairman)
Mrs T. A. Harrison
Mr D. G. Middle
Mrs D. Mumford

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

Mr D. L. Tomlins (GCC), PC Mark Peer and PCSO Matt Sewell, and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mrs Box, Mr Butler, Mrs Hunt, and Mr Littleton (SDC). There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The Minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2008, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

84/08 CASUAL VACANCY

Mr Hunt had sent in his resignation due to pressure of work. Notices advertising the vacancy had been posted.

85/08 POLICE REPORT/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

PC Peer gave the crime figures for the past month and reported on significant police action in the area. Funds were available from the Crime & Disorder Partnership to enhance police and public relations. Policing priorities were discussed and forms completed. Travellers next to Summerhouse Farm had left. The Fun Day on 30 Aug was discussed; Mrs Mumford and others would attend with Andy Foster. Mr Foster had submitted his Report for June and a Schedule for July.

86/08 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Mr Tomlins reported on clearance of the Shorn Brook near the canal which was now an interdepartmental matter at the county council. Mowing of the roundabout near Dales Wharf (Clerk to write asking for a better standard of cutting) and a water leak on the canal bank were discussed. Mr Littleton had sent in a report on his meeting with David Drew MP to inspect flooding hotspots (Mr Roberts had been unable to attend) and said that there had been a further meeting at the proposed culvert site between the drainage board engineer and county council representatives.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point for public participation. The Play Area and Football Club dugouts were discussed. SDC would be asked to repair the garage walls again as blocks and bricks were being removed and spread over the field (PC Peer and Andy Foster would also chase up this matter) and the Football Club would be asked to repaint the dugouts before the next meeting to cover up graffiti on the back. The meeting was then reconvened.

87/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

73/08 Mr Longmuir could attend the November meeting to update members on Hunts Grove.

88/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From GAPTC/NALC: Update, July; briefing on Empowerment White Paper;
 From SDC: notice of Sustainable Community Strategy meeting 1 Oct; notice of training for Watercourse Wardens 17 Sept (to be left until the next meeting)
 From GCC: another copy of Flood Guide; Gloucestershire Charter 3rd edn and Minutes of meeting 26 June; Freight Management in Cotswolds AONB; notification of availability of Minerals & Waste Development Framework for consultation 11 July-15 Aug (it was not clear whether this was the consultation referred to by Mr Waddington, and Mrs Oxley would try to find out); short questionnaire on waste recycling (Mrs Harrison was authorised to complete it); changes in Sunday bus services (these would not be known until tenders had been received)
 Letter from Haresfield PC re a possible meeting on Javelin Park (members would attend); brochure from Steelway Fencing; invitation to Open Homes in Stroud to see renewable energy in action 13-14 Sept; newsletter from Alzheimer's Society; NHS Annual Review 2007/8 and 2gether draft Mental Health Strategy; Glos Police Annual Report 2007/8 and next PCCM 29 July at RBL; notice of closure of Sunday Football Club; GPFA Newsletter; GOPA newsletter; request for interest in providing ID cards to councillors (to be followed up)
 Email messages: GAPTC meeting on changes to planning system (date not yet known); enquiry from resident on position on Javelin Park; gully emptying programme (Church Lane & Green Lane gullies reported as needing more than yearly clearance)

89/08 **PLANNING MATTERS****Applications**

S.08/1357/FUL extensions at Hardwicke Parochial Primary School (no obj)

S.08/1500/FUL provision of facilities at The Close, Green Lane (no obj)

Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.08/0047/FUL Erection of B2 employment unit at Quadrant Centre (permitted)

S.08/0849/FUL replacement dwelling at The Elms, Green Lane (permitted)

S.08/0965/FUL 2-storey side and 1-storey rear exts at 6 Elmgrove Rd W (refused, too big)

S.08/1061/FUL 2 4-bed houses at Woodside, Sellars Rd (permitted)

90/08 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cheques for the following accounts were approved and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£83.06
Glos. County Council (pension)	£166.86
Clerk salary, July	£734.86
Mrs D. M. Edwards, July	£287.04
Friends of Severn Vale donation under s137	£100.00
M & D, bus shelter cleaning	£20.00
GPFA for seminar 11 Sept (DM & TAH)	£36.00
Staples (paper & ink)	£81.81
Wyevale Garden Centres Ltd for prize tokens under s137	£64.00

Cricket Club

The Agreement had been signed & returned with a letter from Mr Jellyman concerning the donation. It was agreed that the council would have to ensure that SDC was satisfied that the s106 funds had been spent for the intended purpose.

91/08 **PARISH MAINTENANCE****Ditch clearance**

Ditches behind Beardsmead were being cleared. Ditches from Buckles Pond were still blocked. The Clerk was asked to write to the School requesting clearance of the hedge downstream of the Pond in Green Lane and to Mr Portlock requesting replacement of culvert covers in Green Lane.

Elmgrove Estate Play Area

The inspection report was signed. A meeting had been arranged with the police supplier of CCTV on 5 August.

Playing Field Agreements

All agreements had been received except the Rangers amended one.

Gardens Competition 2008

Wyevale had not responded so the Clerk would obtain tokens. Mr Middle had brought the Lizzie Prout Cup.

The Pond

More reports of rats at the Pond had been received (Mr Newell to chase up FWAG for the Report).

Bledisloe Cup

Judging for the second round would be between 13-27 July.

Churchyard Grass Cutting

The cutting at the Church had been poor, with clippings left lying. A new gatepost was needed on the footpath between Church House Farm and the churchyard.

Litter Picking Contract

The minimum wage would increase from £5.22 to £5.74 in October. Mrs Edwards had agreed to the renewal of her contract and an hourly payment of £6 was agreed.

92/08 **PLAYSCHEME**

18-22 August. The Scheme was fully booked unless more helpers could be found.

93/08 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Sweet papers on the grass verge near the shop on the path to Elmgrove Road West were reported. Construction work until 11.45 p.m. in Pound Lane and the presence of 2 static and 2 touring caravans at Sticky Lane would be reported to Planning Enforcement; activities on the Dimore Field and parking for a dog show were discussed.

94/08 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed for Monday 1 September 2008 at 7.30 p.m after presentation of Gardens Competition prizes at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m. A meeting of the Finance Committee to carry out internal audit checks followed immediately. The Finance Committee meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Date Signed