

Draft

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mrs J. Storton (Chairman)	Mr D. G. Middle
Mrs V. Box	Mrs D. Mumford
Mr I. R. Butler	Mr C. J. Newell
Mr A. S. Clarke	Mrs G. E. Oxley
Mrs T. A. Harrison	Mr A. G. V. Plater
Mrs B. A. Hunt	

Two parishioners, Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC), PC Fraser Mackie, and the Clerk. **Apologies** were received from Mr Middle, Mrs Hunt and Mr Tomlins. The Minutes of the meeting of 5 January 2009, having been circulated, were altered at Item 4/09 (Mr Newell, not Mrs Mumford, would attend the meeting), confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no Declarations of Interest.

12/09 **POLICE REPORT/COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

PC Mackie reported the figures for December and January and said that the Westbourne Drive area had been quieter, with fewer calls to the Police in January. He circulated a consultation leaflet for completion by those present.

13/09 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Mr Littleton reported on council tax, his council's activities (including the provision of Rural Grants), pension fund deficit and consequent budget-cutting exercises, and the meeting at Stroud on 17 Feb which would discuss, amongst other matters, the Regional Spatial Strategy proposals for 75,000 houses to be built during the next 20 years. He also mentioned the Javelin Park site, which was of great concern locally.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for public participation. Speeding and heavy goods vehicles on the Bristol Road, Satnavs and the Lorry Management Strategy were discussed. The meeting was then reconvened.

14/09 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

121/08 Oak Tree Close: no word had been received from SDC on future plans for this area.

138/08 Flood problems: Church Lane would be closed 16-28 Feb and Mr Mooney had confirmed that the works to straighten the ditch would be carried out then. There was no information as yet on diversions or access during the closure.

4/09 Neighbourhood Warden: no word on a replacement as yet.

9/09 Get-together with Quedgeley PC: the date of Weds 11 Feb at the Harvester at 7 p.m. had been chosen.

15/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

From GAPTC/NALC: Update newsletter and details of training courses (they were too far away), a short survey which was part-completed at the meeting; invitation to enter Calor Village of the Year competition; notice from CPRE that the Bledisloe Cup would not continue.

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From SDC: agenda for Parish & Town Councils meeting 17 Feb
 From GCC: survey for Highways (Mr Butler to complete and return) Notice of annual Glos Road Race at Frampton, Elmore & Longney, 8 March; The Clerk and Clerks & Councils Direct magazines; offer of play inspections from John Hicks & Assocs (price quoted is the same as RoSPA); Wicksteed catalogue; notice of Severn Voice meeting late March
 Email messages; request for bouncy castle at 2010 wedding (permission had been given if full supervision, reinstatement, liaison with other users etc); suggestion for teleconferencing (it was agreed that this should be tried for planning consultations and perhaps for CCTV discussion, all decisions to be ratified by the full council); redevelopment at Tesco during February (police concerns had been passed to Highways); petition for improvement of bus service to Gloucester Royal Hospital (support).

16/09 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications

S.08/2479/FUL change from 4-bed to 5-bed house at Woodside, Sellars Rd (no obj)
 S.09/0060/FUL minor alterations at Unit B, Quedgeley Trading Est. West (comments)
 S/090106/FUL alts & exts at Torridge House, Pound Lane (comments)

Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.08/2075/FUL chalet at Hacienda, Sellars Rd (at canal)(permitted)

17/09 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cheques for the following accounts were approved and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£149.87
Glos. County Council (pension)	£190.27
Clerk salary, Jan	£844.17
Mrs D. M. Edwards, Jan	£312.00
Hardwicke Village Hall, hire Dec/Jan	£38.50
Greenfields Garden Services Ltd, inspection Jan	£57.50
Canon UK Ltd (photocopier)	£38.16

Cricket Club

The new treasurer had given the Clerk a cheque for the remaining £1,305.69.

Pitch Fee Review

Under their Agreements, future pitch fees should be notified to the clubs by April (AFC) and September (HCC). An increase from the present £220 each to £240 each was agreed.

18/09 **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Elmgrove Estate Play Area

The inspection report was signed; it was noted that the seesaw had been missing a bolt and that Mr Paul had replaced it. Space Net pole: Mrs Box reported it was loose, and Greenfield had inspected and said that there is a small amount of play, but to fix it would involve dismantling the net and fencing it off overnight, re-concrete pole and retention cables, est. cost £395 (leave for the time being). SDC had still not said whether they own the piece of land adjacent to Barley Close.

Bus Shelter

An insurance claim form and police incident no. had been obtained. Mrs Mumford would investigate replacement with Perspex instead of glass.

CCTV

All three quotes were now received. It was agreed to hold further discussions between members to decide the way forward, and to set up a site meeting. The Village Hall Committee had written asking questions on the siting of the internal machinery.

Signs

A further estimate has been received for Dibond signs totalling £1176.55. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the original estimate of £680 for wooden signs although these might not last as long.

Churchyard

Sunday 1 March had been suggested for dedication of the new wall. Councillors would attend if possible and Mr Storton would be asked to read a lesson.

19/09 **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday 21 April at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed that speakers (including the Red Cross lady) should be asked, that those who had received grants during the year should be invited, and that the main Hall should be booked.

20/09 **TRAFFIC**

As a result of parish council representations, the county council had proposed weight restrictions for Bristol Road northwards from the Southern Connector. It was felt that the restrictions should apply southwards as well because properties in Bristol Road suffered from heavy lorries.

21/09 **JAVELIN PARK**

The parish council had received a letter advising that the county council had purchased the Javelin Park site. Members had attended meetings of the action group formed by Haresfield parish council and although not all members opposed the incinerator plans, after considerable discussion it was agreed to support the action group. The organiser would be asked for the group's future plans and how Hardwicke parish council could help. Meanwhile, individual members would take the matter further in their own names.

22/09 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Mumford and members of the Recreation Group had spent a great deal of time completing the ten-page form for Playbuilder funding (7/09); the result would be known by the next meeting. She requested use of funds from the Dales Wharf s106 account up to £20K (this was agreed) to use as match-funding for the projects. On 6 Feb she and other group members would go out with PC Mackie to talk to young people to find out what recreation facilities they wanted (Mr Clarke would make up ID since there was no word on the Shurdington initiative yet). Mrs Oxley requested updates on planning enforcement matters. Rubbish in the Sellars Road ditch at Green Lane and flytipping at the Bath Road layby on the Southern Connector would be reported. The speed restriction in Pound Lane, which would be in place by the end of the financial year, would be monitored by police if requested (a request would be made, through PC Mackie)

23/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** was confirmed for Monday 2 March 2009 at 7.30 pm.

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

Date Signed