

Draft

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 July 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

ATTENDANCE

Mr I. Butler (Chairman)

Mrs V. Box

Mrs L-J. Fallows

Mrs T. A. Harrison

Mr D. G. Middle

Mrs D. Mumford

Mrs G. E. Oxley

Mr A. G. V. Plater

Mr D. L. Welbourne

Eight parishioners, Mr G. R. Littleton (SDC), Mr A. Blackburn (GCC), PC Fraser Mackie, and the Clerk. Public comment was invited before the opening of the meeting (comments were made on overgrown verges, parking in Hildyard Close, the piece of land adjacent to Barley Close, and the Plantation Play Area). **Apologies** were received from Mr Clarke and Mr Newell. There were no **Declarations of Interest**. The Minutes of the meeting 1 June 2009, having been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

83/09 POLICE REPORT

PC Mackie reported on crime figures over the last few weeks and reminded people not to leave valuables in parked cars; he had updated the "clubs & activities" leaflet and would distribute it to schools, surgeries, etc. The Westbourne Drive area had been quieter but there had been problems in Maple Close; speeding cars in Bristol Road had been ticketed. A question was asked on loud noise at late parties, and a tel. no. for Environmental Health (open after SDC closed) would be publicised.

84/09 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Mr Tony Blackburn, recently elected to the County Council, introduced himself and updated the council on the roads programme: resurfacing works at Waterwells, Haywicks Lane, School Lane, Sellars Road and the A38 would be done by October and restrictions and junction safety works at Green Lane and Pound Lane were estimated to be done towards the end of the year. He would assist the council in pressing for double yellow lines on certain roads.

Mr Littleton reported on the planning delegation scheme which had been deferred for consultation later in the summer; he had dealt with recent flooding in Bath Road where gulley cleaning would be undertaken shortly.

85/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

80/09 Playscheme: it would not take place this year (Clerk to write a piece for H Matters)

81/09 Dog Bags: the council would have to purchase the bags (prices had been investigated). The matter would be further investigated and discussed at the next meeting.

81/09 Quedgeley Fun Day 20 June: Mrs Mumford and Mrs Oxley had attended and publicised the Incinerator meeting.

86/09 CORRESPONDENCE

From GAPTC/NALC: Update leaflet, June; Local Council Review, summer

From SDC: Code of Conduct Training sessions 29 July and 15 Sept at 6 p.m., SDC Council Chamber (no volunteers); details of Community Planning Grant Scheme (this

would be followed up by the members of the Parish Plan steering group); and offer of sandbags (Mr Botham had been given some)

From GCC: request for Snow Wardens (Mr Clarke) to give location and need for filling salt bins; change of Highways Stakeholder Manager to Mr John Kay; notice of Highways Seminar on Thurs 8, 15 or 22 Oct at 6 p.m.

Letter from David Drew MP advising of meetings in Stroud on loft insulation; Clerks & Councils Direct, July; The Clerk, July

87/09 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications

S.09/0900/FUL erection of fence at Quadrant Distrib. Centre (no obj)

S.09/0909/FUL replacement of play equipment at The Pilot (support)

S.09/1026/COU c/use to industrial at Unit B Quedgeley West (object on grounds of noise & appearance)

There had been complaints of noise from Premier Kitchens (Quadrant site), and of hours of work at Downtons (Quedgeley West site).

S.09/1076/FUL cabin at School nature area (support)

S.09/1072/HHOLD 2-storey ext at 34 Hembury Close (no obj)

S.09/1096/TPO works to oak trees at 18 & 19 Ashgrove Close (support)

Decisions Notified by the Planning Authority

S.09/0686/COU c/use to retail at Cross Keys (permitted)

S.09/0705/FUL rear conservatory at 22 Wharfdale Way (permitted)

S.09/0729/ADV signs at Unit 5 Quedgeley West Trading Estate (permitted until end July)

S.09/0780/CPL ext. at 2 Springfield (permitted development)

S.09/0805/HHOLD gable windows at The Elms, Green Lane (permitted)

Planning Consultation

A letter of objection to S.09/0798/HHOLD had been received after the end of the consultation period, which had been forwarded to the Planning Authority.

88/09 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following accounts were approved:

HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE & NIC)	£120.85
Glos. County Council (pension)	£177.13
Clerk salary, June	£797.85
Mrs D. M. Edwards, June	£312.00
Shurdington Parish Council (GAPTC training)	£15.00
Mr A. Plater, for basketball net	£10.90
Post Office Ltd, stamps	£19.08
Greenfields Garden Services Ltd, inspection & see saw repair	£113.85
Village Hall, meetings in May/June	£52.00
T. W. Hawkins, grass-cutting to 9 June	£1391.50
Clerk's expenses Apr/June	£181.32
Dale Haines, grass cutting	£320.00
NALC for Local Council Review	£13.50

Quarterly Cashflow

The quarterly statement had been circulated.

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Request for Grant

The Oaks children's centre in Tuffley: it was felt that this was a county council initiative and was of little direct benefit to the parish.

Pitch Fee Payments

Hardwicke AFC pitch fees for last season (£220) had not been paid, and a meeting with the new Treasurer and club officers would be set up as soon as possible.

89/09 **PARISH MAINTENANCE****Elmgrove Estate Play Area**

The Inspection report was signed. Greenfields had been asked to carry out swing repairs as advised by the RoSPA report. Nearby residents were opposed to the use of the land adjacent to Barley Close as a toddler play area. SDC had still not confirmed ownership of this piece (to be discussed further). Mrs Box had attended a training course on 2 July.

Plantation Play Area

SDC had still not responded on whether this area was still in the ownership of the developer; the Clerk to chase up again. Residents were concerned over the maintenance of the adjacent verge, and dogs entering the play area.

Youth Shelter Area

A bolt from the new shelter had been found there. The paving slab paths installed instead of shuttered concrete were unsatisfactory. Bark chippings would be tried in the centre of the old shelter. Mr Plater had bought and set up a metal basketball net which had lasted 24 hours; a stronger one at approx £40 was approved. The new fencing had been completed but clearing-up had not yet been done.

CCTV

Installation of vandal-proof housing for the cameras and broadband rental, as approved last month, would be carried out as soon as possible.

Notice Boards

The board at Sellars Road needed repair (Mr Welbourne would look at it) and the provision of new ones was discussed.

Litter

Mr Butler had reported on the meeting held on 18 June which had highlighted problems in the Maple Close area. Another would be held in July (possibly 23) as suggested by PC Mackie, and local volunteers to help foster pride in the area would be sought. There was a great deal of litter from McDonalds and no sign of extra bins or notices as promised at the Licensing Hearing (the Clerk had reported to SDC as agreed at the last meeting).

90/09 **ROADS & TRAFFIC****Bollards in Green Lane**

Mr Portlock was still off sick and other officers had said that wooden bollards were not allowed; the Clerk had asked for replacement plastic ones but Highways had still not agreed to provide these. A price for wooden ones would be obtained for discussion. Registration numbers of vehicles breaking the bollards had been noted.

Speed issues

Mr Butler had sent the new Stakeholder Manager, Mr John Kay, a list of the outstanding issues in the parish including speed and weight restrictions, and the Clerk had also told him about the untidy Dales Wharf roundabouts and the need for replacement bollards. It was agreed that a letter should be sent, not an email message, with an updated list.

Parking restrictions

Double yellow lines at the Post Office (Hildyard Close/Elmgrove Road East junction) and near The Plantation (Green Lane/Sellars Road junction) would be requested, as vehicles were left dangerously parked at both sites. An apparently-abandoned car had been left in the Village Hall car park (clerk to investigate).

91/09 **JAVELIN PARK**

The Public Meeting had been arranged for 22 July at 7.30 p.m., the Hall to be open from 6.30 p.m. Mr Clarke had produced a flyer and an agenda would be agreed soon. The event had also been advertised in Quedgeley.

92/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** was confirmed for Monday 3 August.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 p.m. A meeting of the Finance Committee followed immediately, to carry out internal auditing checks. The committee meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

Date Signed