

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 June 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Hardwicke

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Butler (Chairman)	Cllr Gill Oxley
Cllr Andy Clarke	Cllr Lyn Welbourne
Cllr Caro Kingsnorth	Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr Theresa Harrison	Cllr Lisa-Jayne Fallows
Cllr Sharon Purvis	County Councillor Blackburn
District Councillor Littleton	

IN ATTENDANCE

Two parishioners, PC Lucy Kay, PC Fraser Mackie, Mrs Mary Gribble (Clerk)

77/11 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The meeting was adjourned for public participation. (NAME??, SORRY) introduced himself to the Council, and spoke in support of his application for the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Hardwicke Parish Council. The Councillors agreed that his situation and experience make him an excellent candidate.

The meeting was reconvened.

78/11 CASUAL VACANCY

Chair proposed Sharon Purvis for co-option. Carried unanimously. The Acceptance of Office was signed and Cllr Purvis took her place on Hardwicke Parish Council.

79/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Purvis declared an interest in planning application S.11/0963/CPL.

80/11 THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 3rd May 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

81/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- A site visit, which will be attended by Cllr F Welbourne, has been arranged for The Elmore Road East and Sellars Farm planning applications.
- Cllr Kingsnorth is planning a leaflet drop to establish the wishes of the residents of the Overbrook Road area.

82/11 POLICE REPORT

PC Mackie reported on several issues:

- Although there were more recorded crimes in Hardwicke in May than for the same period last year, there was no serious crime in the parish, no violent crime or burglaries. There has been a spate of making off without paying from the Cross Keys Garage. He is working with the manager to improve the situation.
- The introduction 'Hardwicke Good Drivers' is proposed – a reward scheme to recognise careful and considerate driving. The primary school and a local hauliers firm support this initiative. The parish council was in full agreement, and Cllr Clarke will assist PC Mackie in getting this onto the HPC website.

- Although there was some scepticism in the council regarding the effectiveness of the 30mph stickers on recycling bins, PC Mackie advised that the scheme had worked well in other areas, serving to jog the minds of drivers. To ensure that the stickers are used, he advised they are stuck on the bins immediately rather than passed to the resident. Cllr Kingsnorth offered to assist in the distribution of the stickers.
- The inconsiderate driving of mopeds on the Elmgrove Estate is causing concern. PC Mackie has been speaking to those involved to remind them of their responsibilities, and will be setting up safety courses for them.

83/11 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Councillor Littleton reported:

- After the recent elections in Stroud, the Conservatives retain control of the District Council.
- Manhole covers have been removed from a field opposite the Plantation, presenting a hazard to walkers, he will find out who is responsible for replacing them.
- Elmgrove Road East planning application. He will bring the matter of the alleged fraud at the traffic count to the attention of SDC planning officers
- Sellars Farm planning application. He opposes this development on flood and highways issues.
- He will investigate the 'No trespassers sign that has been erected on the proposed development site.

County Councillor Blackburn reported:

- There have been cuts in the number of Officers at GCC, saving £70,000. The number of Directorates has been reduced to three.
- He is still working towards achieving a speed reduction to 30mph along the B4008.
- He has objected to the Elmore Road East planning application
- He will press for the release of Highways information pertaining to the Sellars Farm application.
- He urged HPC to engage in GCC's review of bus services. Routes 113 and 201 are subsidized and subject to this review, HPC needs to speak up if these routes are to be kept.

84/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk confirmed there was no additional correspondence or matters of urgency, all had been circulated.

85/11 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Kingsnorth agreed to review the Gloucester City Council Vision documents and circulate her report.

Planning Applications:

S.11/0874/CPE. Villas Barn, Longney Road. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing residential use.

There was discussion around this application, some local knowledge is to hand, but further time is needed to complete the HPC investigations. Clerk to request that SDC allow more time for the HPC response.

S.11/0963/CPL. Sellars Farm House. Alterations and conversion of existing single storey garden building to provide additional domestic space.

HPC has no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions:

The following planning permissions were noted:

- S.11/0476/HHOLD. 18 Waterdale Close. Erection of extension to rear of garage.
- S.11/0505/FUL. Unit E, Quedgeley Trading Estate West, Bristol Road. Installation of 6 no LPG tanks.
- S.11/0509/FUL. Hardwicke Village Hall. Siting of a metal storage container within the existing village hall car park.
- S.11/0635/HHOLD. 9 Clover Drive. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extension to front.

86/11 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**Report from Working Group Leader**

Cllr Harrison circulated a report detailing the current financial position. A copy is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes. Cllr Harrison offered to produce a forecast for the next quarter.

The following accounts were approved:

Mr L Welbourne	£559.86
Mrs Edwards, April & May	£634.40
Playsafety Ltd	£158.40
Greenfield Garden Services	£66.00
ASGuk(systems) Ltd	£99.00
Dale Haines	£320.00
Hardwicke Village Hall Committee	£78.00
R.A.Neale	£90.00
NALC	£15.50
T.W. Hawkins & Sons S.G.M.S.	£1477.80
Direct Debit for CCTV	£18.26
Total	£3517.22

Chair proposed that the deposit account is closed and the funds transferred to the current account. Carried unanimously. Cllr Harrison to action.

Chair proposed that Mrs Edwards, the litter picker, is taken onto the payroll as an employee. Carried unanimously. Cllr Harrison to action.

The grant requests from Hardwicke Scouts and Hardwicke Youth Club were debated at length. There was unanimous support, but it was agreed that as finances were tight, the full amounts requested could not be granted.

Chair proposed a grant of £100 be made to the Scouts. Carried unanimously.

Chair proposed a grant of £750 be made to the Youth Club, to be reviewed in 6 months. Carried unanimously.

The Annual Return accounting statement was agreed as correct by the Council, and signed by the Chair and Clerk. Chair read out the Governance Statement, and Council agreed that a sound system of internal control is operated. The risk analysis undertaken when increasing the Precept and the quarterly audits were mentioned in support of this assertion. The Governance Statement was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

87/11 RECREATION & AMENITIES

Chair confirmed that the Plantation Play Area should be added to the Register of Assets, and the equipment needs to be added to the HPC insurance.

The diversion of Public Footpath EHA19/19A was approved.

88/11 All other items on the agenda were deferred to the next meeting, date to be agreed.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Date Signed