

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday January 9th 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Hardwicke.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler Chairman
Cllr. Caro Kingsnorth
Cllr. John Perkin
Cllr. David Mossman

Cllr. Theresa Harrison
Cllr. Fran Welbourne
Cllr. Lyn Welbourne

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Gill Oxley, Cllr Lisa Jayne Fallows, District Cllr Graham Littleton

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor John Jones, PC Lucy Kevin Lee, (Clerk) and eight members of the public.

Declarations of interest

The Chairman, Ian Butler declared an interest in an item on the agenda relating to planning applications.

1/12. Public Consultation.

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public consultation. A representative from Glosvain provided the parish council with an update on the groups recent campaigns and informed members that contact had been made with the developers at Hunt's Grove to raise the issues of the impact that an incinerator may have on house prices.

2/12. Minutes of Meeting December 5th 2011.

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 5th 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman informed members that the attendance of Mr Troughton had been postponed to a future date.

4/12. District Councillor Report,

Cllr. John Jones, substituting for Cllr, Littleton, informed the Parish Council that Stroud District Council was now being run by a minority administration. In respect of Sellars Farm, Members were informed that the council had appointed a barrister to defend the council's position and that those members of the development control

committee who voted against the development had been written to by the Head of Planning to provide evidence to the enquiry.

5/12 County Councillor Report.

Cllr Tony Blackburn informed the Parish Council that eight county council members had 'called in' the decision by cabinet, to progress with the waste incinerator project at Javelin Park. This meant that the final decision to progress to the planning stage would be delayed until February 22nd.

Cllr Blackburn reaffirmed his opposition to the development at Sellars Farm. He informed members that his letter of objection had already been submitted to the planning inspectorate.

6/12 Police Report.

PC Lucy Kay provided an update on crime figures for the area and reported that there had been no increase. PC Kay informed members that she was involved in setting up an angling project for 11-14 year old living in the area. Ten members of the public had volunteered to be involved in the project as fishing coaches.

7/12. Planning Applications.

The Chairman stood down for this item and the Vice Chair Theresa Harrison took the chair in respect of the following planning applications; Church House Farm Hardwicke, Elmlea, Church Lane Hardwicke, Unit 3 the Perry Centre Davy Way Hardwicke and Hardwicke British Legion, Green Lane Hardwicke. The Parish Council resolved to make no objections to the applications.

In respect of the application for re-siting the air conditioning units at 60 Westbourne Drive, Cllr Welbourne and Mossman reported on their discussions with residents. The Parish Council resolved to write to the Planning Department and suggest that some 'housing' to reduce the noise should be fitted to the units.

8/12 Sellars Farm.

The Chairman provided members with an update the discussions that had been taking place with Stroud District Council about the planning appeal and reported that SDC had now appointed a barrister to defend their case. The Clerk updated members on the various discussions that had taken place with potential consultants and provided members of the Parish Council with an overview of the likely costs involved. The Parish Council resolved to continue its opposition to the development and agreed the appointment of Aspire Planning as consultants to the Parish Council. The Council further resolved to delegate authority to the Chairman and the Clerk to continue negotiations with the consultants and to agree the most appropriate action to be taken in the interests of the community and the Parish Council. Members voted unanimously for this agreed course of action.

9/12. Co-Option to the Parish Council.

In response to previous advertisements for co-option, Mr Mike King was proposed and seconded for Co Option. Members voted unanimously to agree to his membership of the Parish Council.

10/12 Resignation.

Cllr David Mossman informed the Parish Council that due to health reasons he would sadly have to resign as a Parish Councillor. He informed members that had enjoyed his time as a Parish Councillor and wished the Council well for the future.

The Chairman thanked David for all the hard work and commitment he had shown to the Parish Council. All Members acknowledged that David would be missed and wished him well for the future.

The Meeting Closed at 21.35

Signed.....Chairman.....Date.....

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