

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday November 5th 2012.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Helen Michael

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr John Perkin

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Graham Littleton, District Councillor Russell Miles, PC Lucy, PC Faye Jones, Kevin Lee, Clerk, four members of the public and one member of the press.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gill Oxley.

103/12 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Lyn Welbourne declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in the agenda item to discuss Javelin Park.

104/12 Public Consultation

The meeting was adjourned for public consultation.

a) Trees at Clover Drive and Ploughmans Way.

A resident was concerned that the overgrown trees had not been cut even though the District Council had given assurances that they would be attended to in the autumn. The Clerk reported that the matter had been raised with the District Council and it was the intention to cut them. It had also been reported that due to the adverse weather Stroud District Council was behind in its planned schedule.

b) Youth Shelter.

In response to the Parish Council report in Hardwicke Matters a resident expressed concern about the anti-social behaviour and other matters at the Youth Shelter. He was concerned that the Parish Council was considering spending on improved CCTV security and asked whether the Youth Shelter should be removed. The Chair, Ian Butler advised the meeting that the Youth Shelter was provided several years ago in response to local concerns that young people were congregating in residential areas and causing a nuisance.

The Shelter was provided in order to provide a suitable place for young people to meet away from residential areas. The Police Officers present reported that that been made aware of issues of anti-social behaviour and would continue to work in partnership with the Parish Council to monitor and respond to the situation. The Police added that they welcomed information from members of the public and urged residents to report to them issues of anti-social behaviour and indeed any concerns of criminal activity in the Village.

The members of the public were thanked for their interest in these local matters and for attending the meeting.

105/12 Police Report.

The Police Officers informed the Parish Council that there had been a slight increase in crime compared to last year; this was due to slight rises in anti-social, behaviour, criminal damage and thefts. Other issues were vehicles parked irresponsibly outside the local school including parking on the footpath and heavy goods vehicles using Green Lane and other lanes in the Village. The Police Officers reported that the situation would continue to be monitored and that the PCSO would continue to patrol the area.

106/12 County Council Report

County Councillor Tony Blackburn reported that after many months of pressure resurfacing works had been undertaken in Overbrook Road and Westland Road and that resurfacing to the footpaths in Clover Drive, and surrounding areas had commenced. The County Council would be allocating a budget of £10,000 to each County Councillor to spend on highway issues in their division.

Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that the revised provisional date for the planning committee to consider the application for the Incinerator at Javelin Park was now January 17th 2013. The County Council had received over 1000 comments on its website from members of the public objecting to the development.

107/12 District Councillor Reports

Cllr Russell Miles reported that one of the main issues for the District Council was to complete the formulation of its core strategy. It had been proposed the strategy would run to 2031 and provide for the development of 9260 houses with the possibility of increasing that to 11500. In respect of the latest housing supply figures, the District Council could demonstrate that it 6 1/2 year land supply.

Cllr Miles informed the Parish Council that Hardwicke was one of the lower performers in the district for recycling. The District Council were looking to work with Parish and Town Councils to improve recycling figures in their areas.

Cllr. Graham Littleton commented on the recent flooding issues in Green Lane and expressed concern that the brook needed to be maintained and that land owners need those areas that were their responsibility. Cllr Littleton said that he would liaise with the Drainage Board on the issues raised.

108/12 Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 1st were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

109/12 Co Option of Parish Councillor

Mr Andy Gough from Pear Tree Close Hardwicke had been invited to address the Parish Council in respect of becoming a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council voted Mr Gough was unanimously to Co Opt Mr Gough to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED To Co Opt Mr Gough to the Parish Council.

110/12 Javelin Park

The Parish Council reaffirmed its opposition to the proposed Incinerator and confirmed its continued support for GlosVain. Members commented that with the increased targets for recycling across the County, with an aim of 70% recycling levels, the arguments for the Incinerator would diminish. There was also concern that with the tonnages of waste required to operate the incinerator, increased recycling would result in commercial waste being burned and waste being 'imported' to the area from other parts of the country.

RESOLVED To continue the opposition to the proposed Incinerator at Javelin Park and to continue support for and work in partnership of GLosVain

111/12 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending October 31st members were informed that the base line for setting the precept for 2013 would not be available until mid-November. It was agreed that the budget setting meeting would be held in January 2013.

The Clerk presented estimates for additional grounds maintenance work at the Churchyard. It was agreed to accept the quotation and to liaise with the churchyard committee on programming the work.

RESOLVED To approve the financial report and to approve the list of payments for October.

112/12 I.T Support

The Clerk presented a report which outlined the options for support for the Parish Council's E Mail system. The report recommended the purchase of support tokens which would provide an hours I.T support for each token at a cost of £60. The Parish Council could purchase more 'tokens' as the need arose.

RESOLVED To agree the purchase of support tokens from BlueTree I T Services

113/12 Section 106 Projects

The Clerk provided an update on the progress of the proposed S 106 projects. Members supported the addition of outdoor fitness equipment being provided around the sports field. The Chair proposed that a special meeting be arranged for December to finalise the details for all projects.

RESOLVED To support the list of proposed projects and finalise details at a special meeting in December 2012.

114/12 Parish Councillor Updates.

- a) Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the new noticeboards, including Hunts Grove had now been erected. A number of wooden bollards in the Verge by the Plantation need to be replaced and the large oak tree by the playing field required attention.
- b) Cllr David Mossman reported that the roads and footpaths along Sellars Road were in a terrible state and required urgent attention. It was agreed to raise this matter at a meeting with Gloucestershire Highways on November 21st.

115/12 Planning Application

S.12/1962 Hambro House, Sellars Road Hardwicke

RESOLVED No objections to the planning application

116/12 Grant Application

The Parish Council considered a request from the cricket club for £450 to help with the cost of undertaking winter maintenance of the cricket square. It was reported that due to the adverse weather during the summer a large number of matches had to be cancelled and consequently the clubs income had suffered significantly.

RESOLVED To agree in principle to the application but request that a member of the cricket club attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 10.22 pm

Signed.....Chair

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