

# Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday September 3rd 2012.

## **Present**

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Mike King.

## **In attendance**

District Councillor Russell Miles and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Caro Kingsnorth, David Mossman, Gill Oxley and Lyn Welbourne. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Tony Blackburn and District Councillor Graham Littleton.

Members were concerned that there was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk was requested to write to the Police expressing the concern of the Parish Council about the reduced visibility of the police in the village and also the lack of visibility of CPSOs.

## **81/12 Declarations of Interest.**

None declared.

## **82/12 Minutes of the Meeting of July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **83/12 District Councillor Report**

District Councillor Russell Miles gave an update on the new administration for the district council. Members were informed that a number of Advisory Panels had been established. Two panels of particular interest were the Housing Advisory panel and the Planning Advisory Panel. The latter would contribute to the development of the district council's core strategy which would identify the planned housing and development needs for the district until 2026. From early discussions, it appeared that the land to the west of Stonehouse was a likely area for development.

## **84/12 County Councillor Report**

Cllr Tony Blackburn had prepared a written update which was presented to the Parish Council. The report highlighted the consultation process which

Gloucestershire Highways had commenced in respect of 'Standing Advice for highways considerations in relation to small scale developments. The view from Cllr Blackburn was that parish and town councils should be consulted on all developments.

### **85/12 Javelin Park**

The Chair gave an update on the continuing campaign by GlosVain and the input from Hardwicke and Quedgeley Parish Councils. A number of articles had appeared in the Citizen opposing the Incinerator. The DVD had been completed and was available for public viewing and would form part of the submission to the County Council's Planning Committee.

Members discussed the Parish Council's support for the campaign and confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to provide a venue for the meetings.

**RESOLVED. The Parish Council agreed to continue support for the campaign to oppose the incinerator and to fund the provision of meeting rooms at the Village Hall.**

### **86/12 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 and a list of invoices and payments.

**RESOLVED The Parish Council agreed the finance report and approved the list of payments.**

### **87/12 Planning Applications**

- **S.12/1629/FUL. Laburnum House, Bristol Road, Hardwicke. – No Objections**
- **S.12/1364/FUL. Cross Keys Filling Station. – The Parish Council expressed its concern about potential flooding to the storage units and did not support the provision of overnight parking for HGVs.**
- **S.12/165/FUL. Purton Cottage Bristol Road Hardwicke – The Parish Council agreed to defer its views pending further information and site visit**

**88/12 County Council Consultation – Standing Advice for Highway Considerations affecting small scale development.**

The Parish Council considered the consultation from Gloucestershire Highways. The County Council were proposing to prepare standard advice documents for small scale developments. It proposed to concentrate its resources to those schemes/developments which it considered to have a severe impact on the local transport network.

Members expressed concern that the County Council appeared to be minimising the impact that **all** developments had on local highways. The Parish Council supported the view expressed earlier in the report submitted by Cllr Tony Blackburn.

**RESOLVED In response to the consultation the Parish Council Stated that it wanted to be consulted and involved in all highways matters for every development not just the ones considered by the County Council to be important.**

### **89/12 Section 106 Projects**

The Clerk gave Members an update on recent discussions held with Stroud District Council over the proposed S 106 Projects.

Members were pleased to hear that the District Council supported the proposals for improvements to the Village Hall and acknowledged the view from the District Council Officers that the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council should seek to acquire match funding for some of the work. It was noted that this was not conditional.

The District Council indicated support for the project for the Scouts Group but wanted a full summary of the capital items to be acquired.

In respect of the proposed project for the Youth Club, the Parish Council were disappointed to hear that SDC wanted to ensure that the project was more sustainable and were looking for some financial input from the parish Council to support the project.

**RESOLVED To have further meetings with the Village Hall Committee to discuss potential match funding. In respect of the Youth Club Project it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting and to discuss the extent to which the Parish Council could allocate some funding.**

### **90/12 Parish Councillor Updates.**

- a) Cllr John Perkin reported that the hedges in Green Lane on the left hand side leading down from the village needed cutting back. It was also reported that the dog bins that the dog bins were regularly full and some were in need of replacement. The Clerk was requested to write to Gloucestershire Highways re the hedges and to SDC re the dog bins.

- b) Cllr Theresa Harrison reported that lorries and other vehicles were regularly parking on the grass verges by the school and also reported repeated problems of scooters and cars speeding along Sellars Road/School Lane. The Clerk was requested to write to the Police to express concern about the parking and speeding motorists.
- c) Cllr Fran Welbourne raised concern about overhanging branches by the play area at the Plantation and also there were several broken branches on the ground adjacent to what appeared to be a tree house. The Clerk was requested to pursue this matter with Stroud District Council.

Meeting Closed at 22.10

Signed

Chair

Date