

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday April 2nd 2013.

Present

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Helen Michael

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

In attendance

PCSO Kevin Lee, District Councillors, Graham Littleton and Russell Miles, Clerk Kevin Lee and three members of the public.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gill Oxley.

43/13 Election of Chair

Cllr David Mossman was elected Chair of the Parish Council for the year.

44/13 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Theresa Harrison was elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the year.

45/14 Election of Committees, Wardens and Representatives.

The following appointments were made;

Committees:

Churchyard

Theresa Harrison and John Perkin

Roads and Traffic

Fran Welbourne, Lyn Welbourne and Mike King

IT and communications

Theresa Harrison, David Mossman and Lyn Welbourne

Finance and Governance

Theresa Harrison and Fran Welbourne

Recreation and Amenities

Fran Welbourne, Helen Michael and John Perkin

Planning and Development

Fran Welbourne and Andrew Gough

Representatives:

Youth Club

Lyn Welbourne

Press Officer

Vacant

Village Hall Committee

Fran Welbourne

Hardwicke School

Andrew Gough and John Perkin

Police

David Mossman and Fran Welbourne

Public Transport

Theresa Harrison and Mike King

Severnvale School

David Mossman and Fran Welbourne

Severn Voice

David Mossman and John Perkin

Wardens:

Grass	Fran Welbourne and Helen Michael
Flood	John Perkin and Mike King
Litter	Fran Welbourne
Play Areas	Fran Welbourne
Snow	Lyn Welbourne
Watercourses	Mike King
Church	John Perkin
Footpaths	John Perkin
Noticeboards	Fran Welbourne
Roads	As per committee
Trees	Theresa Harrison

46/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Fran and Lyn Welbourne declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in respect of any discussions on Javelin Park. Cllr Mike King declared an interest in the agenda item in respect of Section 106 projects.

47/14 Public Consultation

Two members of the public raised concern about the lack of play area facilities in the Springfield area. The Parish Council agreed to discuss with Stroud District Council the ownership of open spaces.

The other issue raised by the public concerned the increase of traffic through the village and the number of speeding vehicles. The Chair replied that the Parish Council had regularly reported traffic incidents to the Police and to Gloucestershire Highways. Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported that he had received an invitation from Gloucestershire Police for the Parish Council to take part in a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

48/14 Minutes of Meeting held on April 2nd 2013

RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on April 2nd 2013 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

49/14 Police Report

PCSO Kevin Lee reported that there had been an overall reduction in crime over the past year. There had been a slight increase in burglaries and the Police had been visiting areas to give advice to residents on crime prevention measures. The Police confirmed that they would follow up on the issues of speeding.

50/14 District Councillor Reports

Cllr Russell Miles informed the Parish Council that a new committee system was being introduced at the district council. The district council's local plan was being developed and was currently out for consultation. Cllr Miles reported on the meeting held with Stroud District Council, Lister Petter and the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the new plant at Quedgeley West would be for assembly and that no manufacturing would be taking place on the site. Listers had also confirmed that sound proofing measures would be installed on the site.

51/14 Sellars Bridge

The Chair, David Mossman informed Members that at a recent meeting with Redrow the developer had advised the Parish Council that it would be submitting a planning application to seek permission for an earlier time for starting work on the site with a start time of 7.30 am. This would be part of a formal planning application which the Parish Council would consider at a future meeting. The Chair informed members that Redrow were concerned that lorries from suppliers were 'stacking up' outside the site and causing traffic problems and wanted vehicles to be moved onto the site. Members acknowledged the safety benefits of lorries moving onto the site before 8.00am but wanted to see the agreed starting time of 8.00 a.m. strictly adhered to.

52/14 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications.

- S.13/0863/HHOLD 15 Orchard Close Hardwicke. **RESOLVED to raise no objections.**
- S.13/0664/HHOLD Ellis Farm Sticky Lane. **RESOLVED to raise no objections.**
- S.13/0806/ADV Unit A Quedgeley Trading Estate **RESOLVED to raise no objections.**
- Licensing application 13/00415/LAPRNW. Elmore Court. **RESOLVED** to not support the application on the grounds of; (a) The application does not align itself to the planning consent previously granted, (b) The Council is concerned about the additional traffic and the associated noise from vehicles that would be created particularly late at night.

53/14 Financial Report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending April 30th 2013. It highlighted that the first instalment of the Council's precept had been received from Stroud District Council.

RESOLVED To agree the report and the list of payments

54/14 Scrutiny Report and Section 106

Cllr John Perkin gave Members an update on the progress of the village hall project. The first stages of the work had been completed and been carried out to a high standard. The next phase of the project would commence on May 28th and would include work to the ceiling, lighting and the floor.

RESOLVED To receive the report

55/14 Parish Councillor Reports

1. Cllr Theresa Harrison reported that the litter problems at Wharfdale had not improved. There were also increasing amounts of litter in parts of the village caused by take-away packaging from McDonalds. Cllr Russell Miles agreed to raise the issue of litter with the area wardens.
2. Cllr John Perkin asked for an update on the provision of replacement wooden bollards along Green Lane. The Clerk informed members that an order had been placed for the work.

3. Cllr Andrew Gough informed the council that parking problems outside the school were still continuing. There was also a problem with a tree overhanging the footpath. District Councillor Russell Miles agreed to speak to the Head Teacher.
4. Cllr Mike King reported that the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles parked on the forecourt of the Cross Keys garage was causing a road safety problem particularly when vehicles were reversing onto the highway. The Clerk agreed to write to highways.
5. Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the Parish Council notice board sited at the post office had been damaged. Quotes had been received for the repair. It was agreed to approve the expenditure of £140
6. The Chair Cllr David Mossman informed Members that a question had been raised about the provision of the CCTV cameras located on the village hall. It was acknowledged that the cameras were originally installed to record any incidents of damage to the Council's property such as the play equipment and youth shelter. CCTV also provided security for the village hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue with the CCTV.

Meeting Ended 9.25 pm

Signed
Date

Chair