

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday April 2nd 2013.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

In attendance

PCO Charlotte Simmons, PCSO Lee Hutton and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Helen Michael and Gill Oxley.

32/13 Declarations of Interest

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

33/13 Public Consultation

There were no matters raised.

34/13 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 4th 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes as a correct record.

35/13 Police Reports

PCSOs Charlotte Simmons and Lee Hutton gave a report on policing issues within the Hardwicke Area. They reported that there had been a slight increase in crime figures compared to the same period last year. The increase was due to burglaries and thefts from cars. The number of incidents was low and reflected the general low level of incidents in the Hardwicke Area.

36/13 Chair of Parish Council

Cllr. Ian Butler announced that he would be stepping down as Chair of the Parish Council. Ian had been Chair for five years and felt that it was time for the Council to appoint a new Chair.

Members were saddened that Ian was also resigning from the Parish Council but understood his reasons for doing so. Ian had provided strong and effective leadership to the Council and had led the successful campaign against Javelin Park, presenting the Council's case at the recent Planning Committee. Members recorded a unanimous vote of thanks for all the hard work and dedication that Ian had given to the Parish Council and recognised the many achievements that had been made for the benefit of the residents of Hardwicke.

Members were pleased that Ian had agreed to attend the Parish Assembly and present a report, as Chair, on the Parish Council's work over the past year.

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by David Mossman, Vice Chair.

37/13 Javelin Park

Cllr. David Mossman gave an update on the outcome of the meeting of the County Council's Planning Committee which had considered the application for an Incinerator at Javelin Park. Members voted 18-0 against the application. It was evident that the campaign against the Incinerator, which included some four thousand letters of objection, with only one in support, had been crucial in the decision. It was also noted by GlosVain and other parties that the DVD, funded by the Parish Council had made a major impact. It was as yet unknown as to whether the applicants, UBB would lodge an appeal, the Vice Chair, David Mossman confirmed he would continue to monitor the application and inform Members if an appeal is lodged.

RESOLVED To note the report and to monitor the application in case a future appeal is lodged

38/13 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered its response to the following applications.

- **S13/2586 The Old Thatch Church Lane.** The Parish Council had no comments to make in respect of this application.
- **S13/0429 Oak House Pound Lane.** The Parish Council did not oppose the application but raised a question as to whether it was an overdevelopment of the site and whether there was an impact on neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED To support the applications but to make comments as above in respect of Oak House.

39/13 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report and cheque payments for the period ending March 31st. It was reported that the first payment from Stroud District Council had been received to cover the initial work on the Village Hall.

RESOLVED. To agree the finance report and cheque payments.

40/13 Section 106 projects and Scrutiny Report

The Parish Council was informed that a meeting had been held between the Village Hall Committee and the Project Manager. A number of outstanding issues had been resolved and the work had commenced on time. The Scrutiny Committee was holding its first formal meeting on April 8th. 2013. From an earlier discussion, the Scrutiny Committee asked if it could have delegated powers to agree invoice payments for the project. It was acknowledged that this would allow invoices to be paid on time and allow for a more timely reimbursement from SDC.

RESOLVED. To note the report on progress of the Village Hall project and to agree for the Scrutiny Committee to have delegated authority to approve invoice payments for the Village Hall Work. This would be subject to payments being within the agreed schedule of works and for any payments to be reported back to a full meeting of the Parish Council.

41/13 Parish Councillor Reports

- Cllr Theresa Harrison Reported that there was increasing litter problem in parts of Wharfdale. The bench overlooking the canal had not been replaced.
- Cllr David Mossman reported that he had held further discussions with Redrow to complain about the inadequate signing for vehicles accessing the Sellars Bridge Development. The Representative from Redrow had agreed to review the matter in a few weeks' time. David also suggested that a letter be written to residents of Pound Lane, Church Lane, Green Lane, Sellars Road and the Plantation advising them of the agreement with Redrow for site vehicles not to use these roads. In the proposed letter residents would be encouraged to report details of any vehicle not following the agreed routes.
- Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that a number of dog bins needed to be replaced. The Clerk was requested to get quotes for the supply and installation.

42/13 Youth Shelter

Members considered the maintenance issues for the Youth Shelter. These included; anti climb paint for the roof, removal or replacement of the Perspex which had been damaged and repair to the surface area.

RESOLVED To remove the damaged Perspex and provide anti climb paint. Members agreed to improve the surface area and recommended that rubber matting be provided that would allow grass to grow through

Meeting Ended 9.30 pm

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