

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday January 7th 2012.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Helen Michael

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Gill Oxley

In attendance

District Councillor Graham Littleton, and Kevin Lee, Clerk..

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr David Mossman, County Councillor Tony Blackburn and District Councillor Russell Miles.

1/13 Declaration of Interest

Cllr 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.

2/13 Public Consultation

There were no items raised

3/13 Minutes of Meeting Held December 3rd 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on December 3rd 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4/13 District Councillor Report

Councillor Graham Littleton provided updates on a number of local issues including; flooding in Pound Lane near to the A38 and a dangerous tree in Poplar Way. There was a wide discussion in respect of the on-going problems of flooding in Church Lane. Councillor Littleton reported that he had been in contact with the Manager of the Hardwicke Estate who was responsible for the ditches along part of the lane. There had been a delay in arranging a meeting between Gloucestershire Highways and the Estate Manager to address the problems. The Chair, Ian Butler reported on the impact the flooding was having on properties in Church Lane. Residents had

hired a pump at their own expense to pump water from the ditch to alleviate the flooding into the drains in their home.

Members raised concerns about the future impact of the development at Hunts Grove and the flow of water into the Shorn Brook. Councillor Littleton agreed to follow up on the issues raised and it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss flooding and highways issues.

5/13 Police Report

There was no Police report but Members discussed the need to restart the Police Liaison Meetings. The Chair informed members of recent issues at Quedgeley Community Centre and the decision by Quedgeley Parish Council to appoint its own security officer for the centre. Members suggested that the Police Commissioner be invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council

RESOLVED. The Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner to invite him to a future meeting and to request the re-introduction of Police Liaison meetings.

6 /13 Finance Statement and Budget for 2013/14

The Clerk presented the finance statement for the period ending December 31st 2012 and a list of payments for January. The statement was agreed and payments approved.

In respect of the proposed budget for 2013/14 the Clerk reported that final details of the grant settlement for Stroud District Council had not been confirmed, as a result the district council had not been able to advise parish councils of the impact on the precept. Members discussed possible changes to the proposed budget and agreed to delay making a final decision until further information was available from the district council.

RESOLVED. To agree the finance statement for December 2012 and to hold the budget meeting and precept on setting on February 4th 2013.

7/13 Section 106 Projects

The Clerk provided a summary of the proposed expenditure for S 106 projects and reported on the further information that was required for final approval by Stroud District Council. Members confirmed the projects and proposed expenditure, it was also agreed to establish a scrutiny committee to oversee the programme and expenditure.

RESOLVED. To approve the projects and to establish a scrutiny committee. John Perkin to Chair the committee, other members, Theresa Harrison and Andrew Gough.

8/13 Church Fees.

The Clerk presented a report prepared by Revd Andrew James which advised the parish council of revised fees for burials and cremation plaques. The fees had been proposed by the Church of England. Members discussed the changes and stated that they did not support any increase in fees for burials but did support the fee reduction for cremation plaques.

RESOLVED To agree the fee reduction for cremation plaques and to maintain the existing fees for burials.

9/13 Javelin Park

The Chair advised members that as requested, he had, on behalf of the parish Council, written to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles asking for the decision on Javelin Park to be 'called in'. The Chair reminded members that there was still time to comment on the planning application. The County Council Planning Committee would be considering the planning application in February 2013.

10/13 Parish Councillor Reports

- a) The Chair
reported that residents had complained about empty water bottles being dropped in the lanes and thrown into hedges during fun runs. The Clerk was requested to contact organisers to advise them of the issues.
- b) Cllr Mike
King raised concern about too many trailers being parked at Hardwicke Garage. It appeared that the owner was exceeding the limit allowed for within the planning consent. The Clerk to write to the District Council to report the Council's concerns and the associated highway risks.
- c) Cllr Fran
Welbourne reported that the ditch in the car park needed emptying.
- d) Cllr Lyn
Welbourne advised Members of the damage to the height restriction barrier. CCTV footage had been able to identify the offenders.
- e) Cllr John
Perkin reported on the poor road condition in Green Lane and the emerging potholes. He also highlighted the outstanding issues of the need to replace the wooden bollards near to the plantation and the driveway into the church.
- f) Cllr Gill
Oxley reported that a trench had been dug in Church Lane near to the new property being built. There had been no signs or lighting at night to advise drivers of the narrowing of the road.
- g) Cllr Helen
Michael advised members of the on-going problems with parking near to the school and advised members that she would follow up the issue with the

Head Teacher and with the Police. Residents had also complained about the need for resurfacing work in Elmgrove Road East.

Meeting Closed at 21.40

Signed..... Chair. Date.....