

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday June 3rd 2013.

Present

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Helen Michael

Cllr Theresa Harrison (Chair)

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

In attendance

One member of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Mossman, John Perkin, Gill Oxley, County Councillor Tony Blackburn and District Councillors Graham Littleton and Russell Miles. In the absence of Cllr David Mossman the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair Theresa Harrison

43/13 Declarations of Interest

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

44/13 Public Consultation

Concerns were raised about the district council's lack of response to the requests for tree cutting in Ploughman's Way and Clover Drive. The Parish Council acknowledged that this had been an issue for some time and agreed to obtain quotes for pruning the trees.

45/13 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday May 7th were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

46/13 Police Report

PCSO Lee Hutton had submitted a written report which highlighted a spate of non-dwelling burglaries that had occurred by the Cross Keys. The thefts were from farm buildings. It was reported that this had been happening countywide and the offenders had been moving from area to area. Apart from this issue overall crime levels were very low for the area.

47/13 Sellars Bridge, Street Naming.

Members considered the suggested names for street on the new development. Redrow had submitted names of breeds of chickens as they thought this would link to the former use of the site. The parish council rejected the proposals and suggested that names linked to the location and area would be more appropriate. Names linked to the canal were suggested such as canal way.

RESOLVED to reject the names submitted by the developer and request consideration be given to names such as Canal Way.

48/13 Planning Applications.

The Parish Council considered the following applications;

- S13/0184/FUL Quedgeley West Trading Estate. Increase in height of unit from 8 to 10 metres. **The Parish Council RESOLVED to not object to this application.**
- S13/1058/VAR Sellars Bridge, amendment to opening hours. Members were concerned that the current opening hours were not being adhered to and noted that the developer had not been operating the site to the full extent of the agreement, that is. 6pm. **The Parish Council RESOLVED to oppose the request and to highlight that the planning appeal allowed for the site to remain open until 6pm and that the developer was not making use of this option.**

49/13 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending May 31st 2013 and the list of payments. The report highlighted the expenditure on Section 106 projects and identified the reimbursement from Stroud District Council.

RESOLVED To approve the report and payments.

50/13 Section 106 projects and report from Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Andrew Gough provided Members with an update on the progress of works at the Village Hall. The report identified the high standard of work that had been undertaken and commented on the great improvement to the appearance of the hall and kitchen facilities.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee to review all the work that had been undertaken and to ensure that plans were in place for the sustainability of the hall.

RESOLVED To agree the report and to confirm a meeting to be held with the Village Hall Committee.

51/13 Parish Councillor Reports

1. Councillor Mike King reiterated his concerns about HGV Lorries parking at Cross Keys garage and the potential road safety hazard of them reversing onto the carriageway. There was an issue with the school hedge bordering the footpath; the hedge was encroaching onto the footpath making it harder for pedestrians to walk past.
2. Councillor Fran Welbourne reported on the need for additional dog bins in parts of the village. There was concern that the bins were not being emptied on a regular basis. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Stroud District Council to look at possible locations for new bins. Cllr Welbourne reported that the grounds around the Starting Gate public house were in a poor state.

52/13 Community Design Statement.

The Parish Council received the report of the meeting held with GRCC. It was agreed to hold a public meeting in September. Members also agreed to the wording proposed by GRCC which would be used in a general invitation to local groups and also placed as an advertisement in Hardwicke Matters.

RESOLVED. To hold an open meeting on Wednesday September 18th at the Village Hall for the purpose of developing a community design statement.

53/13 Highways

Councillors Mike King and Lyn Welbourne provided a summary of the work undertaken as part of a community speed watch exercise which had been undertaken in liaison with the Police. Members were informed that the exercise had identified the large numbers of traffic using the lanes; it was acknowledged that the advance warning signs probably accounted for drivers reducing their speed as they approached the speed gun areas.

Members considered the options for further work and agreed to arrange with Gloucestershire Highways to undertake Tube Surveys at four locations.

RESOLVED. To undertake four tube surveys using the County Council's Transport Monitoring surveys and to agree expenditure of around £485 as quoted by the County Council.

54/14 On-Line Mapping Service.

In response to Members concerns about having comprehensive maps of the village which clearly identified boundaries the Clerk reported on the on-line mapping facility.

RESOLVED. Members agreed to subscribe to the service

55/14 Street Closure.

**Members considered the request for a street closure at Sunnyfield Road
Hardwicke on August 10th and 11th 2013.**

RESOLVED To support the request.

Meeting closed at 9.15

Signed

Chair