

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday March 4th 2013.

Present

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

In attendance

District Councillor Russell Miles and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Helen Michael, Gill Oxley and Andrew Gough

21/13 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.

22/13 Public Consultation

There were no matters raised.

23/13 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes as a correct record.

24/13 District Councillor Reports

Councillor Russell Miles reported that a major decision had been made by Stroud District Council in respect of how it dealt with its refuse. This would result in Stroud DC having no use of the County Council's Waste Disposal facilities. This would impact directly on the County Councils calculations for county wide waste disposal and use of an incinerator.

25/13 Police Report

There was no report from the Police. Members expressed concern about the lack of input from the Police and requested that the divisional commander be asked to explain the lack of police visibility at meetings. There was also concern that the police liaison meetings had not been held for nearly a year.

RESOLVED To write to the Divisional Commander asking for an explanation for the lack of police presence.

26/13 Javelin Park

Cllr David Mossman reported that Members of the County Council's Planning Committee had been advised by the Council's legal officers that they should not accept the Parish Council's invitation to visit a waste treatment plant at Avonmouth. The Parish Council expressed its concern at the county council's action and stated that it should respond to the letter from GCC seeking clarification as to why such advice had been given.

Members were informed of the demonstration that was planned for March 14th and the Clerk provided details of how parish councillors and members of the public could attend the planning committee meeting on March 21st. The letter from the County Council, advising of the proceedings for the hearing, had omitted the Parish Council from the list of speakers. The Clerk was requested to pursue this matter and ensure that the Parish Council was afforded the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

RESOLVED To write to GCC seeking clarification as to why planning committee members were advised not accept an invitation to visit an alternative waste provision at Avonmouth. The Clerk to pursue the Parish Council's wish to speak at the planning committee.

27/13 Planning Applications.

- **S.13/0170 and S.13/0286 Sellars farm**

The above applications related to a number of reserved matters and conditions relating to the development. The Parish Council examined the conditions and had no additional comments to make.

Cllr David Mossman reported on a meeting that he had held with the site manager from Redrow. The developer had agreed to the proposed restrictions for construction traffic visiting the site and had agreed to the principle of 'fining' vehicles that contravened the orders. Any sums from the fines would be donated to a local charity.

- **S.13/0217/VAR 20 Elmgrove Road East Variation of Condition**

The Parish Council noted the variation and expressed concern about the potential impact on neighbouring properties with the insertion of Velux windows.

- **S.13/0184/Ful Quedgeley West**

Members expressed concern and annoyance at the way in which, the proposed move by Listers Petter from Dursley to Quedgeley West had been handled by the District Council. The Parish Council had first heard the news of the proposed move through the local media. Cllr David Mossman informed the Parish Council that he had raised the matter with the Chief Executive David Hagg. Mr Hagg had since apologised, in writing for the way in which the case had been handled.

In respect of the application, the Parish Council supported the views of residents. In particular, the Parish Council highlighted potential problems with; sewage and waste from the site, potential impact of drainage and flooding, the noise impact and nuisance to residents of operating a 24/7 operation. Members highlighted the noise created from existing operations. There was also concern about impact additional vehicles would have on the road network and the difficulty exiting the site during commuter times.

RESOLVED The Parish Council would incorporate comments from residents into its own submission and highlight the issues stated above. The Clerk was also requested to liaise with District Councillor Russell Miles to seek a meeting with the local manager of Listers so that the company could hear first-hand the concerns of the Council and residents.

28/13 Section 106 Projects and Scrutiny Committee

Cllr John Perkin, Chair of Scrutiny Committee, provided Members with a summary of the first meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. It was reported that the refurbishment works to the Village Hall (funded by S106 money via Stroud DC) would be undertaken in three phases. Phase one would include; replacement doors, windows and fascia boards, central heating renewal and refurbishment of the kitchen. Phase two would include; roof insulation, ceiling refurbishment, renewal of flooring and renewal of lighting. The third phase would be to provide an outdoor patio and play area.

Cllr Perkin confirmed that the scrutiny committee would monitor and scrutinise all the relevant contract documents and oversee the payment of accounts. The committee would meet regularly with village hall committee representatives and with the project manager.

Cllr Perkin identified that during the works there may be some small items of work that would require urgent decisions and asked whether the scrutiny committee could be given delegated authority to approve small amounts of additional expenditure.

RESOLVED. To approve the report and agree delegated authority for the Scrutiny Committee to approve small items of additional expenditure subject to that being within the overall contingency allowance.

The Clerk presented details of quotes that had been received for the replacement of wooden bollards around the sports field and along Green Lane and also for the replacement of the small lockable barrier onto the sports field.

RESOLVED To approve the cost of replacement posts of £1260.56 and barrier £295.48

29/13 Fencing along Green Lane

The Clerk advised Members of the quotation for repairs and maintenance to the wooden fencing along Green Lane, bordering the sports field and Village Hall. Members were also informed of an alternative proposal submitted by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. The proposal was to plant mixed hedging alongside the fencing. This would provide a line of mixed species of hedgerow which offer increased habitation for wildlife and present a natural boundary. The estimated cost of the planting was £1000 to £1200.

RESOLVED. To agree to the proposal submitted by the Wildlife Trust and for the Clerk to liaise with the Trust.

30/13 Street Naming

The Clerk Reported that the suggested name for the development at Elmgrove Road East had not been accepted by SDC and the developer. Of the alternatives it was proposed that 'The Grove' be the adopted name

RESOLVED To request that the development be called 'The Grove'

31/13 Parish Councillor Reports

1. Cllr David Mossman gave a summary of the liaison meeting he attended with Stroud District Council. The meeting outlined the decisions that the council would have to make in respect of its core strategy. One of the main decisions would focus on land west of Stonehouse. Cllr Mossman informed Members of the discussion with officers at SDC in respect of developing a Village Design Statement. The Clerk reported that a grant application for £500 had been submitted and that a representative from GRCC had agreed to attend the Parish Assembly on April 24th. It was also reported that the Village Design Statement would be able to incorporate land as Village Green
2. Cllr John Perkin reported on a restriction to the public footpath between Sticky Lane and the A38. The path had been affected by the digging of a ditch. The Clerk was requested to take up the matter with the County Council.

3. Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that following the works to the fascia boards the CCTV cameras would be mounted on brackets.
4. Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported that the Village Hall would need to install CCTV cameras inside the hall around the bar area to meet with new licensing regulations. It was agreed that this should be a stand-alone system and not linked to the Parish Council's CCTV provision.
5. Cllr Ian Butler, informed members of the continued problems of HGV Vehicles using the lanes and the increased number of complaints being received by residents. The Clerk confirmed that all complaints had been forwarded to the Police and to the County Council. The Chairman reported that he had received further requests from residents seeking the traffic calming measures in the Village and in particular, supporting the closure of Church Lane at its junction with Green Lane.

32/13 Times of Future Meetings.

The Clerk reported that it had been suggested to begin all future meetings at 7.00pm

RESOLVED For all future meetings of the Parish Council to begin at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed at 22.10

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