

# **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## **Present**

Cllr David Mossman (Chair)

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Mike King

Cllr John Perkin

## **In attendance**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Russell Miles, three members of the public and Kevin Lee Clerk.

## **92/13 Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Gill Oxley and Theresa Harrison. District Councillor Graham Littleton and PC Faye Jones.

## **93/13 Declaration of Interests.**

There were none.

## **94/13 Minutes of Meeting held on October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Subject to the correction to include Cllr Helen Michael in the list of attendees the minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **RESOLVED To approve the Minutes**

## **95/13 Co-option of new members.**

Two members of the public had indicated that they would wish to be appointed as Co-Opted members of the Parish Council. Victoria Lowe from Hunts Grove and Sarah Costello-Byrne from Sticky Lane were proposed and seconded and welcomed to the Council.

## **RESOLVED To appoint Victoria Lowe and Sarah Costello-Byrne as co-opted members of the Parish Council**

## **96/13 County Councillor Report**

Cllr Tony Blackburn informed the Council that he had lodged his objections to the planning application for the development at Mayo's land on the B4008. His

objections concerned the access required on to the Bristol Road. He reiterated the concerns about the existing speed limit and the campaign to reduce the limit to 30MPH. The objection also contained a reference for the need of a pedestrian crossing.

### **97/13 District Councillor Report**

Cllr Russell Miles reported that the District Council had introduced a tenant grant scheme which was available to unemployed council tenants to assist them back into work. The District Council had also been discussing the issues around unitary authorities.

Cllrs Russell Miles and Graham Littleton had been in discussions with the District Council concerning the possible additional 500 homes for Hunts Grove as set out in the Council's core strategy.

The Chair, David Mossman raised the issue of primary school provision at Hunts Grove and also the Section 106 money from Sellars Bridge for primary schools in the area. County Councillor Tony Blackburn agreed to take up the issue with the County Council.

### **98/13 Highways**

David Mossman reported that the highways data, provided by the County Council, had contained errors in respect of the direction of traffic flows. The data was being reworked and would be circulated to members once corrected.

Cllr Mossman updated Members on the work of the residents committee and reiterated that the Parish Council's involvement had been in response to requests from residents to address traffic concerns. The minutes of the residents committee meeting had been circulated.

Cllr John Perkin highlighted the additional problems that would be created by the development on Mayo's Land.

It was recognised that any preferred traffic scheme for the Village would need to be discussed with the Parish Council and consideration given to any financial implications.

### **RESOLVED to note the report of the Residents Committee**

### **99/13 Police Report**

The report from the Police had been circulated to Members, it highlighted that the complaints from the Parish Council about speeding traffic on the A 38 had been investigated. Cllr Andrew Gough informed Members that the exercise by the Police had been undertaken on Friday; however the incidents of speeding were more evident on Saturday nights.

**RESOLVED To contact the Police and request that a further exercise be undertaken on a weekend.**

### **100/13 Planning Applications.**

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications.

S.13/2212/CM Mayo's Land. Approval of reserved matters in respect of landscaping, car parking and access roads.

The Parish Council did not support the application and objected to the proposals because of concerns about the impact of additional vehicles on to the Bristol Road B4008. Members stated that the proposed access was totally unacceptable; the speed limit on the B 4008 would need to be reduced and appropriate pedestrian crossings provided. Consideration should be given to the installation of a roundabout.

### **RESOLVED to object to the planning application**

- S.13/2114.DISCON Quedgeley West discharge of conditions relating to layout, construction and drainage.

The Parish Council noted the proposals in respect of the attenuation pond and accepted that the proposal met all the relevant conditions

### **RESOLVED To register no objections**

- S.13/2310/CPL 9 Orchard Close Hardwicke erection of conservatory and garage conversion.

### **RESOLVED No Objections**

- S.13/2355.HHOLD 11 Barley Close Hardwicke provision of single story bedroom and ensuite shower room.

### **RESOLVED No objections**

### **101/13 Financial Report**

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending October 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 and list of monthly payments. The Clerk reported that the Council would be setting its budget for 2014/15 at its meeting in January. In response to a question from the Chair, it was reported that at the beginning of each financial year the Council should aim to have a sum of at least six months of its budget held in reserves. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council was in this position and also had adequate reserves to meet other contingencies.

### **RESOLVED to note the report and approve the payments**

### **102/13 Grant Application, Hardwicke Football Club.**

Earlier in the year the football club approached the Parish Council to ask for support towards the purchase of two defibrillators one for each of the sports fields. There was initial support from the Council and information was provided on possible types and siting of the equipment.

The football club had now purchased the defibrillators at a cost of £1932 and were seeking a contribution from the Parish Council.

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the football club had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee and had made arrangements for other users of the hall to have access to the equipment.

It was proposed that a grant of £750 be made to the football club, this was supported unanimously.

**RESOLVED to approve a donation of £750**

### **103/13 Hardwicke Music Festival**

Members gave consideration to the proposal to hold a music festival in 2014. It was recognised that in principle it was a good idea. Members were however concerned about restricting access to the field, the possible traffic congestion problems and the impact on residents living adjacent to or near the field.

It was recognised that not all Members had seen the presentation made by Caroline Gunn and felt that a decision on use of the field and support for the festival should be deferred to the next meeting. It was requested that the presentation be circulated to all Members.

**RESOLVED To defer any decision until a future meeting and to ensure all Members had the opportunity to view the presentation.**

### **104/14 Parish Councillor Reports**

Cllr John Perkin enquired as to whether progress had been made on plans to alleviate problems of flooding at Tudor Cottage. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report back. An update on the provision of a handrail adjacent to the ditch in Green Lane leading from the pond was also requested.

Cllr Andrew Gough reported that he had been in contact with the Neighbourhood Warden, Carol Novoth about the parking problems at the primary school. Concern was also expressed about the height of the hedge by the school. It appeared that it had only been trimmed very lightly and was still causing a nuisance to neighbours

and pedestrians. District Councillor Russell Miles agreed to raise the matter with the Head Teacher at a School Governors meeting.

Cllr Victoria Lowe informed members that she was interested in establishing a residents committee for Hunts Grove. She outlined her proposals and asked for support from the Parish Council to pursue the idea. Members fully supported the initiative and looked forward to receiving a report on progress.

#### **105/14 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk presented an update on the progress of the neighbourhood plan and referred to the report circulated previously. The Clerk informed Members that GRCC would be happy to continue to work with the Council but would now have to commence charging. The indication from GRCC was that the Parish Council could make use of a 'buy one get one free' offer for days of support. The provision of eight days support would cost £1000.

**RESOLVED Members agreed to the proposal to continue working with GRCC and agreed to commit £1000 to buy in professional support from them.**

#### **106/14 Dates of Meetings for 2014**

The Clerk provided a list of proposed dates of meetings for 2014. It was agreed to continue to meet on the first Monday of each month commencing at 7pm. The only date which clashed with a bank holiday was the first Monday in May, that meeting would be held on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk also reported that due to European Elections being held in 2014 it was likely that the elections for parish councils would be delayed. This would mean that the Council's AGM would be likely to take place in June 2014

**RESOLVED to agree the proposed dates for 2014**

**Meeting closed at 21.15**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**

