

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday February 3rd 2014.

Present

Cllr David Mossman (Chair)

Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Mike King

In attendance

District Councillor Graham Littleton, County Councillor Tony Blackburn PCSO Kevin Lee, three members of the public and Kevin Lee Clerk.

13/14 Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors; Gill Oxley, Helen Michael, Victoria King-Lowe, Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne and District Councillor Russell Miles.

14/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 6th were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED To approve the Minutes

15/14 Declarations of Interest

None Received

16/14 Public Consultation

Two members of the public attended the meeting to speak in respect of planning application S.14/0079/HHOLD. The Chair acknowledged their contribution and confirmed that their points would be considered in response to the planning application.

One member of the public was interested to learn of the Parish Council's response to the planning application for the proposed A38 road alterations for the Hunts Grove Development.

17/14 County Councillor Report

County Councillor Tony Blackburn reported that the County Council had set its budget for 2014/15 which had resulted in no increase in council tax or business rates. Savings would be made as part of the budget but details of the cuts had not been finalised.

In respect of Mayo's Land, Cllr Blackburn had written to the district council stating that there should be a 30mph speed limit on the B4008 and there should also be a pedestrian crossing.

18/14 District Councillor Report

District Councillor Graham Littleton reported that Stroud District had also set a budget with no increase in Council Tax. In respect of Mayo's Land Cllr Littleton supported the view that there should be a speed reduction to 30mph and a pedestrian crossing provided. In addition, Cllr Littleton suggested that an additional access should be provided to allow for emergency access.

The Chair, David Mossman asked Cllr Littleton if the district council had been able to satisfy requirements to have a five year land supply for housing. It was noted that the district council had regularly failed to oppose planning applications from developers because of the lack of adequate land supply. It appeared that the district council had failed to arrive at an agreed process for calculating land supply figures.

Cllr Littleton acknowledged that there was a problem and agreed to raise the matter with planning officers and report back to the Parish Council.

19/14 Police Report

PCSO Kevin Lee gave an update on the revised policing arrangements for the area. These included two Beat Officers and three PCSOs covering, Hardwicke, Quedgeley, Elmore and Longney. Members were provided with an update on the latest crime figures for the area which showed a decrease in the number of dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries. Cllr Mike King raised concern about the number of speeding vehicles in the village. The highways data, from the survey undertaken in September, indicated that speeding was a particular issue in the early morning. PCSO Kevin Lee agreed to pass on the data to the traffic officers for further investigation and response.

20/14 Planning Applications

S.13/2774/OUT A38 Hunts Grove Access

Further to Minute 07/14 of the meeting held on January 6th 2014, The Chair David Mossman reported that he and Cllrs Lyn Welbourne and Fran Welbourne had met with the representatives from Crest Nicholson to advise them of the Parish Council's concerns.

In response, the developers confirmed that; the current access to Hunts Grove would remain open, there would be no major road closures, thus avoiding diversions through Hardwicke.

Members recognised that some of their concerns had been answered however other concerns such as, lack of contingency if traffic lights failed, the likelihood of tailbacks to the M5 junction and through to Naas Lane Roundabout. There was also concern about the inadequacy of pedestrian crossings and the need for a weight restriction on the slip road to the B4008.

RESOLVED the Parish Council could not support the application in its present format and would ask for the following to be taken in to consideration;

30mph on B4008 through to Naas Lane Roundabout

Further pedestrian crossing by the Starting Gate Public House

7.5 tonne weight restriction on the slip road the B 4008 to deter heavy vehicles traveling through residential areas.

S.14/0079/HHOLD Elm Cottage, Elmgrove Road West

RESOLVED No objection

S.13/2784/FUL Greenacres Caravan, Sticky Lane.

RESOLVED No Objection

S.14/0188/FUL St Nicholas Court, Elmgrove Estate.

RESOLVED NO Objection

S.14/0049/FUL Football Field, Green Lane

RESOLVED No Objection

S.14/0111/HHOLD Church House Farm, Church Lane

RESOLVED No Objection

21/14 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending January 31st 2014 and the list of monthly payments.

RESOLVED To approve the report and agree the list of payments.

22/14 Budget for 2014/15

The Clerk presented the proposed budget for the financial year 2014/15. The budget included provision for fencing around the Elmgrove Play Area, expenditure on developing the Neighbourhood Plan and expenditure on further ditch clearance work.

Members approved the budget subject to an increase in the allocation for grass cutting and reworking the admin budget to identify HMRC costs.

The overall net budget of £41,498 resulted in no increase in the council tax Band D rate which would remain at £26.86 per year

RESOLVED To approve the net budget of £41,498 and the council tax Band D Rate of £26.86per year

23/14 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Theresa Harrison commented on the recently erected high fence at the entrance to Wharfdale

Cllr John Perkin reported that the grill at the end of the ditch by the Plantation was blocked and required further attention

RESOLVED the Clerk to investigate and report back

Meeting Closed 21.00

Signed

Chair

