

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday December 1st 2014.

Present

Cllr Mike King (Chair)

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr John Perkin

In attendance

County Councillor Tony Blackburn, one member of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

138/14 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Theresa Harrison, Andrew Gough, and district Councillor Russell Miles.

139/14 Declarations of Interest

There were none

140/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 3rd 2014

141/14 Public Consultation

A member of the public raised concerns about the revised bus services for routes 12 and 12a. There were no published timetables. Passengers using the 12 service from Tesco at Quedgeley had to show their concessionary bus twice to be able to complete the journey to Hardwicke.

District Councillor David Mossman reported that he had spoken to Stagecoach who said that the change to services was only a temporary situation.

142/14 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Kevin Marsden, Chair of the NDP Steering Group presented the range of documents, policies and plans that needed approval by the Parish Council.

Members discussed the overall strategy of a future plan and considered the proposals for establishing a defined built up area. Within the area the Parish Council, through its NDP would seek to control development. Land outside the defined area would be valued as a community asset to retain the rural feel of the village. The main focus for future development needs would be based on the Hunts Grove Development and the extension to Hunts Grove as identified within Stroud District Council's proposed Local Plan. It was acknowledged that advice from Hunter Page would be needed to confirm this approach.

District Councillor David Mossman informed the Council that Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee in December would be considering applications for a combined total of 750 homes.

Members were informed of the progress of the business questionnaire which would be analysed by Hunter Page. In respect of the Housing Needs survey it was agreed to distribute this towards the end of January 2015.

Resolved;

The Parish Council approved the map of the defined boundary for built up development subject to professional advice from the planning consultants.

To agree the Housing Needs Survey and to arrange for distribution at the end of January 2015

To confirm the NDP strategy as developed by the Steering Group

To approve the Visions and Aims for the NDP

143/14 County Councillor and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Tony Blackburn reported on the County Council's latest budget proposals for 2015/16 which would need to make savings of £25m.

The County Council had announced that the Robinswood Academy would be running the new Hunts Grove Primary School. Cllr Mossman added that Waterwells Primary School would provide school places for Hunts Grove Children from September 2015. If residents had requested Hunts Grove as their preferred school children would then have the option to transfer from Waterwells once the new school opened.

Cllr Blackburn gave an update on discussions about Javelin Park; the County Council had established a sub committee to consider alternative options should the proposed incinerator be rejected by the Secretary of State.

Cllr David Mossman gave an update on the discussions held with Crest Nicholson, developers of Hunts Grove, with particular reference to the proposed roundabout on to the A38. The developer had undertaken further transport studies and was considering delaying the provision of the roundabout. Cllr Mossman had expressed concern to Crest that the Parish Council had not been consulted.

In respect of progress of the SDC Local Plan Cllr Mossman reported that the district council would be meeting on December 9th to consider the revised housing numbers through to 2031

Resolved to note the reports

144/14 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending November 30th 2014 and the list of monthly payments. A quote had been received for clearing moss from the surface of the Plantation Play Area

Resolved, to agree the financial report and to approve the list of payments. To agree undertake the work to the surface of the play area.

145/14 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered its response to the following planning applications;

S.14/2504/HHOLD Pillar House.

Resolved to raise no objections

S.14/2479/HHOLD Bramley House

Resolved to raise no objections

S.14/2651/FUL Starting Gate

Resolved, the Parish Council suggests that the ATM be installed inside the premises

146/14 Letter to Hunts Grove Residents

Cllr David Mossman proposed that a letter be issued to all residents at Hunts Grove to advise them of the role of the Parish Council and to seek to candidates for the parish councillor vacancies. Members agreed to the proposal, Cllr mossman agreed to draft a letter for approval

Resolved to produce a letter for delivery to residents of Hunts Grove

147/14 Parish Councillor Reports

- a) Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported that a large hole had appeared in the grass verge in Dimore Close. The Clerk was requested to report this to SDC for immediate attention.
- b) Cllr John Perkin suggested that the field would benefit from being spiked and treated at the end of the football season. It was agreed to consider this as a budget item for 2015.
- c) The Chair reported that he had received a letter from Fr Andrew inviting a member of the Parish Council to give a reading at the Church Service on the 18th December. Cllr John Perkin said he would be pleased to attend

148/14 Work Plan Update

The Clerk presented the update report for the period ending November 30th
Members asked that further contact be made with Gloucestershire Highways to have an update on matters raised previously.

It was noted that the black and white bollards in Green Lane near to the Pond need to be replaced. The Clerk was asked to write to Gloucestershire Highways.

149/14 Meeting dates for 2015

Members considered the options for meeting dates for 2015

Resolved to hold all meetings of the Parish Council on the first Monday of each month, commencing at 19.00

Meeting Closed at 21.20

Signed

Chair