

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday October 6th 2014.

Present

Cllr Mike King (Chair) Cllr Lyn Welbourne
Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr Andrew Gough Cllr David Mossman
Cllr Theresa Harrison

In attendance

Richard Sims (Quedgeley Parish Council) four Members of the Public, PCSO Manja Tunny, PCSO Matthew Addinall and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

112/14 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Perkin, County Councillor Tony Blackburn and District Councillor Russell Miles.

113/14 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

114/14 Minutes of Meetings Held on September 1st 2014 and September 17th 2014

Resolved

To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on September 1st 2014 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on September 17th

115/14 Public Consultation

Three members of the public stated that they wished to make representations in respect of two of the planning applications.

One member of the public asked if the Parish Council was aware of any proposed developments in the field opposite the village hall. There had been reports of the field being surveyed.

District Councillor and Parish Councillor David Mossman said that he was aware that a developer, Redrow, had submitted a speculative letter to the district council stating that the land was for sale and would be suitable for development. Cllr Mossman added that the land in question did not form part of Stroud District Council's Local Plan proposals.

115/14 Police Report

The PCSO,s gave an update on the latest crime figures for the area and compared these to the same twelve month period last year. There had been a slight reduction in reported crimes, 50 in the current year compared to 53 in the previous year.

There had been a spate of thefts from cars during July and August and this had been across Hardwicke, Kingsway and Quedgeley areas.

116/14 Extension of Footpath between Hardwicke and Quedgeley

Richard Sims from Quedgeley Parish Council gave a presentation on the proposal to extend the footpath alongside the canal between the two parishes. This would provide a circular route along both sides of the canal. Richard reported that at present the footpath on the east side of the canal, where the parish boundaries met, was impassable. The idea would be to open up the footpath and make it accessible.

It was acknowledged that further work was needed to confirm ownership of the footpath and for surveys to be undertaken to obtain a full cost for the project.

The Parish Council was in support of the idea in principle and agreed that further investigations should be undertaken.

Resolved

To agree in principle to the proposal and for further work to be undertaken to investigate ownership of the land and potential costs. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Quedgeley Parish Council.

117/14 Planning Applications

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

S.14/2155/HHOLD Waters Meet Barn, Sticky Lane, Hardwicke

Resolved: No Objections

S.14/1952/MINAM A38 Junction Land at Hunts Grove, Sothern Connector

Resolved: No Objections

S.14/2160/FUL Communication Station, Summerhouse Equitation Centre Bath Road

Resolved: No Objections

S.14/2212/FUL Cross Keys House, Bristol Road

Resolved: No Objections

S.14/2085/FUL Quedgeley West Unit L

The Parish Council received representations from two residents of Pound Lane who were opposed to the above planning application. It was highlighted that the application was a variation to the original planning application S.13/0184/FUL. It was claimed that the removal of condition 15 of the original application would not safeguard the amenity of the area.

Parish Councillors expressed their concerns about the high level of noise that would be created by the air conditioning units and the amount of fumes that would be emitted.

Cllr David Mossman stated that the Parish Council should request that the application be considered by a full meeting of the District Council's Development Control Committee and not delegated to officers.

Resolved: To oppose the planning application on the grounds that; the removal of condition 15 would remove the amenity safeguards, the significant noise that would be created by the air conditioning units and the concerns about the amount of fumes emitted. The Parish Council to request that the application be considered by a full meeting of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

118/14 District Council Report

Cllr David Mossman presented a full report on a number of topics in respect of Stroud District Council;

- Boundary Review - The District Council had voted to retain the existing number of district councillors (51) the internal boundaries were being reviewed to allocate an even number of residents to each ward and each district councillor.
- Emerging Town Plan – The District Council was undertaking a review of required housing numbers for the district. A meeting of SDC would be held in December 2014 to agree the final numbers to submit to the planning inspector.
- Large Scale Housing Developments - Hunts Grove, 250 built a further 500 allocated in the emerging district local plan.

Sellars Bridge about 30% completed of an allocation of up to 200. Mayo's Field 55 House under Construction.

- Waste Treatment Plant Javelin Park – There had been a further delay in the announcement of the decision from the Government Minister. The County Council had recently agreed a contract for an MTB facility at Bishops Cleeve.

119/14 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the monthly finance reported for the period ending September 30th 2014 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved To approve the report and the list of payments.

120/14 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the NDP and the work of the Steering Group. Members considered the proposed Housing Needs Survey which had been prepared by GRCC. Members agreed the content of the questionnaire and the method of distribution. The Clerk would speak to the editor of Hardwicke Matters to get approval for distribution through the magazine. The Clerk presented the responses from the tendering process for the appointment of a professional planner to work with the NDP Group. The Council agreed to submission from Paul Fong of Hunter Page Partnership, the Clerk was asked to speak to Hunter Page to arrange for attendance at some of the meetings of the NDP Group

Resolved: To approve the housing needs survey and covering letter, to approve the appointment of Hunter Page Partnership to work with the NDP Group

121/14 Footpath Access to Village Hall

The Clerk presented the quotes that had been received for the provision of a dropped kerb at the entrance to the Village Hall. The lowest bid was from Cheltenham Surfacing at a cost of £2,633.20 plus VAT

Resolved to approve the quote and request that the work be undertaken as soon as possible.

122/14 Improvement to Elmgrove Play Area

Cllr Fran Welbourne presented the quotes that had been received for the provision of fencing around the Elmgrove Play Area. It was agreed to let the contract to Eibe for a price £9524.81 (including VAT) and to request quotes for the resurfacing of the Plantation Play Area

Resolved: to proceed with the fencing for the Elmgrove Play Area and obtain quotes for the resurfacing of the plantation play area

123/14 Parish Councillor Reports

1. Cllr Fran Welbourne had received a request from a resident wishing to use part of the playing field for a bouncy castle for a child's party. Members agreed to the use, subject to the resident/contactor taking all necessary risk insurances.
2. Cllr Andrew Gough reported that the school hedge adjacent to the footpath had still not been cut back sufficiently. It was agreed to write to the hedge teacher requesting the hedge be cut back to the boundary. The Parish Council stated that it would be prepared for the hedge to be cut and recharge the School.
3. Cllr Theresa Harrison reported that the hedge by the bus stop opposite the Pilot Inn had overgrown.
4. Cllr David Mossman informed the Council that Planning Approval had been granted for conversions to the former Starting Gate which would allow for One Stop to progress with the necessary work for the shop to open. He confirmed that One Stop would support a Parish Council Notice Board being erected on the site.
5. Cllr Mike King (Chair) informed the Council that the tree near to the pond which was obstructing the street lamp was on Parish Council land. It was agreed to arrange for the tree to be cut back/removed.

124/14 Work Plan

The Clerk presented the updated work plan for the period ending September 30th 2014.

Resolved to note the report

Meeting Closed at 21.15