

# **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on Monday August 3rd 2015.

## **Present**

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

## **In attendance**

Jill Brearley, Ian Widdows and James Braine NDP Steering Group, Ben Read, Hunter Page Planning, Simon Gillings, Youth Project, four members of the public, two representatives from Joy Riders Motor Cycle Training Group, County Councillor Tony Blackburn and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

## **99/15 Chair of Meeting**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr David Mossman was elected to Chair the Meeting

## **Resolved to elect David Mossman as chair for the meeting**

## **100/15 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mike King Sarah Costello-Byrne and Theresa Harrison

## **101/15 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on July 6<sup>th</sup> were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 6<sup>th</sup> 2015**

## **102/15 Public Consultation**

Two members of the Public raised questions about the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. They commented that there had been too much development in Hardwicke which had caused increasing traffic problems in the Village. They expressed concern that Hardwicke was being over developed. Cllr Mossman informed the meeting that the examination of Stroud District Council's Local Plan was proposing that future development in Hardwicke would be at Hunts Grove.

The emerging NDP would give added strength to the community to influence the type and extent of planning and development in the area

It was noted that with any development it was difficult to get developers to provide solutions to traffic problems. They would only be liable to contribute towards costs of mitigation in response to their development.

Two members from Joy Riders Motor Cycle Training enquired if it would be possible to locate a storage container in the Village Hall car park. It was suggested that the company submit a formal request to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Residents raised questions about the parking problems relating to the One Stop shop in Elmgrove Road East. They also expressed concern about the overall appearance of the area around the shop.

Cllr David Mossman informed the meeting that discussions were being arranged between Stroud District Council and the developer. Cllr Mossman said that the district council were seeking to get the developer to reduce the number of proposed houses on the site from four to three. This would create additional spaces for parking. There were further proposals to relocate the accessible parking spaces to the front of the shop and to provide additional space for delivery vehicles.

### **103/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Ian Widdows presented an update on the progress of the plan. Final comments had also been received from Hunter Page, some final tidying up was needed before the document was ready for submission to the district council. Ben Read said that he would liaise with his colleagues over the final amendments to the document. Members agreed that the plan was complete apart from some minor re ordering of some sections.

Cllr Mossman advised the Council that the district council were experiencing delays in progressing NDPs through to consultation and final adoption. It was agreed that the Clerk should meet with the lead officer at SDC to clarify timelines and also to confirm what additional data would be required.

**Resolved to agree and adopt the final version of the plan subject to the minor agreed changes being made.**

### **104/15 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn gave an update on the proposal to replace the bridge keepers with automated bridges over the canal. He reported that the Canal and River Trust had agreed to install CCTV cameras along the road approaching the canal bridges.

In respect of the proposals for a 30mph speed limit on the B4008, Cllr Blackburn advised the Council that the proposals would be considered at a meeting in September.

District Councillor David Mossman reported that the owner of EcoTricity and Forest Green Rovers had submitted proposals to develop an Eco Park and a new football stadium near to Junction 13 of the M5. An environmental impact assessment was being undertaken and councils were being asked for their views.

Cllr Mossman informed the meeting that the developer of Hunts Grove was seeking to vary the master plan including changes to some of the Section 106 agreements. The Clerk reported that he had requested a joint meeting with Haresfield Parish Council so that the district council could brief the parish councils of the proposed changes and their impact.

### **105/15 Youth Project**

Simon Gillings gave an update on the project work being undertaken with Hardwicke Youth Club, he noted that the club was being run by two members; Vicki Mathers and Lyn Welbourne and they had been successful in continuing to provide a service for young people. The Challenge was how to provide a service to meet the needs of older teenagers in the community. It was noted that additional input, including funding would be needed to provide an effective service for the older age group.

Members discussed the work of the project and noted the success in providing facilities for 3-4 Fridays each month. It was agreed that future and additional funding would need to be considered during the Council's budget making process.

**Resolved to note the report and to consider additional funding during the budget making process**

### **106/15 Planning Applications**

S.15/1470/FUL Gateway 12 Davy Way

**Resolved no objections**

In respect of the following applications, it was noted that the district council's website was not displaying all the relevant information to enable decisions to be made.

S.15/1658/Fieldgate Church Lane

S.15/1723/HHOLD 5 Westland Road

It was agreed that the planning committee would consider the applications and make recommendations to the council.

**Resolved to ask the planning committee to consider the applications and make recommendations to the Council.**

#### **107/15 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report for July 31<sup>st</sup> and the list of monthly payments. It was agreed to approve the report and payments.

**Resolved to approve the report and payments**

#### **108/15 Armed Forces Covenant**

Members considered the letter circulated by the County Council seeking support from Parish and Town Councils to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant.

**Resolved to support and sign the covenant**

#### **109/15 Parish Councillor Reports**

Members noted that the football club had erected the perimeter fencing but had failed to provide adequate gaps in the fencing as per the agreement. The Clerk was asked to raise this with the club and to remind them of their agreement with the Council.

Cllr Andrew Gough noted that the school hedge adjacent to the footpath near to Green Lane was overgrown as was the hedge along the alleyway to the school.

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the grass verge around the dog bin at the junction of Sellars Road and Elmgrove Road West was overgrown. The Clerk was asked to take this up with SDC.

Cllr David Mossman commented that there were areas in Hardwicke where the grass verges and open spaces had not been maintained. Some of the areas were the responsibility of the district council and others the responsibility of the county council. Cllr Andrew Gough commented that the problems were village wide and not confined to specific areas. Cllr Mossman suggested that a discussion be held with the district council to see if it was possible for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility. The Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting with the district council.

Cllr Graham Brearley informed the Council that the Environment Agency had undertaken ditch clearance work and across the channel behind the nursery. Cllr Brearley suggested that as the Environment Agency had suitable equipment on site could they be asked to clear the by-pass channel under the road in Church Lane. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with the agency.

**Meeting closed at 22.00**

