

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday December 7th 2015

Present

Cllr Mike King (Chair)

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Theresa Harrison

In attendance

Kevin Lee, Clerk

153/15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrew Gough, Steven Palfrey and County Councillor Tony Blackburn

154/15 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

155/15 Minutes of Meeting held on November 2nd 2015

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday November 2nd 2015

156/15 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor David Mossman informed the Council that Stroud District Council had adopted the Local Plan on November 19th. The Plan would cover the period through to 2031; there would however be a five yearly review and the need to always have a five year land supply would also be a requirement.

Cllr Mossman gave a summary of the ongoing discussions for the provision of doctor's surgery at Hunts Grove. He informed Members that as part of the Kingsway development there would be a 'super surgery' near to Nass Lane which would cater for 12,000 patients. This was still subject to agreement with the developer on the land required. In respect of Hunts Grove, a meeting would be held in January between Stroud District Council and NHS to pursue the provision of a surgery at Hunts Grove.

Cllr Mossman confirmed that a revised planning application for the land at the former Starting Gate had been submitted. The application was for three houses and there were proposals for revised parking provision to the houses and to the shop. The application would be considered by the District Council on December 8th 2015. Regular meetings had taken place with residents and it had been acknowledged that the revised plan was the best that could be achieved.

The Clerk read out the reported submitted by County Councillor Tony Blackburn. It highlighted the ongoing discussions with the Canal and River Trust in respect of the proposal for automated bridges. The report gave an update on the proposals to introduce a 30mph speed limit on the B4008 through to the Nass Lane Roundabout. Cllr Mossman added that the County Council would be considering the matter at a meeting on December 8th. Cllr Mossman would be at the meeting to present the parish council's and residents views.

Resolved to accept the reports

157/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chair, Cllr Mike King, gave an update on a meeting held with the district council, on the likely timescales for submitting the NDP to a referendum. It had been identified that some further work was needed to the evidence base and to review some of the policy statements. The Clerk reported that Members of the NDP group were reviewing the feedback from the district council and the subsequent response from Hunter Page. It was accepted that if the level of work required could not be completed in time for a referendum in August 2016 then the Parish Council would aim for a February 2017 referendum. To achieve a referendum in August 2016, the work would need to be completed by the end of January or early February.

Resolved to accept the report and to arrange a meeting of the NDP group in early January 2016

158/15 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending November 30th 2015 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved to accept the report and approve the list of payments

159/15 Grant Application

Members considered the grant application from Stroud CAB. Members noted the report from the CAB and the advice and support to residents of Hardwicke.

It was agreed to award a grant of £500 to the CAB

In discussion it was noted that more publicity was required around the grant application process and that the amount of budget available for grants should be highlighted. The Clerk agreed to prepare a report for the next meeting of the Parish Council

Resolved to; award a grant of £500 to Stroud CAB and to consider a report on the grant application process at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

160/15 Public Transport Consultation

Cllrs Theresa Harrison and John Perkin agreed to review the consultation and to report back to the Parish Council at its meeting in January 2016

Resolved to consider a report in January 2016

161/15 Planning Applications

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

S15/2642/ADV Post Mounted Sign, Davy Way Business Park

Resolved no objections

S15/2478/COU Former post office, change of use to children's nursery

Resolved no objections

S15/FUL/0677 Land at Starting Gate, revised application

Resolved no objections

S15/2117/OUT Mayo's Land responsibility for play area.

Resolved not to take responsibility for the play area and for it to remain with the developer/district council

162/15 Variation to Conditions at Hunts Grove

The Chair Cllr Mike Kind and the Clerk outlined the proposed changes to the planning conditions for Hunts Grove. These included; timeframes for the continued development of the site, possible relocation of some facilities and the responsibility for the sport and recreation facilities. The Parish Council considered that the recreation facilities would be better managed by the District Council rather than by the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that Haresfield Parish Council had expressed the same view.

Resolved to raise no objections to the variations and to support the recreation and sports facilities being managed by the district council

163/15 Parish Councillor Reports

- Cllr Graham Brearley highlighted the potential flooding problems in Church Lane relating to the by-pass channel across the land behind Puddleducks. It was noted that the land may be owned by the County Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the land and to see if the landowner would assist in maintaining the channel
- Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported on the increasing concern expressed by users of the Village Hall about the number of cars parked in the car park late at night and also the amount of litter and small gas canisters left in the car park. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chair of the Village Hall to request that the gates to the car be locked at night. A pedestrian gate had been installed which would still provide access to the field. It was also noted that there were many other areas where the field could be accessed
- Cllr Fran Welbourne noted that the Village Hall had previously been identified as an emergency centre for the community. The Clerk was asked to investigate if this was still the case.
- The Chair, Cllr Mike King suggested that consideration be given to improving the lighting in the car park and to investigate if LED lighting could be installed

164/15 Work Plan Update

Resolved to approve the work plan update.

Meeting closed at 21.00