

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday November 2nd 2015

Present

Cllr Mike King (Chair)

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Steven Palfrey

In attendance

Ian Widdows and James Braine NDP Group, County Councillor Tony Blackburn, Neil Troughton, Gloucestershire County Council, seven residents and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

141/15 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Theresa Harrison and Andrew Gough.

142/15 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

143/15 One Stop Shop Planning application and Highways Implications

Cllr Mike King and Cllr David Mossman gave a report on the site meeting that had been held with Gloucestershire Highways. Mr Neil Troughton advised the Council that the impact of traffic and deliveries to the shop could not be considered under the proposed planning application for the new development. The County Council could only consider the highways impact of the proposed residential development. He added that there was no recorded evidence to suggest that the operation of the retail store was unsafe. Neither the police nor the Road Safety Partnership had received any complaints.

In response to questions about the suggestion that a lay by be provided at the front of the shop for deliveries, Mr Troughton stated that this would not be acceptable as it result in vehicles straddling the footpath. He added that the County Council had not been consulted on the proposal. He agreed that he would write to Stroud District Council to express the views of the highways authority.

Resolved to note the report

144/15 Minutes of meetings held on October 5th and October 26th 2015

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the meetings

145/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllrs Mike King and David Mossman reported on their discussions with Stroud District Council and the initial screening of the NDP. At the meeting the lead officer for NDPs had commented that the screening should be viewed positively and that a number of the issues raised were recommendations. He had identified that the wording the policy of a Green Wedge would need to be amended as a Green Wedge could only be appropriate for Green Belt Areas. The policy could however, reflect the value of open spaces to the community.

Members questioned whether the additional work that was required could be undertaken within the time frame. Cllrs Mike King and David Mossman reported that the SDC had indicated that it may be possible to extend the timeframe to January. (This would be subject to final confirmation from SDC).

The Clerk reported that the Council's consultants, Hunter Page, had received copies of all the feedback and would be providing a summary for the Council.

It was agreed that a NDP meeting needed to be arranged with SDC and Hunter page Present.

Resolved to note the report and to arrange a further meeting of the NDP group.

146/15 County Councillor Report

County Councillor Tony Blackburn informed the Council that the proposal to introduce a 30mph speed limit on the B 4008 would be considered by the County Council's TRO Committee on December 8th 2015, the Parish Council would be invited to attend and to speak in support of the proposal.

The proposal by the Canal and River Trust to introduce remote controlled bridges across the canal would be discussed at a meeting of the County Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee on November 4th.

Resolved to note the report

147/15 Community R4C

Jon Scott gave a presentation on a proposed waste and recycling plant as an alternative to the Incinerator at Javelin Park. The process being proposed was a Mechanical Biological Heat Treatment facility which would sort and recycle materials. Organic matter would be dried, compressed and pelletised to be sold as a biomass fuel.

Members recognised the benefits of the proposal but did not think that the County Council would cancel its existing contract with UBB and adopt the alternative facility. Members were concerned that if R4C progressed their proposal and developed it at Javelin Park there would be tremendous problems with the associated additional traffic that would be generated.

148/15 District Councillor Report

District Councillor David Mossman gave an update on the proposal by the county and district councils in Gloucestershire, along with police and the health services to pursue devolution for the County. If supported by the Government, each council would need to get formal approval before the proposals could be finalised.

The District Council had adopted a policy whereby homes that had been empty for two years or more would be subject to a council charge of 150%.

Cllr Mossman reported that residents could now opt in to a garden waste collection scheme which would operate from February 2016. The cost would be an initial £20 to purchase the bin and annual fee of £30. Residents could apply on line with effect from November 2nd 2015.

Resolved to note the report

149/15 Planning Applications

The Council considered its response to the following planning applications.

- S15/2030/ADV British Legion, Signs
Resolved to raise no objections
- S15/1840/FUL Land to rear of Wayland
Resolved to raise no objections subject to agreement to the rainwater issues raised by the District Councils Drainage Office
- S15/2428/ADV Unit J Trading Estate, signs
Resolved to raise no objections
- S/15/2288/FUL Gateway 12 Davy Way
Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds;
 - 1. Noise and light pollution affecting residential properties**
 - 2. Risk of flooding caused by the proposed buildings**
 - 3. The proposed building are too close to residential properties**

The Parish Council agreed to request that if planning officers were mindful to approve the application under delegated powers then the matter should be referred to the Development Control Committee. The Council stated that if permission is granted then the following conditions should be applied;

- **A redesign of the type, style and colouring of the fascia**
- **No windows facing the residential properties**
- **No CCTV facing residential properties**
- **No floodlights**
- **A restriction on the hours of operation**
- **The provision of an acoustic barrier**

150/15 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report and list of monthly payments for October.

Resolved to approve the report and agree the payments

151/15 UBB Community Group

Cllr Graham Brearley gave an update on the first meeting of the group (minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated). The group had been established to provide a community liaison between the developer, UBB and the parishes and communities directly affected by the development at Javelin Park. A number of points had been made about the terms of reference of the group and also the community fund that was to be established. These items would be referred to the board of UBB and reported back to the next meeting of the group on January 26th 2016. One of the key decisions made at the meeting was that the group would oversee the community fund of £25,000 per year rather than establish a Trust as proposed by UBB.

Resolved to note the report and minutes

152/15 Parish Councillor Reports

1. Cllr Fran Welbourne requested that the yellow lines for accessible **parking** spaces be moved closer to the village hall entrance
2. Cllr Lyn Welbourne noted that the parking problems close to the school had increased. It was acknowledged that there was very little that could be done except for reporting the issue to the local PCSO
3. Graham Brearley requested that a site visit be undertaken to assess any work required to clear the ditches in Church Lane. Cllrs Mike King, Graham Brearley and David Mossman to arrange a visit.
4. Cllr David Mossman asked if Redrow could be contacted about the area of land adjacent to their site on the corner of Sellars Road and School Lane be cut back and maintained.

Meeting Closed at 21.33

