

# Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday April 7th 2015.

## **Present**

Cllr Mike King (Chair)

Cllr Sarah Costello -Byrne

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr John Perkin

## **In attendance**

Kevin Marsden, Chair of NDP Steering Group, Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and Ian Widdows from NDP Steering Group. Richard Adam and James Neville AECOM , Trish Abbott, Hardwicke Playgroup and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

## **43/15 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Theresa Harrison

## **44/15 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne declared an interest in the item relating to the playgroup.

## **45/15 Minutes of Meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **Resolved to approve the minutes**

## **46/15 Travel Plan for Sellars Bridge**

Richard Adam and James Neville from AECOM gave a presentation on the proposed travel plan for Sellars Bridge. A requirement of the development was that Redrow had to pay £63,000, S106 money to Gloucestershire County Council to develop a travel plan. The County Council had drawn up a tender and AECOM were the successful bidder. The five year programme was being developed to provide residents at Sellars Bridge with a travel information pack to encourage them to use alternative transport other than by car.

Within the pack residents would be provided with an initial 13 week bus pass to encourage more use of public transport. For residents wishing to consider using cycles to commute to work they would be given £100 vouchers for Halfords.

Members thanked AECOM for the report but noted that the County Council had wasted money on the project and would have better served the community by providing suitable traffic calming measures to mitigate the extra traffic created by the development.

### **Resolved to note the report and presentation**

#### **47/15 Hardwicke Playgroup**

Trish Abbott from Hardwicke Playgroup stated that Playgroup needed additional storage space for its outdoor toys and play equipment. The playgroup wanted to purchase a storage container and for this to be placed in the car park near to the boundary with the British Legion.

Members supported the request and asked that the playgroup provide the Clerk with more details about size of the container so that enquiries could be made as to whether planning permission would be required.

### **Resolved to approve the request for a storage container, subject to any planning conditions being met**

#### **48/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Kevin Marsden, Chair and Ian Widdows, Vice Chair of the NDP Steering Group gave an update on progress of the project.

The Kevin Marsden, Chair of the NDP Group wished to place on record the thanks to the Parish Council for its support to the work of the NDP Group. Members also wished to record their thanks to the group for all the hard work in driving the neighbourhood plan.

The consultation event had been very successful with many constructive comments made by members of the public. Ian Widdows identified that a tremendous amount of work had been undertaken, however, the group was now at a critical period in the development of the Plan. It was agreed that the Parish Council would need to take a stronger role in leading the Plan through its final stages.

It was acknowledged that further input was needed was the consultants, Hunter Page to steer the group and parish council through the next crucial stages.

It was agreed to hold a joint meeting with Hunter Page on April 20<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Resolved for future meetings to be joint meetings with the Parish Council and to convene a joint meeting with Hunter page on April 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **49/15 Establishment of Community Group for Javelin Park**

Cllr David Mossman reported that, as a district councillor for the Hardwicke Ward, he had been invited to a meeting with the contractor, UBB, the County Council and Haresfield Parish Council. The meeting had been called to set up a group to mitigate the impact of the incinerator at Javelin Park. A community fund of £25,000 had been set up to consider projects from local communities. The group would be seeking representation from local parish councils.

Members discussed the issues surrounding the involvement with the group and considered whether involvement could signal support for the project. Members agreed that on balance the Parish Council should be involved.

**Resolved to have representation on the community group for Javelin Park**

#### **50/15 District Councillor Reports**

Cllr David Mossman reported on discussions that had taken place between the district council and the developers of Hunts Grove, Crest Nicholson. The discussions had centred on the proposed traffic flows to and from the development and the road design to avoid Hunts Grove traffic travelling through Haresfield Village.

Further assessment of the Stroud Local Plan had been delayed but would recommence on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The inspector had asked for further analysis of the housing numbers. The district council confirmed the figure at 11,200 through to 2031.

The district council would be entering into a new contract in 2016 for waste disposal. This would be a ubico partnership with other district councils.

**Resolved to note the report**

#### **51/15 Bus Survey**

The Council considered its response to a local bus survey being undertaken by the County Council. The key issues raised by councillors were; inadequate bus service to Stroud, maintaining the Waterwells Park and Ride Service and improving the service to secondary schools such as Beaufort.

**Resolved to complete the survey and to highlight the above issues**

## **52/15 Planning Applications**

The Parish Council considered its response to the following applications.

S.14/2493/ADV The Starting Gate / One Stop Advertisement Consent

### **Resolved No Objections**

S.15/0446/FUL Land to the rear of Wayland Sellars Road, Erection of two dwellings

### **Resolved object to the application on the following grounds;**

- **Outside the settlement boundary**
- **Not in line with the emerging Stroud Local Plan**
- **Not in line with the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan**
- **There are traffic concerns about creating an entry/ exit onto Sellars road**

**The Parish Council requests that if officers are mindful to recommend approval then the matter should be referred to the Development Control Committee**

S.15/0678/FUL Land at Calnee, Sellars Road, convert workshop into 4 bed dwelling

### **Resolved object to the application on the following grounds;**

- **Outside the settlement boundary**
- **Not in line with the emerging Stroud Local Plan**
- **Not in line with the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan**
- **There are traffic concerns about creating an entry/ exit onto Sellars road**

**The Parish Council requests that if officers are mindful to recommend approval then the matter should be referred to the Development Control Committee**

S.15/0355/HHOLD 7 Westbourne Drive, Two Story Extension

### **Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds ;**

- **The impact the proposed extension would have on the neighbourhood property**
- **The negative impact on the street scene**
- **The application is contrary to local plan policies**

**The Council requests that if officers are mindful to use delegated powers to approve the application then it is requested that the matter be referred to DCC.**

### **53/15 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 and the list of monthly payments. It was noted that the budget papers showed that the payment to the Village Hall for the repair to the roof was recorded as a grant. It was acknowledged that the original minute (95/14) recorded that the Council would make a loan to the Village Hall Committee.

It was proposed that the Parish Council formally record that that the repair to the roof should be a grant. Members agreed with this change.

**Resolved To approve the finance schedule for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup> and agree the schedule of monthly payments. It was further agreed that the payment for repairs to the roof of the Village Hall be recorded as a Grant.**

### **54/15 Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

The Clerk reported that the sub-committee had met and had identified a range of equipment that it felt would be suitable to meet the needs of the community. Three companies had been invited to visit the playing field to submit plans and costs. Cllr John Perkin asked that consideration be given, at a future meeting, to make budgetary provision to increase the range of equipment.

**Resolved to note the report**

### **55/15 Work Plan Update**

The Clerk presented the work plan for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. Members requested that the part of the hedge near to the junction with Green Lane be cut back and that additional bollards be placed along Green Lane near to the Village Hall

**Resolved to note the report and to progress the above work requests**

### **56/15 Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Clerk presented the report from Stroud District Council which set out the proposed charging fees for future developments under the new Community Infrastructure Levy.

**Resolved To make no further comments to the proposals**

## **57/15 Parish Councillor Reports**

Cllr Lyn Welbourne commented on the increased amount litter in the car park, mainly from McDonald's wrappers and containers.

Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne and Cllr Andrew Gough reported on the branches that had been left in Oak Way and Pear Tree Close. The Clerk was asked to raise this with SDC.

Members commented on the increased anti-social behaviour around the area and the incidents around Pear Tree Close and the Youth Shelter. The Clerk was asked to raise these concerns with the Police.

The Chair, Cllr Mike King commented on the amount of speeding traffic through Hardwicke and suggested that the Council ask the Police for the loan of a speed gun to monitor the situation.

Cllr David Mossman and Cllr John Perkin gave an update on the flooding problems in Green Lane near to Tudor Cottage. Stroud District Council had identified that there was Section 106 funding available to undertake drainage improvements. A stumbling block had been reaching agreement with the developer of the Plantation, Persimmon Homes. A meeting between the developer, Stroud District Council, Severn Trent Water and representatives from the Parish Council was being arranged for early May 2015.

Meeting Ended 21.07

Signed

Chair

Date