

# **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday February 1st 2016

## **Present**

Cllr Mike King (Chair)

Cllr Andrew Gough

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Sarah Costello-Byrne

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr David Mossman

## **In attendance**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn and Kevin Lee Clerk.

## **13/16 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Steven Palfrey, Graham Brearley and John Perkin.

## **14/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

## **15/16 Public Consultation**

There was none.

## **16/16 Minutes of Meeting held on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2106**

## **17/16 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn informed Members that following the consultation process the County Council was proposing to increase its Council Tax which would see an increase of £43.51 per year for Band D.

The 30mph speed limit notices would be installed on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016.

District Councillor, David Mossman reported that Stroud District Council had voted to increase its Council Tax by 1.99%.

He reported on the site meetings that had been held in respect of Davy Way and that the developer had agreed to the majority of the requests from residents and the Parish Council.

David informed Members that after the Local Elections in May the Hardwicke Ward would cover eight parishes. The district council had agreed to hold discussions with those parishes to see whether some contracts, such as grass cutting could be undertaken by those parishes.

The Community Liaison Group with UBB would next meet on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**RESOLVED to note the reports**

**18/16 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Clerk reported that Hunter Page were drafting the revised policies as agreed at the last meeting and the Kevin Marsden was progressing with setting up the new website dedicated to the NDP.

**RESOLVED to approve the report**

**19/16 Planning Applications**

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

- S.16/0090/DISCON Mayo's Land

**Resolved No Objections**

- S.16/0154/FUL Hardwicke Parochial School, single storey extension to provide two classrooms.

**RESOLVED The Council expressed concern about the impact the proposal would have on traffic congestion in the area. The Parish Council regularly receives complaints from residents about inappropriate parking when parents collect children from the school. The Police have been called on a number of occasions and tickets have been issued for traffic offences. There is concern that the additional accommodation will only increase the problem. The situation is not helped by school staff parking outside the school. The Parish Council requests that certain parking conditions form part of any approval. This includes additional parking spaces being provided within the school boundary and that school staff should only park on the school site and not outside the school gates.**

- S.16/0081/CPE Torridge House, Pound Lane, Erection of Garden Room  
**RESOLVED No Objections**

## **20/16 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report and the list of monthly payments for the period ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

**RESOLVED To approve the report and agree the list of payments.**

## **21/16 Parish Councillor Reports**

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported on the latest inspection of the play equipment and advised that repairs were needed to the space net. The cost of repair would be £175 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED to approve the repair**

Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported on the issues of the car park, the Chair Cllr Mike King advised members that a meeting with a contractor was being held on February 5<sup>th</sup> to consider additional lighting columns. The issues of closing the car park were discussed and Cllr Fran Welbourne advised the Village Hall Committee would purchase a lock for the gates and arrange closure. It was noted that the footpath adjacent to the school was falling away. It was agreed to ask the district council to investigate.

Cllr Theresa Harrison reported that the footpath leading from School Lane to Maple Close was overgrown with brambles and hedging and that the verge leading to the Dimore Brook was also overgrown.

Cllr David Mossman noted that there increase incidents of vehicle parking in Green Lane, close to the junction with Sellars Road which was making turning in to Green Lane quite difficult. There had been complaints about the number of driving schools using Westland Road as an area for learner drivers. Some congestion was being caused particularly with the close proximity of the bus stops.

**RESOLVED to note the reports and to raise the appropriate issues with the District Council and Police**

## **22/16 Annual Parish Assembly**

**RESOLVED to hold the Parish Assembly on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Village Hall**

## **23/16 Work Plan Update**

The Clerk presented the work plan update for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. The Clerk agreed to obtain a quote for moving the accessible parking spaces at the Village Hall.

**RESOLVED** to note the report

**Meeting Closed at 20.45**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**