

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday June 6th 2016

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr David Mossman

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Luke Parry

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

In attendance

A representative of Hardwicke Rangers Football Club, one member of the public. County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Gill Oxley. Ian Widdows and Kevin Marsden NDP group, Hywel James Hunter Page Planning and Kevin Lee, Clerk

64/16 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andrew Gough and Mike King

65/16 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

There were none.

66/16 Public Consultation

Concern was raised about the poor visibility from the pedestrian access at the Sellars Bridge Development leading to Sellars Road. It was suggested that the hedgerow could be moved further back into the edge of the development. This could be achieved by planting a new hedgerow. Members supported the idea, although it was recognised that a variation to the planning consent may be required.

District Councillor David Mossman agreed to raise the matter with planning officers at the district council

67/16 Minutes of previous meetings

RESOLVED; to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 3rd 2016, to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on May 23rd subject to an amendment to the attendance list

68/16 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

County Cllr Tony Blackburn reported that;

- Following a bi-election at the County Council there had been no change in the overall balance of the council.
- Cotswold District Council had decided not to merge with West Oxfordshire
- Sixteen former youth centres in Stroud and Forest of Dean would be used as Children and Family Centres
- The 30 mph signs had not been installed and Cllr Blackburn had raised concerns about the delay
- Cllr Blackburn continued to raise concerns about the access to the development at Mayo's Field

District Cllr David Mossman reported that there had been some discussions about a possible second access to Mayo's Field. In respect of the Cross Keys site it had been suggested that residential use would be more suitable than a commercial development.

RESOLVED to note the reports

69/16 Election of Vice Chair and appointment to committees

RESOLVED; to elect Cllr Theresa Harrison as Vice Chair of the Council and to the Governance and IT committee, Cllr Harrison also appointed as a representative for play areas and grass areas

70/16 NDP Update

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin gave an update on the discussions held with Stroud District Council over the progress of the NDP. It had been noted that the district council's process for progressing plans through to a referendum would change and it was likely that a referendum would not be restricted to February or August.

The district council would begin the process of consultation and appointment of an inspector as soon as a plan is submitted. Once a plan had been examined by an inspector it would carry significant weight in planning considerations.

Hywel James from Hunter Page commended Kevin Marsden for the excellent work for the evidence base on housing and open spaces. Ian Widdows had been updating the main document but further information was still required. Hywel noted that members may feel that there was a lot of outstanding work his view was that the plan was not that far away from completion.

The Chair advised Members of a paper prepared by Kevin Marsden that set out the gaps in evidence that needed to be completed before final submission. Cllr Perkin

asked for all Members to contribute to the final pieces required for the evidence base.

Hywel James agreed to work with the Council to identify any further gaps and to set out the criteria required to complete the exercise.

RESOLVED to note the report and to review progress at the next meeting

71/16 Finance and Audit Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending May 31st 2016 and the list of monthly payments.

The report from the internal auditor was presented which confirmed all the accounts and procedures for 2015/16 were satisfactory. The audit report was approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED to; approve the financial report for the period ending May 31st 2016 and the list of payments, to approve the audit report for 2015/16

72/16 Additional Lighting for Village Hall Car Park

Members considered the quotation from Skanska for the provision of additional lighting columns and the replacement of lights in the car park at a cost of £5,949.90

RESOLVED to accept the quotation and request the work to commence.

73/16 Planning Applications

The Council considered its response to the following planning applications;

S.16/0127REM Mayo's Land

RESOLVED to raise no objections

S.16/0553/FUL Torridge House, Pound Lane

RESOLVED to raise no objections

S.16/053/LBC Hardwicke Farm, Haywicks Lane

RESOLVED to raise no objections

74/16 Grant applications

A grant application had been received from Quedgeley Golden Age Club

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £250

75/16 Stroud District Council CIL

It was noted that the new Community Infrastructure Levy, would in part, replace the existing Section 106 agreement with developers and would provide a fixed price per new property which would be paid to the district council. It was acknowledged that in local councils, which had an adopted Neighbourhood Plan then those areas would receive a higher element passed on to them.

RESOLVED to note the consultation but make no further comment

76/16 Hardwicke Football Clubs

The Chair referred to a letter which had been received by the Parish Council from the clubs expressing concern about the increased charges for the use of the changing rooms.

A representative from the junior teams, Hardwicke Rangers informed the Council that the club provided a facility for over 200 young children with girls and boys football teams. The Village Hall Committee had increased the weekly charge based on the use of the changing rooms. The football club stressed that it did not need to use the whole changing room but did need access to toilets.

Members voiced support for the Hardwicke Rangers and the Chair agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee to express the Council's concern.

77/16 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that two of the wooden posts in the car park near to the kitchen needed to be replaced.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne noted that the accessible parking signs needed to be relocated to the new parking bays.

Cllr Theresa Harrison referred to the letter from the Police Commissioner and the opportunity to apply for a grant under the safer driving initiative. Members agreed to apply for a grant of £12,000 to provide two ANPR cameras.

Cllr John Perkin noted that the hedge adjacent to Apricot Cottage had overgrown the boundary and was forcing vehicles and pedestrians to move to the centre of the road.

Cllr Perkin gave an update on the meeting that he and Cllr Graham Brearley had attended with the area highways manger. The area manager reported that grass cutting of verges would only be undertaken once a year, but local councils could do more if they wished to at their own expense. It was noted that a number of bollards denoting the edge of the carriageway had been damaged.

The highways manager agreed that these would be replaced once the council had confirmed the locations. In respect of Quiet Lanes the highways manager was reminded that the results of the survey had not been sent to the council.

RESOLVED to note the reports and undertake necessary follow up action

Meeting Ended 21.50