

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday October 3rd 2016

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)	Cllr Luke Parry
Cllr Jill Brearley	Cllr David Mossman
Cllr Graham Brearley	Cllr Fran Welbourne
Cllr Andrew Gough	Cllr Lyn Welbourne

In attendance

Representatives of the Village Hall Committee, County Councillor Tony Blackburn, Kevin Marsden, NDP Group, nine members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

104/16 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Theresa Harrison and District Cllr Gill Oxley

105/16 Declarations of Interest

There were none

106/16 Public Consultation

a) Several residents expressed concern about ball games being played on grass areas surrounding houses. Residents complained about the noise, damage to fencing and the danger of children running into the road. It was noted that the Council had a well maintained play area and sports field just a short distance away. Residents asked if the Parish Council could erect suitable signs to advise people not to play ball games.

Parish Councillors acknowledged concerns expressed by residents and agreed to erect notices requesting that ball games are not played on areas near to residential properties.

b) In response to a question from the public, District Councillor David Mossman advised that no new planning application had been submitted in respect development at the Cross Keys Public House. There was nothing in the existing planning applications to prevent the landowner from demolishing the building.

c) Several residents complained about the increasing numbers of cars being parked on grass verges around the village including Green Lane and the new flats at the One Stop shop. Parish Councillors agreed to increase the number of wooden bollards in appropriate places. In respect of the flats at One Stop, the Clerk reported that the landowner had advised tenants not to park on the grass verge. It was hoped that the allocated parking spaces to the rear of the car park would soon be made available

107/16 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

District Councillor David Mossman, reported that he requested the district council to deliver a roadshow in Hardwicke, highlighting the changes to the waste collection services.

In respect of the development at Mayo's Field Cllr Mossman advised Members that three fines had been issued to contractors for delivering to the site outside the permitted hours. One the fines had been received then the Parish Council could consider which charities to make the donations to.

A resident on Bristol Road had approached the district council offering to provide a second entrance to the development, the developer had been advised.

The attenuation pond at Hunts Grove was overgrown and the developer had been approached by the district council.

Cllr Mossman advised Members that a management company had been set up for Sellars Bridge. Discussions would be held with the management company about the height and maintenance of the hedge bordering Sellars Road.

County Councillor Tony Blackburn reported that in respect of the administration of the county council a former UKIP Member had joined the Conservative Group.

Cllr Blackburn gave an update on the proposed changes to the operation of the canal bridges, he reported that prior to the introduction, parking restrictions would be implemented on the approaches to Sellars Bridge.

A revised bus service had been introduced which covered parts of Hunts Grove, however, complaints had been received because the service no longer stopped on the Bristol Road.

Resolved to note the reports

108/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on September 5th 2016

109/16 Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk reported that a formal notice advertising the vacancies for parish councillors has been posted and the closing date for applications had been set for October 5th. After that date the Parish Council would be able to co-opt members to fulfil any vacancies.

Resolved to note the report

110/16 NDP Update

Kevin Marsden gave an update on the progress of the NDP and outlined some of the areas to be finalised. Outstanding work included; a further update of the website, finalisation of supporting documents in respect of open spaces and green spaces.

It was agreed to hold a further meeting with Hunter Page on October 24th

Resolved to note the report

111/16 Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Application

The Clerk reported that the Council had been successful in its bid for two, vehicle activated speed warning signs. The Commissioner had offered two options; the first option was two fixed signs which would need approval of Gloucestershire Highways and would receive 90% funding. The second option was for two portable signs which would be purchased on advice from the Road Safety Partnership and supplied to the Parish Council.

Members noted the benefits of both options and suggested that consideration be given to requesting one of each camera. It was recognised that a portable camera would allow for action on speeding in several parts of the village.

Resolved to request approval from the Commissioner for one of each camera

112/16 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the period ending September 30th 2016 and the list of monthly payments. The Clerk also confirmed that the external auditors, Grant Thornton, had approved the final accounts for 2015/16.

The Clerk presented a quote for additional hedge clearance work at the churchyard at a cost of £680.

Resolved to approve the report and the list of monthly payments and the work to the Churchyard

113/16 Bus Shelter, Bristol Road at junction with Pound Lane

The Clerk reported that Western Power would be undertaking works to overhead power cables and the bus shelter would need to be removed. The works were likely to take about one month. Western Power had been asked about the provision or contribution to a replacement shelter.

Resolved to note the report

114/16 Parish Councillor Reports

Several members commented on the points made earlier by residents about cars being parked on verges and also raised concerns about the impact of inconsiderate parking around the primary school.

Cllr Fran Welbourne requested that the accessible parking spaces in the village hall car park be clearly marked out. The representative from the Village Hall Committee offered to mark out the areas if the parish could provide the relevant paint.

Cllr Welbourne provided a quote from a contractor to relocate the CCTV monitoring equipment within the village hall. The quote was agreed.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin noted that the handle grips to some of the outdoor gym equipment had been removed. The Clerk reported that an order had been made for their replacement.

Cllr Graham Brearley reported that there had been fly tipping in part of the ditch in Church Lane, the Clerk was asked to raise this matter with the District Council. Cllr Brearley also raised concern about the by-pass channel that flowed from Church Lane across the fields. It was suggested that a meeting be held with landowners, Hardwicke Estate to review the need for ditch clearance work.

Resolved to note the reports and approve the relevant work and expenditure

Meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Chair

Date

