

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday February 6th 2017

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Kevin Marsden

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Darren Morris

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Andrew Gough

In attendance

District Councillors Gill Oxley and David Mossman Hywel James, Hunter Page Partnership, Peter Siret, Gloucestershire County Council, Ian Widdows, NDP Group, 15 members of the public, the Chair of the Village Hall Committee and Kevin Lee, Clerk

15/17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Tony Blackburn.

16/17 Declarations of Interest

There were none

17/17 Presentation on Local Flood Risk Management

Peter Siret, Flood Risk Manager at Gloucestershire County Council. Peter outlined the County Council's role as Lead Flood Authority for Gloucestershire, a role that was established in 2010. A management strategy had been adopted with the aim of working closely with district, parish and town councils to raise awareness of flood risk. The project had also established a role in managing and maintain watercourses.

In response to questions from Members Peter informed the meeting that the county council had been given powers under the land drainage act to force landowners to carry out works to water courses. These powers are delegated to district councils and the county council would work closely with them to seek enforcement.

18/17 Public Consultation

Many of the residents had attended the meeting to express their concerns about the proposed development in Elmgrove Road East.

The following areas of concern were highlighted;

- Impact on properties in Cornfield Drive with the proposed building being placed adjacent to existing gardens
- Overshadowing particularly from proposed coach houses
- Impact on nature conservation, bats and hedgehogs frequently visible in the gardens
- Potential damage to well established trees
- Over development of the site
- Proposed buildings would be out of character with other properties in the area
- Inadequate parking provision for proposed development and no evidence of provision of bin stores for refuse and recycling
- Additional traffic onto Elmgrove Road East would increase congestion and add to problems of additional vehicles visiting the shop
- Residents in properties opposite and near to the development would have difficulty in driving on and off their property

In respect of separate planning application for Quedgeley West, a resident expressed concerns about the impact the application would have on neighbouring properties. It was noted that there would be 'heavy chemicals' being emitted from the flue of the proposed facility. The indicative operating hours were shown as 06.00 to 22.00 (although part of the application suggested that there would be no change in operating hours) thus the potential nuisance from noise would impact on residents early mornings and very late into the night. It was also noted that the proposed size of the flue was of greater diameter than the existing provision.

19/17 Planning Applications

The Parish Council discussed the following planning applications and took in to consideration the points raised by residents.

S.16/2863/FUL Elmgrove Road East

RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds;

- **Over Development of the site**
- **Overbearing and over shadowing of properties in Cornfield Drive**
- **Proposed development out of keeping with surrounding area**
- **Increased traffic would create further congestion in Elmgrove Road East**
- **Insufficient parking spaces provided for proposed development leading to on street parking where there would be inadequate passing places**
- **Damage to natural environment, in particular with bats roosting nearby**
- **Potential damage to established and mature trees in neighbouring properties**

S.16/2865/FUL Quedgeley West

RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds;

- **Concern about the type of emissions from the site**
- **Increased size of flue from existing provision**
- **Operating hours should not commence before 07.00 and not beyond 18.00**
- **Request that the matter be referred to the district council's Development Control Committee**

S.16/2905/HHOLD

RESOLVED No objection

S.16/2864/HHOLD

RESOLVED to raise concern about the loss of two parking spaces, the description of the development did not match the plan and does not allow clear assessment to be made.

S.16/2793/OUT Land at Sticky Lane

RESOLVED to hold an additional meeting of the Parish Council on February 27th to consider the application

Members noted that following a recent resignation from the Parish Council there was a vacancy on the planning committee. It was agreed that Cllr Kevin Marsden be appointed to the Parish Council's Planning Committee

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Kevin Marsden to the Parish Council's Planning Committee

20/17 Minutes of the meetings held on January 3rd and 9th 2017

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on January 3rd and January 9th 2017

21/17 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chair John Perkin thanked all Members for their input to finalising the NDP and noted all the hard work in recent weeks to get to the final document. Hywel James reiterated the Chair's comments and added that the plan was a strong local document that complied with national guidelines.

It was agreed that subject to any changes following the meeting the plan would be presented to Stroud District Council for them to begin the process leading to

inspection and finally referendum. The Chair thanked Hywel James for the support and guidance in getting the plan to completion.

RESOLVED to approve the Neighbourhood Development Plan and confirm its submission to Stroud District Council

22/17 District Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley gave an update on the District Council's refuse and recycling service. The overall recycling rates had increased from 30% to 40%, this had resulted in a reduction of 100 tons per month of waste going to landfill.

The main areas of complaint had been in respect of the service for garden waste where residents had complained that the service was only being provided for ten months of the year. Many had expected a full year's service.

District Councillor David Mossman gave an update on the proposed development adjacent to the One Stop Shop. He expressed concern that the site had been sold and that it appeared that the 'red line' denoting parking provision for the houses and the shop had been altered. He added that there would be further discussions with the district council to ensure that the agreed proposals would not be varied.

RESOLVED to note the report

23/17 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending January 31st 2017 and presented the list of monthly payments.

Cllr Fran Welbourne presented the quote for the provision of benches and a litter bin within the Elmgrove Play Area. The cost being £1,263

RESOLVED to; approve the financial report and list of monthly payments. To approve the purchase and installation of benches and litter bin for the play area

24/17 Grass Cutting of Highway Verges

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin gave an update on the proposal by the Severn Voice group of parishes to undertake the grass cutting contract for highway verges. Final agreement had been reached with the County Council and the areas and lengths of verge for each parish had been confirmed.

The County Council would provide the same level of funding that is made for its existing contract. The contract being proposed by Severn Voice would cost less which would allow parishes to make savings or to increase the number of grass cutting in a year.

The Chair referred to the document circulated previously to Members and advised that a legal agreement with the County Council had been prepared and that the contract could be reviewed annually. A meeting with the proposed contractor was also being arranged.

RESOLVED to agree to adopt the agreement and to enter into a contract with the Severn Voice Group of Parishes

25/17 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Lyn Welbourne gave an update on the Youth Club. The sessions had now been separated with younger people having the youth club from 6-8pm and older teenage young people from 8 to 10pm.

There had been recent issues of ASB from the older age group, this had been investigated and discussions held with the Village hall committee and the youth club providers

Cllr Kevin Marsden referred to the earlier presentation by the Local Flood Manger and suggested that regular walks of water courses be undertaken. Cllr Graham Brearley agreed with the suggestion and recommended that the matter be taken forward.

Cllr Darren Morris referred to the recent discussions about the lack of dog bins at Hunts Grove. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether bins could be provided.

Resolved to note the reports

26/17 Annual Parish Assembly April 19th 2017

The Clerk presented the list of suggested guest presenters for the Assembly in April.

Resolved to approve the list

27/17 Work Plan

The Clerk presented the work plan update for the period ending January 31st 2017. The Chair noted the response from the County Council about 30mph repeater signs and suggested that a request for temporary plastic signs be requested.

The Meeting Closed at 21.15

Signed _____ Chair

Date

