

# **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday March 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

## **In attendance**

District Councillor David Mossman, two residents and Kevin Lee, Clerk

## **34/17 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Tony Blackburn, District Councillor Gill Oxley and Parish Councillor Andrew Gough

## **35/17 Declarations of Interest**

**There were none**

## **36/17 Public Consultation**

The residents expressed concern about the planning proposal from Redrow and in particular the potential traffic congestion from the suggested development. It was also noted that the planning application for the former Cross Keys site had been refused by the District Council

## **37/17 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

## **38/17 District Councillor Report**

District Councillor David Mossman reported that the District Council had agreed to increase its Council Tax by 2.62% which equated to a £5 increase. The average increase in council tax for parish and town council's was 4.6%. Hardwicke had set a council tax with no increase.

In respect of planning applications; Councillor Mossman gave the following updates

- The application for industrial development at Quedgeley East had been refused because of concerns about increased traffic to Junction 12 of the M5.
- The application for the development at Elmgrove Road East was likely to be refused by officers which would require the developer submitting new proposals
- A new developer was preparing plans for housing on the site adjacent to the One Stop and a site meeting was being held
- The application from Redrow would be considered by the Development Control Committee
- The JCS had agreed not to look for land south of Gloucester to meet its development needs

#### **Resolved to note the report**

#### **39/17 Policy Reviews**

The Clerk presented updates of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. Members made amendments to the documents and asked for revised policies for the next meeting.

#### **Resolved to update the policies at the next meeting**

#### **40/17 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented a list of payments for the period ending February 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

#### **Resolved to approve the payments**

#### **41/17 Work Plan Update**

The Clerk presented the update plan for the period ending February 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 it was noted that grant funding may be available from the Wildlife Trust to undertake environmental projects in the Parish. Members noted that work was needed to improve access to some of the footpaths. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether such work would be a suitable project.

#### **Resolved to recommend that improvements to footpaths be put forward as a project**

#### **42/17 Cutting of Grass Verges**

The Chair, John Perkin gave an update on the discussions being held with the County Council and the Severn Group of Parishes to undertake the grass cutting contract. A schedule had been prepared by GCC detailing the areas of verge to be cut and areas for visibility splays.

The County Council had agreed to provide the same level of funding to parish councils as it was currently paying to its contractors Amey. The Severn Group of Parishes has identified a contractor who would provide a service to each of the parishes. The funding from GCC would allow for two cuts per year instead of the one provided under its existing contract.

Members supported the proposals and agreed to enter into a contract with the preferred contractor. It was noted that the contract would, initially be for one year and subject to review.

**Resolved;**

- **To confirm with the County Council that Hardwicke Parish Council would undertake the cutting of grass verges and visibility splays within the parish**
- **To enter into a contract along with the Severn Group of Parishes which would allow for the cutting of verges twice per year**
- **To delegate to the Chair and Vice Chair to the authority to sign the appropriate contracts on behalf of the Parish Council**
- **The Clerk to make the necessary amendments to the 2017/18 budget**

**Meeting Closed 20.45**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**