

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday April 3rd 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 Councillor David Mossman, representatives from Consensus Communications, Carol Novoth, Neighbourhood Warden, twelve residents, Chair of Village Hall Ctte and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

43/17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Gill Oxley.

44/17 Declarations of interest

There were none

45/17 Public Consultation

Many residents from the Plantation expressed concerns about the planning application for additional classrooms at Hardwicke School. Major concerns centred around the increased dangers of parking in Green Lane that would be created by additional pupil numbers.

It was noted that very few parents currently used the facility to park at the village hall and walk to the school. It was felt that this would be unlikely to change.

Residents also complained about the noise and disruption that would be caused by any building works and noted that the proposal would further reduce the amount of outdoor play space for children.

45/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 6th were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Resolved, to approve the Minutes

46/17 Land off Marconi Drive

Mark Crosby, from Consensus Communications gave a brief presentation of the proposals by Crest to develop the site off Marconi Drive for residential use. The whole site was around 3.2 hectares with about 0.8 hectares being within the Hardwicke Boundary, which could accommodate up to 30 homes. The remainder of the site was located within the boundary of Quedgeley Parish Council.

It was stressed that this was an early part of the process and the developer was aiming to submit a planning application towards the end of May 2017 and would involve discussions with both Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council.

In response to questions from Members it was confirmed that a Management Company would be established for the completed development and this company would be responsible for the maintenance of such things as the SUDS ponds and open spaces.

47/17 District Councillor Report

Councillor David Mossman reported that the JCS authorities had agreed for housing development on land at Twigworth. There was no requirement for Stroud to provide the JCS with any areas for development.

A site meeting had been held with the developer of the land at the Starting Gate, and a full planning application would be submitted to the district council.

The district council had reported that the increase in recycling rates had seen the amount of waste going to landfill significantly reduce. 500 tonnes of food waste were being recycled and used for compost.

The Neighbourhood Warden, Carol Novoth gave an update on the work she had undertaken in the village. She was aware of the issues of ball games being played on the open space areas and the potential dangers of children running into the busy road.

There was increasing concern about dog fouling and the area around the school was highlighted as an area requiring regular attention. Carol asked for support from residents to report any incidents of dog fouling.

48/17 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Members agreed to the amendments to the above documents.

Resolved to approve the revised documents

49/17 Planning Applications

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

S.17/0585/HHOLD 15 Rosedale Close

Resolved No objections

S.17/0495/HHOLD Elcroft, Elmgrove Road West

Resolved an objection to the roofline as planned however an approval would be acceptable with a condition that the planned roofline was lowered to the height of the current roofline and to ensure the extension is not used for residential use

S.17/0403/FUL Hardwicke School

Resolved; to object to the application on the following grounds;

- 1) The Design and Access Statement states that the drawing is a typical design, not a final design.
- 2) Page 5 para 2.4. No representation from Clearwater School or Hardwicke Parochial has been made to Hardwicke Parish Council requesting permission for the use of the Village Hall car park as a dropping off/ picking up point. Currently, some parents already use the car park to drop off/pick up their children. Children will be encouraged to walk from the car park to the school in a 'Walking Bus'. Proposed route is from the car park, down Green Lane to the Plantation see page 5, then using the public footpath to the new school entrance. It is considered, the proposed route to be extremely hazardous. There is a safer alternative route which will use the path adjacent to the Royal British Legion following the field's perimeter and using the alley alongside the school. There is no shelter for the children awaiting the 'Walking Bus'. The Village Hall cannot be used as it is hired out from 8.30 am.
- 3) Green Lane is already recognised by the Parish Council as having severe traffic issues as the lane is used as a rat run for traffic going to/from work.
- 4) It cannot be guaranteed, parents will adhere to the Design and Access Statement, particularly in bad weather. There are concerns, parents will drop off/pick up near as possible to the school.
- 5) In the Travel Plan, pictures – page 9 att'd - is not showing the congestion, inconsiderate issues which is currently being experienced by local residents in Poplar Way and surrounding areas. Extra traffic will only add to the problem. The School Travel Plan does not relate to Clearwater School, but relates to the Hardwicke Parochial School.

- 6) There is no suitable bus service from any one of the three areas into Hardwicke. Only part of Quedgeley will be on the service route. There are none from Hunts Grove or Kingsway.
- 7) Highways has not been involved with this application, we would strongly advise Stroud Council request their involvement urgently
- 8) Hardwicke Parochial School submitted an application for two further classrooms in 2016, ref application S.16/0154/FUL. Highways were not involved in that application, therefore, the potential extra traffic was not taken into consideration hence a request for their involvement with the Clearwater School application.
- 9) The Parish Council to request that the application is referred to DCC

50/17 Finance Report

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

Resolved to approve the report and list of payments

51/17 Planning Protocol

Members received the report on the planning protocol, after discussion it was agreed to adopt the protocol, including making contact with neighbouring properties to a planning application.

Resolved to adopt the protocol

52/17 Public Footpaths

The Chair gave a verbal report on the meeting held with the footpaths officer from Amey. It had been a very successful and helpful meeting and the officer had already undertaken some of the agreed work.

The Chair informed Members that there was an opportunity to appoint a footpaths warden for the parish who would be a liaison with Amey/GCC. Training would also be provided.

Resolved to note the report and to add the role of footpath warden to the agenda for the Annual Meeting

53/17 Workplan Update

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending March 31st 2017. The Chair highlighted that the Road Safety Team at GCC had provided some temporary 30 mph signs for the B4008

Resolved to note the report

54/17 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Fran Welbourne that the cheque for £200 had been presented to the Air Cadets. The Squadron had expressed their thanks for the cheque.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne reported that there had been some difficult issues with the senior section of the youth club which had caused some damage to the hall. A meeting with the Village Hall ctte and the Youth Club leader for the seniors had been arranged.

Cllr Andrew Gough reported on the increased incidents of speeding along Sellars Road and down towards the Pilot. The Neighbourhood Warden had requested that the Police undertake speed checks for the area.

Cllr Graham Brearley reported on the overgrown vegetation leading to the by- pass channel from Church Lane.

Cllr John Perkin informed members that Church was seeking to replace a shed.

Resolved to note the reports and to agree to the purchase of a new shed for the Church Yard

Meeting closed at 9.15