

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday September 4th 2017

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair) Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Theresa Harrison Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Darren Morris Cllr Mark Ryder

In attendance

District Councillors; Gill Oxley and David Mossman, Demelza Turner-Wilkes and Kevin Lee, Clerk

89/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and Kevin Marsden, County Cllr Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

90/17 Declarations of interest

There were none

91/17 Public Consultation

There was none

92/17 Co-Option to Parish Council

Demelza Turner-Wilks had previously attended meetings of the Council and had circulated her CV to members and had expressed her wish to be co-opted to the Parish Council. Members agreed unanimously to co-opt Demelza and welcomed her to the Council.

RESOLVED to Co-Opt Demelza Turner- Wilks to the Parish Council

93/17 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED; to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on July 3rd and August 1st 2017

94/17 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported on the District Council's revised charges for the collection of 'bulky waste items'. The cost for the collection of up to three items had increased to £20. It was noted that there concerns that fly tipping may increase.

The Chair of the Council's Environment Committee had given assurances that there would be no increase.

RESOLVED; to note the report

95/17 Planning Applications

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

S.17/1870/FUL Hardwicke School

It was identified that there were no planning grounds on which to object to the application, however, Members expressed concern about the ongoing parking and road safety issues and their general disappointment with the development

RESOLVED; to raise no objections to the application but to register the concern about parking and road safety issues

S.17 /1446/FUL Marconi Drive

Members expressed concern about the high density of the proposed development and the very limited parking provision for each property. It was noted that the application was not compliant with a number of policies within the; District Council Local Plan, NPPF and the recently adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan

RESOLVED; to object to the application and to further request that the matter be referred to the Development Control Committee

S.17/1750/FUL S. 17/1698, S.17/1699 and S.17/1702 Villas Barn Longney Road

There were a number of retrospective planning applications that linked to the above site. Members agreed to provide a generic response to cover all applications. There was a discussions about permitted development rights and it was the view of the Council that the 'rights' had exceeded.

The application was not compliant with a number of Policies within the Local Plan, NDP and NPPF

RESOLVED; to object to the application and to request it be referred to Development Control Committee

S.17.1750/FUL Church Farm House Pound Lane

RESOLVED; to support the application

S.17/1598/FUL 21-23 Elmgrove Road East

Members noted that there had been a reduction from 11 to 9. There was concern that the proposal still gave an over development of the site and the traffic emerging onto Elmgrove Road and the B4008 would cause further congestion. It was also noted that the application was not compliant with a number of local and national planning policies.

RESOLVED;

To object to the application on the following grounds;

- **Over development of the site**
- **Impact of increased traffic congestion on Elmgrove Road East and B4008**
- **Entry and exit is opposite a day nursery with many traffic movements**
- **Request that the application be referred to DCC**

S.17/1799/HHOLD 21 Elmgrove Road East

RESOLVED; to raise no objections

S.17/1755/P3MB Church Farm Barns

Members noted that the site was not currently for residential use and that the development would be outside the settlement boundary. Members noted that the earlier contamination report had not been responded to. There was non-compliance with a number of national and local planning policies and with the NDP

RESOLVED; to object to the application on the grounds that the existing buildings are not for residential use and a development would be outside the settlement boundary. Further, the contamination report had not been responded to.

96/17 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance schedule for the period ending August 30th 2017 and the list of monthly payments

RESOLVED TO approve the report and agree the list of payments

97/17 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that a request had been made by a resident to provide a dog bin around the Springfield Area. Members did not agree with the request as other bins were available nearby.

The litter bin in School Lane near to the footpath entrance to Maple Close had been resited. However, the bin had been used by a local resident from Sunnyfield who collected litter from the area and placed it in the bin. It was agreed to speak to the district council to consider if alternative arrangements could be made

Cllr Lyn Welbourne had received a complaint about the overgrown hedge running alongside the school. It was agreed to refer the matter to the school. The tree near to the basketball court was overhanging and needed to be cut back

Cllr Darren Morris reported that the fire alarm system to the village hall was being updated and the lines to the car park had been painted.

There had been complaints about vans parking on the grass verge outside the village hall. The Clerk was asked to speak to the football clubs about this as it occurred during football matches.

The Village Hall Committee had, on occasions, received requests for the use of the playing field as part of the hire of the village hall. Requests would normally be asked to the Parish Council for approval. It was agreed to grant the village hall committee the authority to make decisions about the use of the field, in connection with a hire of the hall, without reference to the Parish Council.

It was also agreed that the car park would have restricted entry for an event on October 29th 2017.

In respect of Hunts Grove, Cllr Morris reported that there had been incidents of the contractors working outside the approved hours. This had been taken up with Crest.

Cllr Mark Ryder informed the Council of a major issue facing residents of Hunts Grove. The County Council was the lead body for the role of broadband for the area. However, there appeared to be an impasse between the developer and the County Council. The roll out of broadband would require excavations of large areas of the highway and footpaths. This would lead to delays in the roads being adopted, which the developer was unhappy about. The condition of the roads and footpaths would need to be approved by the County before adoption could take place.

It was agreed to raise the matter with the local County Councillor, Stephen Davies and with the leader of the County Council, Mark Hawthorne.

The public exhibition on the proposed open spaces for Hunts Grove had generated feedback from residents. The request for the siting of a further notice board was still being pursued.

Cllr Theresa Harrison reported on the large pothole that had appeared in Green Lane. The Chair, Cllr John Perkin added that there was evidence of the road breaking up in a number of places.

Cllr John Perkin noted that the grill to the culvert had not been repaired and that the ditch leading from the pond would need clearing during the winter.

Cllr John Perkin read out a letter of thanks that had been received from Julie James, secretary to the PCC thanking the Parish Council for its continuing support and for the provision of a new shed and green waste bin.

Meeting Closed at 21.00

Signed

Chair

Date