

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday October 2nd 2017

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Kevin Marsden

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Darren Morris

Cllr Mark Ryder

In attendance

District Councillor David Mossman and Kevin Lee, Clerk

97/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Graham Brearley, Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne and County Cllr Stephen Davies.

98/17 Declarations of interest

There were none

99/17 Public Consultation

There was none

100/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on September 4th 2017

101/17 District Councillor Report

Cllr David Mossman gave an update report on changes to the district council's 'bulky waste' collection with a requirement for requests to be made on line.

The District Council had to make budget savings which would see a 20%-25% reduction in employee costs over the next five years.

Cllr Mossman expressed concern at the delays in the building of Hunts Grove School and noted that a planning application had not been submitted and suggested taking this up with the County Council.

Cllr Mossman informed Members that new proposals were being prepared for managing traffic flows at Cross Keys Roundabout, and the original proposal for traffic lights would not happen.

RESOVED to note the report

102/17 Planning Applications

The Parish Council agreed its response to the following planning applications

S.17/2080/FUL 2 Elm Villa, Stank Lane

Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds;

The proposed development is non-compliant with the following policies

- **SDC LP Core Policy CP15**
- **SDC LP Delivery Policy ES8**
- **HNDP Policy GEN1**
- **HNDP Policy ENV1**
- **HNDP Policy ENV2**

S.17/2001/ Davy Way

Resolved to raise no objections

S.17/1976/FUL

Resolved; the Parish Council Supports the application on condition that the rejection by LLFA is superseded by an approval when the information they require is available

The Parish Council is concerned about the consistent rise in journey numbers in the parish of Hardwicke. The modelling used to assess the impact of journeys fails to take account the tangible effects of ever increasing traffic congestion with many junctions approaching capacity in the near future.

S.17/1863/FUL Lapswood Bristol Road

Resolved to object to the planning application as it is outside the settlement boundary and is non-compliant with the following policies;

- **SDC LP Delivery Policy ES8**
- **SDC LP Core Policy CP15**
- **HNDP Policy GEN1**
- **HNDP Policy ENV1**

- HNPD Policy ENV2

S.17/1585/Var

Resolved to raise no objections

103/17 Stroud Local Plan Review

The Clerk reported that Stroud District Council had commenced its five year review of its Local Plan. A consultation event would be held on October 26th for neighbouring parishes. The Parish Council would be represented at the consultation and a report would be made to the November meeting of the Council.

104/17 Motions to Council

Cllr Kevin Marsden gave an update on the progress of the items presented to the July Meeting of the Council; an updated log of actions was also presented. It was noted that to further progress the items it may be beneficial for the Parish Council to pursue the Local Council Award Scheme. The Clerk was asked to produce a report on the scheme for the next meeting of the Council.

Resolved; to note the report and consider progressing further work with the Local Council Award Scheme

104/17 Section 106 Grants in respect of Mayo's Field

The Clerk reported that the District Council had advised that a sum of around £70,000 would be available for projects as a result of the development at Mayo's Field. The Criteria for funding would need to focus on youth and adult recreation. It was agreed to set up a sub group to consider possible projects in preparation for further discussions with the District Council.

Resolved to set up a sub group to consider future projects

105/17 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending September 30th 2017 and the list of monthly payments.

The Clerk also reported that the external audit had been completed by Grant Thornton.

106/17 Work to Pond Area

The Conservation volunteers has been requested to present a quote for clearing the pond and trimming back vegetation and to cut the hedges alongside the playing field/Green Lane. The work would take around 4 days at a cost of £1240

Resolved; to approve the work and to approve the provision of a skip in order to dispose of the waste items

107/17 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Mark Ryder reported that Crest were embarking on a consultation process with residents at Hunts Grove about the establishment of a management company and the likely service charge for the maintenance of the public areas.

A new notice board for Hunts Grove had been provided by the Parish Council and Crest were arranging for it be erected near to the Play Area.

Cllr Ryder added that there some planned changes to the open space areas and a heritage hedgerow between the old and new areas was being maintained.

Cllr Darren Morris gave a report on the work of the Village Hall with a Wedding Fayre and Christmas Fayre arranged. He reported on a meeting with other village halls which gave a focus on Emergency Plans for villages and communities. Cllr Morris agreed to prepare a draft plan for consideration by the Parish Council. Cllrs Darren Morris, Graham Brearley and Kevin Marsden had received their certificates of competency for strimming, presented by Amey/County Council.

Cllr Kevin Marsden referred to the Neighbourhood Development Plan and agreed to write an update article for Hardwicke Matters.

Cllr Jill Brearley reported that the brook at the end of the by-pass channel was overgrown with vegetation and requested that this be followed up with the District Council.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin asked if a meeting could be arranged with the footpaths officer to consider the provision of a kissing gate on the Glevum Way footpath leading to the church.

Meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Chair

Date.