

Hardwicke Parish Council

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

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Mark Ryder

Cllr Theresa Harrison

Cllr Demelza Turner -Wilkes

Cllr Kevin Marsden

Cllr Darren Morris

In attendance

District Councillors Gill Oxley and David Mossman, County Councillor Stephen Davies, two members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

120/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley, Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne.

121/17 Declarations of interest

Cllrs Darren Morris, mark Ryder and Demelza Turner-Wilkes declared an interest in the item relation to a grant application for Hunts Grove Residents Association.

122/17 Public Consultation

Two members of the public attended to hear the discussion on the planning applications

123/17 Minutes of Meeting held on November 6th 2017

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

124/17 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that he had requested a meeting with Smiths Waste Services in response to their planning application for an increased facility at Moreton Valence.

He advised the Council that the planning application for Hunts Grove School would soon be submitted.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin noted that the planning application for Clearwater School had been refused and expressed concern for the impact on Hardwicke Parochial School. Cllr Davies agreed to follow this up.

In respect of Hunts Grove School Cllr Mark Ryder commented on the proposed spine road and the concerns of the residents association about the potential traffic problems with the school drop off areas and residents driveways. Cllr Stephen Davies agreed to take forward the views of the residents association.

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that she had met with officers from the Road Safety Partnership to discuss the traffic concerns raised by residents at the previous meeting. Since the last meeting there had been an accident in Church Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the road safety team to further outline the issues.

Cllr Oxley and the Chair had met with the district council's lead officer for youth provision. A Youth Forum had been set up for Hardwicke and the young people needed a suitable meeting place, the Village Hall lounge had been identified as a suitable venue.

Resolved to note the reports

125/17 Planning Applications

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

S.17/2545ADV One Stop Shop Elmgrove Road East

Resolved; to raise no objections to the application and to support the views of the district council, in addition identify that there may be an area of non-compliance

S.17/2347/FUL The Watershed, Sellars Road Hardwicke

Resolved; to raise no objections to the application subject to adequate parking spaces being confirmed

S.17/2485/HHOLD 22 Darley Dale Hardwicke

Resolved; to raise no objections

S17/2531/HHOLD Brook Cottage, Church lane, Hardwicke

Resolved; to object to the application on the following grounds

- Proposal is compliant with the NPPF.
- Extension element is compliant with the SDC Local Plan however the garage is non-compliant with SDC Local Plan policy HC8.
- Proposal is non-compliant with Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan policies CP4 and ES1.
- the site is located outside the settlement boundary adjacent to the highest concentration of historical buildings in Hardwicke. This makes the area sensitive to any development.

S17/2263/REM Land at Colethrop Farm

Resolved to consider at the January meeting of the Council

126/17 Report of DCC Meeting held on November 21st 2017

Cllr Kevin Marsden gave a full report on the meeting he attended at which he presented the Parish Council's case in respect of the Planning Application for 21-23 Elmgrove East.

He noted that the district council was under an immense pressure to support housing development and that all responses from the Parish Council to applications should be comprehensive. He added that planning officers had a high level of expertise, however, their knowledge of the Parish Council's NDP would need time to develop.

Cllr David Mossman commented that Cllr Marsden had done a tremendous presentation and it had been one of best representation from any parish council

Resolved; to note the report

127/17 Finance Report

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

Resolved; to approve the report and the payments

128/17 Play Equipment, Elmgrove Play Area

Members considered the report presented by Cllrs Fran Welbourne and Jill Brearley and the options for the repair or replacement of the roundabout.

Resolved; to approve expenditure for the repair to the roundabout and undertake a full review of play equipment to develop a list of planned replacement.

129/17 Local Council Award Scheme

Cllr Kevin Marsden presented the report on the scheme and identified the portfolio evidence required to progress to the Quality Standard. The report set out timeframes and allocated tasks to Members and to the Clerk.

Resolved; to approve the report

130/17 Adoption of BT Telephone Box

Members considered the report to adopt the BT telephone box in Sellars Road and confirmed acceptance of the terms and conditions set out by B.T Members also identifies potential uses after it was de commissioned.

Resolved to accept the report and adopt the BT telephone box

131/17 Grant Applications

The Parish Council considered the following Grant Applications;

Insight Gloucestershire – Application for £50 to support people with a visual impairment people. It was noted that the charity provided support to service users in Hardwicke. It was not clear whether the applications was for a one off payment or ongoing

Resolved; to agree to a grant of £50 subject to confirmation of the amount requested

Hunts Grove Residents Association – Application for £250

The application was to support the further development of the residents association and to provide a link between residents and the developers. It was noted that the group had developed a constitution and would have a committee of 10 members.

Resolved; to approve the grant of £250

132/17 Grass Cutting of Highway Verges

The Chair presented the report from Severn Voice which summarised the experience of the first year of the contract. The report also identified specific learning points and asked for an indication from parishes if they wished to continue with the contract into 2018 -2022

Resolved; to approve the report and to support the contract extension into 2018-2022

133/17 Parish councillor and Lead Member Reports

Cllr Kevin Marsden reported that further work was needed on the outstanding motions previously agreed by the Council. He also noted that further work was needed on developing the Council's use of social media.

Cllr Darren Morris gave an update on the fire alarm and lighting works to the village hall. IN respect of Hunts Grove he alerted members to the concerns from residents about delivery vehicles from DPD speeding along Marconi Drive. The Clerk agreed to write to the Road safety Partnership to report the concerns.

Cllr Mark Ryder gave an update on the positive discussions with the land owner at Hunts Grove. The MP David Drew would be attending a meeting at Hunts Grove.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin requested that survey be undertaken of the trees around the pond as some appeared to have dead branches. It was agreed to seek a survey of the trees around the pond and other council areas.

Resolved; to note the reports and undertake the identified actions

134/17 Work Plan Update

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending November 30th 2017

Resolved; to note the report

135/17 Letter of thanks

The Chair read out a letter received from the PCC Secretary which thanked the Parish Council for all the work that had been undertaken in the Churchyard. Many visitors to the Church had commented on how well the area was kept.

Meeting Closed at 21.35

Signed

Chair

Date

