

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday April 3rd 2018

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes

Cllr Darren Morris

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, County Councillor Stephen Davies two representatives from the Diocese Schools Academy, one member of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

36/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Graham Brearley, Jill Brearley, Theresa Harrison, Kevin Marsden and Mark Ryder and District Councillor David Mossman

37/18 Declarations of Interest

None

38/18 Public Consultation

A member of the public asked whether there could be consideration given to providing a dog bin along Elmgrove East. It was noted that the siting of a bin may be difficult given the close proximity to residential properties.

The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the district council's dog warden

39/18 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved; to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on March 5th

40/18 Clearwater School and Hardwicke Parochial School

Two representatives from the Diocese gave an update on the background to the proposals for Clearwater School and the impact on Hardwicke School

They informed the Parish Council that the plans for Clearwater School had been proposed by the Government EFSA as a Free School and the Diocese had been approached to run the school once the building was completed.

The application had been fully supported by the County Council and the site in Clearwater Drive was owned by the County Council and had been earmarked for a school for many years.

With the delays in delivering the new school it had been identified that two temporary classrooms were needed to meet the need for school places in Quedgeley and Hardwicke. The two additional classrooms at Hardwicke were only intended to be temporary and Parish Councillors were informed that the Diocese would move the classrooms as soon as a new site was found. It was stressed that there would be no further admissions beyond 2019.

In respect of the current application for a further temporary building it was noted that that one of the existing buildings was being used for; head teacher and administration office as well as for dining area for children. The new application would provide the classroom space.

It was confirmed that the EFSA would be appealing against the planning decision by Gloucester City Council and would seek to get approval for the original Clearwater site.

Parish Councillors thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and for giving a full explanation of the situation.

Resolved to note the report

41/18 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

County Cllr Stephen Davies informed the Parish Council that the 30 mph signs would be installed either side of the approach to Sellars Bridge.

The meeting with the Highways Agency and the County Council to consider proposals to the Cross Keys Roundabout had been held and had provided an opportunity for ongoing communication

Cllr Davies had been allocated a budget of £30,000 to spend on highway projects in his division and he invited the parish council to submit proposals to him.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on a meeting with the area highways manager and had identified the need to undertake traffic survey in Hardwicke. The last survey was completed in 2013 and a new survey would help to inform the options for speed cameras and school warning signs. The cost of the survey would be £500 and Cllr Davies agreed that this could be funded through his allocation.

District Cllr Gill Oxley gave an update report on the new data protection regulations and the impact on district councillors.

Cllr Oxley advised the council of a meeting with Gloucestershire Highways and a representative for Hardwicke Estate to look at ditch clearance work and the clearing of culverts.

Resolved to note the reports

42/18 Planning Applications

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

- S.18/0840/DISCON Land at Colethrop Farm

Resolved; request to SDC that the decision issued by the planning authority is withdrawn until the Written Statement of Investigation evidence is made available for consulted organisations to review

- S.18/0537/FUL Land to the East of High Green Longney – solar park

Resolved; to object to the application as it does not comply with;

SDC Local Plan Policy SO5,ES1, ES3,ES6,ES7,CP14,and CP15

SDC Local Plan Gloucester Fringe Principles 4,5,8,10 and 11

NPPF 90 and 91

- S.18/0575/FUL Hardwicke Parochial School

Resolved; the parish council recognises the need for the additional building but is unhappy with the proposal and is concerned about the impact on local children and residents

43/18 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending March 31st 2018 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved to approve the report and payments schedule

44/18 Stroud District Council Local Plan Review

The Parish Council had presented its views on the Local Plan at a consultation event held at the Village Hall. There was an opportunity to submit a written response to the consultation. It was agreed that a submission prepared by Cllr Marsden would be used as the basis for the Parish Council's response.

Resolved to send a written response to the district council

45/18 Protection to The Green

The Chair reported on a discussion with the Area Highways Manager where options for preventing unauthorised parking on The Green were considered. It was recognised that creating a 'bund' with posts also inserted would provide the best protection.

Resolved to create a 'bund' around The Green

46/18 GDPR Compliance

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the new data protection regulations which would become effective from May 25th 2018. There were still some issues still being considered by parliament and an update report would be provided at the next meeting

Resolved to note the report

47/18 Speed Surveys

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on a site meeting with the Area Highway Manager and the discussion about speed warning cameras. The highways manager advised that a speed survey had been undertaken in 2013 and that before approval could be given to provide speed warning cameras a new survey would be required.

The cost of a survey would be £500 and could be undertaken before the summer.

Resolved to approve the expenditure on a speed survey and to seek support from County Cllr Stephen Davies to pay for the survey through his allocated budget

48/18 Parish councillor and Lead member Reports

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes informed the council that the village hall would be hosting a wedding fayre on April 29th

She had met with parish councillors from Haresfield Parish Council and Haresfield were keen to meet regularly with Hardwicke to discuss planning matters in respect of Hunts Grove.

Cllr Lyn Welbourne presented a cheque to the parish council in the sum of £2546 this was the residual funds following the closure of the youth club. Members suggested that the money could be used to support the newly formed Youth Forum.

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the grass needed to be cut within the play areas and from around from the gym equipment.

The Chair Cllr John Perkin commented on the very good work to the beading of the Lych-gate but asked that the pointing of the brickwork be undertaken. The small gate onto Church Lane needed to have a strap fitted in order for it to close fully. It was also noted that the gravel chippings between the road and the Lych-gate had worn away and should be replaced.

Resolved to note the reports and follow up actions

Meeting Closed at 21.05

Signed

Chair

Date