

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Hardwicke Parish Council held on Monday March 4th 2019

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Mark Ryder

Cllr Anthony Doyle

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes

Cllr Darren Morris

Cllr Denise Powell

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies, District Councillor David Mossman and Kevin Lee, Clerk

28/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne

29/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none

30/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on February 11th 2019

31/19 County councillor and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that the County Council had set its budget for 2019/2020 and along with the district council budget, the average council tax for a band D Property would be an increase of 5.3%

A follow up report by Ofsted into the County Council's services for young people had noted that there had been some progress but further improvements were needed. An assessment of Adult Services had shown the County Council to be in the top ten of local authorities.

District Councillor David Mossman informed Members that Stroud District Council had increased its Council Tax for band D at 2.99%

32/19 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered its response to the following planning applications

S.19/0237/MINAM 32 Hildyard Close

Resolved; to raise no objections

S.19/0198/HHOLD

Resolved; to raise no objections

32/19 Parish Assembly

The Clerk presented a draft agenda for the Annual Meeting of The Parish to be held on Wednesday April 17th at the Village Hall.

Resolved; to approve the agenda with the addition of inviting the Neighbourhood Warden and Dog Warden

33/19 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending February 28th 2019 and the list of monthly payments

Resolved; to approve the report and payments for February

34/19 Community Governance Review

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin, presented the report and draft recommendations from Stroud District Council which proposed that Hunts Grove be separated from Hardwicke Parish and be established as a new Parish Council. The proposals were subject to a period of consultation ending on May 6th 2019.

It was agreed that the Parish Council prepare a response for approval at its meeting April and to include the review as part of the agenda for the Parish Assembly.

Resolved; to note the report and prepare a formal response for the April Meeting of the Parish Council.

35/19 Eco Pod/ Wooden Cabin

The Clerk presented a report which gave options on potential suppliers for an additional building adjacent to the Village Hall. It was acknowledged that any building should not detract from usage and hire of the village all itself but as a possible venue for a youth club/youth forum.

Of the companies listed it was noted that one in particular had experience of providing building to local schools

Resolved; to invite a company to have an initial discussion with the parish Council as to the feasibility of such a project

36/19 125th Anniversary

The Chair gave a verbal report on the meeting with Henry Lloyd Baker to discuss options for an event to mark the Parish Council's 125th anniversary. It was agreed to form a sub-committee to develop ideas and plans for events during the year.

Resolved to note the report

37/19 Parish Councillor and Lead Member Reports

Cllr Denise Powell reported that there had been complaints of loud music being played during parts of the day; it suggested that this may be from the School.

Cllr Anthony Doyle asked who was responsible for the skate park near to Fieldcourt Drive. Suggestions had been made on improvement to the area. It was noted that the area was within Quedgeley but possibly managed by Gloucester City Council.

Cllr Mark Ryder informed the Parish Council that the Hunts Grove Academy was looking to recruit board members. Members of the local community were being invited to apply be on the Board. Details of the application process were on the Hunts Grove Residents Association Website, The Parish Council Website and the Parish Council's Facebook page

Cllr Demelza Turner Wilkes reported that Biffa Waste were making collection of waste from the business premises in Jessop Court as early at 5.00am. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the district council.

Cllr Darren Morris reported that the landscaping ideas for the approach to Hunts Grove were being progressed.

Cllr John Perkin reported that Fr Andrew would be retiring from Hardwicke Church at the end of March. Fr Andrew had been a valued members of the community over many years and would be missed by parishioners and the wider local community

Cllr John Perkin noted that repairs were needed to the safety rail near to the pond and that the 'Bund' in Sticky Lane would benefit from re seeding.

Resolved to note the reports and follow up actions as appropriate

Meeting Closed at 21.20

Signed

Chair

Date

