

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday July 1st 2019

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Darren Morris

Cllr Lyn Welbourne

Cllr Tony Doyle

Cllr Denise Powell

In attendance

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

78/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mark Ryder Cllr Jill Brearley, Cllr Graham Brearley and District Councillor Gill Oxley.

79/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none

80/19 Public Consultation

Residents raised question about the Energy from Waste facility at Javelin Park and asked whether air monitoring could be provided in Hunts Grove. Cllr Mossman replied that two independent monitoring sites had been approved for Hardwicke and Haresfield and these had been collecting base line data from October 2018 baseline data being collected prior to the live operation of the EFW. With major development works taking place at Hunts Grove accurate reading to establish a baseline would not be possible.

81/19 Minutes of previous meetings

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on June 3rd and June 25th

82/19 District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported on the Ofsted re inspection of Children Services. It had been recognised that there had been some improvement in services.

The County Council had resolved to be carbon neutral by 2050 and 80% carbon neutral by 2030.

District Councillor David Mossman gave an update on the district council's governance review which proposed a separate parish council for Hunts Grove with effect from April 2020. A report would be presented to a meeting of the full council on July 18th to approve the recommendation. Following this, a 'ghost council' would be set up to prepare for the new parish council.

As with the County Council SDC had committed to achieve the same time frame for being carbon neutral

Resolved to note the reports

83/19 Planning Applications

The Parish council considered its response to the following applications;

S.19/1289/VAR Marconi Drive.

Members were concerned about the traffic impact on residents with the proposals. The applicant seeks to remove highway-related condition 24 that limits home occupations to 40 until such time that the Crosskeys Roundabout and M5 J12 highways improvements are delivered. The applicant claims they will need to cease work on site by December as the M5 works schedule is not currently known.

The Highways Agency (Highways England) have become increasingly cautious to additional traffic loads on the road network around Hunts Grove due to severe overloading of M5 J12 at peak times, plus queuing at Crosskeys Roundabout. There are several prospective development projects for housing within the planning system now that have all been delayed or held due to the advice of Highways England. These include this Marconi Drive 118 homes application by Crest Nicholson that was approved, however with limits of 40 units until both the M5 & Crosskeys works were complete, plus Davy Way "Quadrant Distribution Centre" 160 homes (SDC S.18/1947/OUT), and Naas Lane, 97 homes (GCC 18/01228/OUT).

The view of the Parish Council is that the caution by Highways England is warranted based on traffic conditions witnessed by local councillors and parishioners;

The position of the developer having to pause their work is not a relevant planning matter to overcome the purpose of the condition. It is a commercial matter for the developer whether / or when they decide to commence operations. Further, the condition limits occupations, not the build plan. The developer could choose to continue the build plan if that suits their operations or cost position better;

(Precedent) Approval would set a precedent for at least two further developments (Naas Lane & Davy Way) totalling another 257 homes;

Resolved to object to the variation and seek support from Gloucestershire County Council Highways to object to the application.

S.19/0760/FUL Solar Park Longney

Members expressed concern about the proposed traffic routes and the negative impact on surrounding lanes. A suggestion had been made about the use of the canal as a transport network for the materials

Resolved to object to the proposal and to ask the developer/district council to give consideration to the use of the canal

S.19/1159/HHOLD Cherry Tree Close

Resolved to raise no objections

S.19/1010/HHOLD Dovedale Close

There had been a minor amendment to the original application

Resolved to raise no objections

84/19 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending June 30th 2019 and the list of monthly payments

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

85/19 Parish Council E Mail accounts councils e mail account

The Clerk reported on the changes that had been made to Webmail and the advice revived from the host provider. It was noted that some Members were happy to use Thunderbird but it was suggested that using Outlook may be preferable.

Resolved the Clerk to examine the benefits and costs of using Outlook for parish council e mail accounts

86/19 125th Anniversary Family Fun Day

The Chair thanked Cllr Darren Morris and Teresa Morris for all their hard work and professionalism in co-ordinating all the stall holders and events for the afternoon. It had been great success with many people praising the event and suggesting that the Parish Council make it an annual event

Resolved to hold a family fun day in 2020 on Saturday June 27th

87/19 Parish Councillor and Lead Member Reports

The Chair Cllr John Perkin asked the Clerk to arrange for the brambles and hedge alongside the footpath near to the pond to be cut back. He also reported that a lamppost in Dovedale Close was leaning over and asked for the matter to be raised with the county council.

Cllr Demelza Turner Wilkes reported that a resident in Hildyard Close had complained about the weeds growing in the gutters and alongside walls. The Clerk agreed to report this to County Highways. In respect of highways matters she gave an update on the recent meeting of the Stroud Road Safety Partnership and in particular the partnerships review of solar powered speed cameras. It was agreed to have a further report at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Anthony Doyle reported on the inconsiderate use of the canal towpath by cyclists. It was agreed to raise the matter with the Canal and Rivers Trust.

Cllr Fran Welbourne had received a report of motorists parking on the double yellow lines near to Sellars Bridge. It was agreed to raise the matter with the Police and district council.

Cllr Darren Morris gave an update on the discussions with DPD and the noise being experienced by residents throughout the night. In respect of Hunts Grove a consultation event had been planned for July 16th 2019.

Meeting closed at 20.40

Signed

Chair

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Cllr Darren Morris gave an update on the preparations for the 125th Anniversary Family Fun Day. It was agreed to hold a further meeting to confirm a list of stall holders.

Cllr Mark Ryder reported that the development by Bovis Homes at Hunts Grove would have eleven streets. Residents had suggested names that had a historic significance to Hardwicke and Haresfield. A full list of proposed names would be circulated.

Cllr Mark Ryder referred to the planned athletics road races and noted that due to the proposed changes to the access roads to Hunts Grove there would be an impact on races after 2019. The Clerk agreed to contact the race organisers.

Councillor Graham Brearley raised concern about the poor state of the highway near to Puddleducks in Church Lane. There was a concern that the carriageway could collapse into the ditch. The Clerk reported that the matter had been raised with the County Council and a highways inspection had been undertaken. He also expressed concern that the cutting of the grass verge along Church Lane had not been cut wide enough. The Clerk agreed to discuss this with the contractor.

Councillor Demelza Turner-Wilkes reported that the noise from the DPD depot at Hunts Grove was horrific with the pallet trucks moving around the depot at 3.30 in the morning. May residents were being affected and it was agreed that an approach should be made to the enforcement officer at the district council.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

Chair

Date