

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday October 5th 2020 2020 Meeting held remotely by Zoom Meeting Platform

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)	Cllr Fran Welbourne	Cllr Mark Ryder
Cllr Darren Morris	Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes	Cllr Peter Rotherham
Cllr Denise Powell	Cllr Jill Brearley	Cllr Graham Brearley

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, County Councillor Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk

99/20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Adam Hampson and Ian Butler

100/20 Declarations of interest

There were none declared

101/20 Public Questions

There had been no questions received

102/20 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 7th were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held September 7th 2020

103/20 County Councillor, District Councillor and Parish Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that she had received complaints from residents about; speeding tractors, the state of the hedges in Pound Lane and the appearance of the Old School House with the boarding around it.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the complaints.

County Councillor Stephen Davies informed the Parish Council that the idea of creating a unitary authority was unlikely to happen. In respect of Highways matters Councillor Davies reported that; conversations were continuing about the adoption of roads at Hardwicke Grange, parking around the Tesco Express was still a problem and options were being considered.

The Chair Cllr John Perkin raised questions about the safety of Cross Keys Roundabout with traffic backing up onto the roundabout as a result of queuing at MacDonald's. Cllr Davies acknowledged that there was a problem and agreed to discuss the matter with the Highway's Manager.

Cllr Graham Brearley highlighted the issue of the by-pass channel in Church Lane which was very much overgrown and the flow of water was being restricted. Cllr Davies agreed to raise this with the Highways Manager.

Cllr Peter Rotherham gave an update on the discussions with Bellway and SDL in respect of the transfer of open spaces to Hardwicke Grange Residents.

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes reported on the amount of fly-tipping at Davy Way

Cllr Darren Morris gave an update on the drainage problems linked to the soak away at the Village Hall.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on issues of flooding by the Pond In Green Lane and the need for the kerbside drains to be cleared. He also commented on the poor state of the road surface in Green Lane and in particular the area where people parked to access the footpath to the school.

Resolved; to note the reports and for the Clerk to follow up the appropriate actions

104/20 COVID 19 Voluntary Group

Cllr Darren Morris advised Members that there had been no real changes in demand for support

Resolved; to note the report and to thank Darren for continued work in supporting residents

105/20 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications.

S.20/0544/EIAS Scoping Report Land at Green Lane Redrow

Members noted that this was not a formal planning application and had advised the Planning Officers that Environmental Implications of development in the area had been identified within the NDP. Cllr Graham Brearley advised that it was important to highlight the wildlife corridor along the Shorn Brook with the presence of water vovles.

S.20/1818/HHOLD Darley Close

Resolved; to raise no objections

S.20/1265/VAR Greenacres Mobile Home Park

In considering the application Members took into account the previous planning application in 2016 which did allow for some provision.

Members did consider that the new application would lead to an overcrowding/development of the site and that any additional provision would generate additional traffic along Sticky Lane along with the problems of increased access to the site from a narrow lane.

Resolved; to object to the application and to request that the matter be referred to the District Council's Development Control Committee

106/20 Website Accessibility Requirements

The Clerk presented a report which set out the changes that were required to the Parish Council's website in order for it to be accessible to all. The changes included the ability for users to utilise plug in equipment to aid access.

Resolved; to approve the report and costings

107/20 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the financial report and schedule of payments for the period ending September 30th 2020

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

108/20 CIL Strategic Funding Bid

The Clerk reported that a formal bid had been submitted to the District Council. The bid outlined the proposal to build an extension to the village hall in order to provide a dedicated facility for young people. The bid was for £15,000 which would be added to the Section 106 funding and further assist the council's project plan.

Resolved; to approve the report

109/20 Play Area Inspections

The Chair gave a verbal report on the visual inspection of the play areas and outdoor equipment. All items were found to be satisfactory.

Cllr Denise Powell advised that the risk assessments associated with COVID 19 should be reviewed and that this review should take account of the latest guidelines and also address the use of litter bins.

Resolved; to note the reports and for the Clerk to check on the latest advice re play areas

Meeting Closed at 20.25

Signed

Chair