

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday April 4th 2022

### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Denise Powell

### **In attendance**

County Councillor District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk

### **31/22 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Ian Butler

### **32/22 Declarations of Interest**

**None declared**

### **33/22 Public Questions**

**There were none**

### **34/22 Minutes of Meeting held on March 7th 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of reference to the question of Highway Verge or Private Land in Green Lane

**Resolved; to approve the Minutes with added reference**

### **35/22 Councillor Reports**

District Councillor Gill Oxley had reported the extent of fly tipping in Pound Lane and at Moreton Valence on the A38. A speed limit sign had been removed from Pound Lane and left on the verge further down the lane. All matters had been reported to Highways and to the Neighbourhood Warden. The application for a solar farm at Moreton Valence/Whitminster had been approved.

Cllr Oxley had been informed that confirmation had been given for the new roundabout from the A38 into Hunts Grove. Parish Councillors expressed concern that work was going to proceed prior to a full traffic plan being implemented. Members requested that the matter be raised with the County Councillor and express concern at the lack of notification.

Cllr Fran Welbourne noted that a dog was seen running around in the Elmgrove Play Area. It was agreed to replace the existing signs in order that it was clear that dogs were not allowed

into the play area and legal action could be taken by Stroud District Council. Members noted that the CCTV would be used to monitor the situation.

Cllr Peter Rotherham reported that there was still an outstanding land issue affecting a property in Ballis Square. Peter noted that the District Council had decided not to issue council tax rebates for properties at Band E and above.

The Chair Cllr John Perkin reported that Tai Chi Wheels (part of the outdoor gym equipment) had not been repaired. The clerk was asked to follow this up with the contractors.

**Resolved; to note the reports and the appropriate actions**

### **36/22 Village Hall and Youth Provision**

The Chair Cllr John Perkin gave an update on the revised feasibility report supplied by the Architects. The report outlined two possible options for providing a suitable dedicated space for youth provision. The Clerk reported that further to a discussion with the district council and additional sum of money from the CIL Neighbourhood Fund would also be available. This would have the potential to make a project more viable. It was agreed to arrange a further meeting with the architects and with the district council.

**Resolved; to arrange a further meeting with the architects and the district council**

### **37/22 Jubilee Celebrations**

Two grant applications had been received for Jubilee Parties; Wharfdale and Hardwicke Grange applications were supported and the parish agreed to a grant of £200 and £350 respectively.

Members were disappointed that only two applications had been received and the Council agreed that it would be happy to receive any further applications and for these to be considered at the Meeting in May

**Resolved to approve the two grant applications**

### **38/22 Planning Applications**

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications;

S.22/0544/HHOLD 16 Ashgrove

**Resolved; No Objections**

S.22/0651/FUL 60 Westbourne Drive

**Resolved; To object to the application on the following grounds**

- **There is no parking provision for the proposed domestic dwelling**
- **The shop is classed as a business premises with NO domestic dwelling above within the curtilage. The existing two car parking spaces are not for domestic use but for business use.**
- **To support the district council's refusal for the previous application (S.21/1909/FUL)**

### **39/22 Finance Report**

The clerk presented the finance report for the period ending March 31st 2022 and the list of payments

**Resolved; to approve the report and payments**

### **40/22 Annual Parish Assembly**

It was agreed to schedule a date for the Annual Meeting of the parish for a date in May. Cllr Denise Powell advised that the Village Hall would be available on Monday Evening during May.

**Meeting Closed at 20.45**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**