

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday March 7th 2022

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Denise Powell

In attendance

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

21/22 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and Andrew James

22/22 Declarations of Interest

None declared

23/22 Public Questions

There were none

24/22 Minutes of Meeting held on February 7th 2022

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on February 7th 2022

25/22 Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that she had met with the marketing director of the local McDonalds who had expressed a desire to work with local communities to contribute to the local environment. The director was aware of the traffic problems at the Cross Keys Roundabout with vehicles backing onto the roundabout. It was agreed to seek a meeting with McDonalds along with District, County and Parish Councillors and a representative from the County Council Highways.

In respect of the Jubilee Celebrations Cllr Oxley advised that the district council had agreed to waive charges for Licences. Applications for licences should be submitted to the district council by April 22nd A consultation on the District Council's Canal Strategy would be open until April 18th 2022

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that the County Council had prepared a programme for young people and families and that work was underway to accommodate refugees from Ukraine.

The Boundary Commission had announced its draft proposals which would see Hardwicke becoming part of the Cotswold Parliamentary Constituency. An alternative proposal would see Hardwicke remain within the Stroud Constituency and Nailsworth would become part of the Cotswold. A public event would be held on March 24th at Gloucester Guildhall and consultation was also available on line via Stroud District Council website.

Cllr Davies reported that funding had been made available to allow for a feasibility study for the extension of the footpath in Sellars Road. Funding had been made available for the resurfacing of parts of Green Lane and Church Lane and was expected to be undertaken before March 31st.

The Chair Cllr John Perkin commented on the damage to the verge along The Green which had been caused by City Fibre and they had not sought permission from the Parish Council. Cllr Davies advised that a letter be sent to City Fibre, he added that another area of the district had also experienced damage to part of its land.

Parish Councillor Ian Butler expressed concern that there was an ever increasing number of heavy goods vehicles using Pound Lane and Church Lane. It was suggested that the Parish Council pursue with GCC Highways the possibility of installing width restriction barriers /pinch points at an appropriate point near to Church Lane/Pound Lane.

Parish Councillor Peter Rotherham gave an update on the issue affecting properties near to Edith Cottage.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin noted that a new dog bin was needed near to the Pilot Roundabout as dog walkers were using the litter bin which regularly full. It was agreed to purchase a dog bin for the area. Cllr Perkin reported on the poor state of the canal footpath leading from the Pilot Bridge heading south towards the Castle Bridge.