

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Tuesday May 3rd 2022

### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Denis Powell

### **In attendance**

District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk

### **41/22 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors, Jill Brearley and Graham Brearley and County Councillor Stephen Davies

### **42/22 Declarations of Interest**

**None declared**

### **43/22 Public Questions**

**There were none**

### **44/22 Minutes of Meeting held on April 4th 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record subject and signed by the Chair

### **Resolved; to approve the Minutes**

### **45/22 Councillor Reports**

District Councillor Gill Oxley confirmed that she would provide the Parish Council with the update boundary maps. A number of requests had been made for the Yellow Lines by the Pilot Bridge to be repainted and this had been raised with the Highways Manager. Cllr Oxley reported that the district council had adopted the 20 is plenty speed campaign.

Parish Councillor Ian Butler commented on the road works and closure of the Cross Keys Roundabout which had resulted in a heavy amount of traffic using Pound Lane and Church Lane including HGVs. Cllr Butler noted that the ditches would need clearing later in the year.

Parish Councillor Peter Rotherham passed on the thanks from Hardwicke Grange Management Cttee for the Jubilee Grant. He also noted the support from the Highways Manager in responding to footpath and parking issues at Hardwicke Grange.

Parish Councillor Fran Welbourne reported on the recent resurfacing of part of Dimore Close and raise concern that other parts of the close had not been attended to. It was agreed to inquire as to the programme for resurfacing of pavements.

County Councillor Davies had submitted a written report which noted that; 98% of school children had been offered a school of their choice. 91% had been offered their first choice. The report noted that following an OFSTED Inspection the County Council's Children's Services had been moved out of 'inadequate' to 'requires improvement'.

A new special school had been proposed for Stroud which would offer 60 places for children aged 4-11 with Moderate and Additional Learning Difficulties.

The Chair, Cllr. John Perkin reported on the increase in dog fouling in a number of places around the village. New signs had been put up and the district council would be undertaking more patrols.

A meeting with the Church Warden had been arranged along with a contractor to consider the possibility of lighting the Church Tower.

Cllr Perkin gave a report on his attendance at the district council's Emergency Planning Workshop. It was noted that local people community representatives across the district were needed to maintain information on the facilities at a local emergency centre.

**Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions.**

#### **46/22 Village Hall and Youth Provision**

The Chair gave an update on the meeting with architects and representatives of the district council. The meeting gave an opportunity to understand the needs of the Youth Forum. Further work was required on preparing outline proposals. It was also noted that a clearer picture was needed of the likely costs of any provision and the architects agreed to speak to a quantity surveyor.

**Resolved; to note the update**

#### **47/22 Planning Application**

The Parish Council considered its response to the following planning application;

S.22/0815/HHOLD Hildyard Close, Rear Extension

**Resolved; to raise no objections**

#### **48/22 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report and list of payments.

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

#### **49/22 Clerks Report**

It was noted that there were three parish councillor vacancies and it was agreed to confirm with the district council and formally advertise to fill the vacancies.

**Meeting Closed at 20.45**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**