

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Graham Brearley

### **In attendance**

District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk

### **49/22 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Ian Butler and County Councillor Stephen Davies

### **50/22 Declarations of Interest**

**None declared**

### **51/22 Public Questions**

**There were none**

### **52/22 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary meeting held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

**Resolved; to approve the Minutes of**

- **the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**
- **the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

### **53/22 Parish Councillor, District and County Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Stephen Davies submitted a written report which highlighted that;

98% of the 6,370 Gloucestershire children have been offered a Primary school place for September to one of their preferred schools, 91% received their first preference.

GCC Children's Services was recently inspected by Ofsted and is no longer considered inadequate and is now rated as requires improvement, recognising that children in Gloucestershire are now safer.

GCC have announced a £200,000 Digital Innovation Fund to support Community Projects

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that SDC had submitted a bid of £15m to the Government's Levelling up fund, however, there was concern that the target for funding was too centred around Stroud Town Centre.

Parish Councillor Peter Rotherham on behalf of the Hardwicke Grange Residents Association thanked the Parish Council for its grant to support the Jubilee Party.

Parish Councillor Fran Welbourne noted that there had been an increase in the number of CO2 canisters being left in open spaces in parts of the village.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that a number of wooden posts near to the pond needed to be replaced and that some the reflective posts on the grass verge along Green Lane also needed replacing. A meeting had been held with a contractor to consider the lighting of the Church Tower.

It was noted that due to shift patterns the local PCSOs were unable to attend Parish Council Meetings when held on a Monday. It was agreed to ask the local policing team if they could submit regular crime reports.

#### **54/22 Village Hall – provision of youth facility**

The Chair reported that the Architects had suggested that a quantity surveyor be invited to fully cost the options for extension to the Village Hall. The Chair noted that the district council had suggested that the Parish Council appoint a project manager.

**Resolved; it was agreed to contract with a Quantity Surveyor at an agreed cost of £425 and ask the Architect to provide a cost for project management**

#### **55/22 Planning Applications**

- S.22/0944/HHOLD - 39 Bridge Keepers Way, demolition of existing garage and construction of a two-storey side extension

**Resolved; No Objections**

- S.22/1075/HHOLD - garage rear of 7 Elmgrove Road West. Permission to raise the garage roof. It was noted that there had been many previous applications.

**Resolved; to raise no objections subject to no further applications being presented**

S.22/0961/HHOLD - 13 Orchard Close, 1st floor extension to front bedroom & 1st floor extension to create additional bedroom to rear of house

**Resolved; to raise no objections**

#### **56/22 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report and list of payments for the period ending May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Resolved to approve the report and payments 2022**

### **57/22 Audit Report 2022**

The Clerk presented the Annual Report of the Internal Auditor. The report identified that the accounts and systems were in place and met all requirements. The audit of payments and receipts had been completed and no issues raised. Members agreed the dates for the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Governance Statement commencing on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 and ending on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

**Resolved; to approve the report of the internal auditor and to approve the end of year financial accounts**

### **58/22 Annual Governance Statement**

Members considered the annual governance statement and approved the report and gave approval for the statement to be signed by the Chair

**Resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement**

**Meeting Closed at 20.30**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**