

Hardwicke Parish Council

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

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Denise Powell

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk

58/22 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors, Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and Ian Butler and District Councillor Gill Oxley

59/22 Declarations of Interest

None declared

60/22 Public Questions

There were none

61/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on June 6th 2022

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 6th 2022

62/22 Parish, District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen reported that there were ongoing discussions about the proposed Redrow Development and the view from the County Council about an access road onto Sellars Road. The Chair noted that Redrow had not received the full highways data from the County Council and no final decision had been made.

Cllr Davies advised the Council on the road safety announcement from the County Council and the availability of funding for projects; these included wheelie bin stickers and VAR speed reduction signs

District Councillor Gill Oxley had submitted a written report which noted that complaints still coming in re parking at Sellars Bridge. New yellow lines being painted and enforcement. Not a District Council service but Highways, and was being followed up by County Councillor Stephen Davies.

The district council had been recognised for its recognised growth in renewables. Full details of work on climate change available on the district council website.

Cllr Peter Rotherham reported that notices on lampposts at Hardwicke Grange indicated that a process had commenced to introduce 'No Waiting' restrictions on Meerbrook Way. County Councillor Stephen Davies added that this was part of the T.R.O and he would report back at a future meeting.

The issue of seagull fouling parts of Hardwicke Grange had been reported to the County Council.

Cllr Fran Welbourne asked for an update on the resurfacing works to the footpaths along Dimore Close. The Chair, Cllr John Perkin replied that he understood that the works would be undertaken in 2023 but he would follow this up with the County Council.

Cllr Andrew James noted that there had been a number of complaints about young people swimming in the canal along the wharf near to Dovedale Close. Residents had spoken to them to raise concern but were subjected to verbal abuse.

63/22 Redrow Development

In response to a request for an update on progress representatives from Redrow attended a Zoom Meeting provided and gave the following update;

- It was explained that delays in the local plan and – to Redrow's frustration – significant delays in getting hold of the highways modelling that will allow highways engineers to run all the data to fully understand the best options, impacts and solutions so that they can get the highways strategy right. Once there is full access to the modelling it will still take another 8-12 weeks, at which point Redrow would welcome the chance to present the high level findings to the Parish Council
- A topline summary of the feedback from the community consultation -Traffic was by far the biggest area of concern. There is a significant minority against the proposals, though a lot of the feedback was positive and making suggestions about what was needed. Redrow will go through some of this detail at a meeting with the Parish Council;
- Questions about traffic, including concerns about the potential impact on Sellars Road, Green Lane, Pound Lane and Church Lane. It was stated that the strategy was to keep the traffic off the lanes;

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin advised that Redrow would be reporting back to a full meeting of the Parish Council in October

Resolved; to note the report

64/22 Community Speedwatch Fund

County Cllr Stephen Davies reiterated his earlier comments about the fund and the opportunity for parish councils to get funding for specific projects. It was agreed to submit applications for wheelie bin stickers and VAR speed reduction signs. Members had identified a number of possible locations.

Resolved; to submit a grant application as agreed

65/22 Planning Applications

S.22/1089/HHOLD - 2 Mylne Close, Hardwicke – to erect rear extension to form open plan kitchen/dining/family room

Resolved; to raise no objections

66/22 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending June 30th 2020 and the list of payments

Resolved; to approve the reports and payments

67/22 Casual Vacancies

The Clerk reported that the district council had advised that the Parish Council could co-opt members to the Parish Council. There are currently three vacancies for parish councillors.

Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Hardwicke can contact the Clerk at

Clerk@hardwickepc.gov.uk

Meeting closed at 19.40

Signed

Chair

Date