

Hardwicke Parish Council

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

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Jill Brearley

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fran Welbourne, Graham Brearley, Denise Powell and District Councillor Gill Oxley

70/22 Declarations of Interest

None declared

71/22 Public Questions

There were none

72/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on September 5th 2022

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 5th 2022

73/22 Footpath along Sellars Road

The Clerk reported that, to date, there had been a response from eight residents who had written in support of the proposal. The closing date for responses being October 21st. It was noted that it would be important to get the views of residents that bordered the proposed path. The Highways Manager had advised that an initial feasibility study would be required before a final decision would be made.

Resolved; to note the update

74/22 Youth and Adult Provision (S106 Projects)

The Chair presented the report which identified the available S106 funding to provide additional facilities to benefit the Parish. The money, held by the district council was around £90,000 and would need to be allocated before February 2023.

A number of previous initiatives had faltered because of difficulty in joint projects with other groups, and COVID making it difficult to get designs and costings for a dedicated youth

facility. The work of local architects and quantity surveyor had identified that the cost of providing a youth only space would be £96,065, the provision of a shared area adjacent to the kitchen would be £78,304 and to achieve both projects would be £174,369. The Village Hall Committee could not support a youth only provision because of the disruption that would take place to provide something that would not generate income. In addition to the build costs, it had been estimated that the annual running costs would be in the region of £10,000 to £12,000 per year.

An alternative use of the S106 money would be to provide an outdoor activity space; quotes had been received for developing a Multi- Use Games Area, (MUGA) which would benefit Youth and Adult Recreation. A facility could be provided in the bottom corner of the field, adjacent to the existing basket court. The cost of the MUGA would be around £63,000 with the balance of the S106 money being used to upgrade the existing changing rooms and to develop a Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden.

Members acknowledged that to develop a dedicated youth facility would not be possible and supported the provision of a MUGA, improvements to the changing rooms and the development of a memorial garden.

The Clerk agreed to approach officers at the district to seek approval for the expenditure

Resolved; to agree the report and to work with the district council on the release of funding for the MUGA, Memorial Garden and Improvements to the changing rooms

75/22 Parish, District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that the County Council had recently opened a new Special Educational Needs School.

An update report on the bridge over the A38 was being prepared.

In response to a question from Cllr Jill Brearley, County Councillor Stephen Davies said that no date had been set for the resurfacing of Church Lane. On the question of a 'pinch point' near to Stank Lane Cllr Davies agreed to get an update from the Area Highway's Manager.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin asked if the speed limit from the top of the flyover could now be reduced to 30mph. Cllr Davies agreed to seek clarification.

Cllr Peter Rotherham asked if there had been progress on the provision No Waiting Lines at Foxwhelp Way, Hardwicke Grange. Cllr Davies agreed to raise this with GCC.

The Clerk was asked to follow up the grant application to Speed Watch.

Cllr Andrew James asked if the district council had given a view on the provision of safety railings along the canal to fill the gap at The Wharf. The Clerk agreed to speak to the district council officer concerned.

Cllr Ian Butler gave a report on the meeting he attended, hosted by GAPTC on traffic issues in the district. All Parish and Town councils were represented. A presentation by Minchinhampton and Rodborough Councils gave information on the speed monitoring equipment that they had purchased (£8,000) which gave up to date information on persistent levels of speed.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin gave a report on the recent presentation by the Prison Service and the Contractor on the production of 'PODS'. The PODS in effect were similar to Park Homes and were being designed to provide accommodation for certain groups of key workers. It was acknowledged that there was no designated site currently available in Hardwicke and the suggestion of locating on land adjacent to the farm buildings would be subject to planning permission and was currently outside the designated development boundary. Members noted that there was merit in the project and would help individuals gain additional skills.

Resolved; to note the reports

76/22 Planning Applications

S.22/1295/TPO Westbourne Road (reference to previous application S.16/0860/TPO)

Resolved; no objections

S.18/1268/106R Mayo's Field The original application was given consent by SDC. This a tidying up of application process

Resolved; no objections

77/22 Finance Report

The Clerk presented; the finance report for the period ending September 30th 2022, list of monthly payments and the final audit report from PKF Littlejohn (external auditors). The notification of the completion of the audit would be posted on the council's website and noticeboards.

Resolved; to note the reports and approve the payments.

78/22 Clerk's Reports

1. Hardwicke School had asked if the parish council would again support an initiative to encourage pupils and parents to park at the Village Hall and walk to school from there. (Parish Council to await proposals from the school)
2. The district council had been asked by the planning inspectorate to undertake a further transport study as part of the local plan review. Parishes had been invited to submit comments by October 25th. (chair and Vice Chair to prepare draft response)
3. Residents at Sellars Bridge had asked if consideration could be given to put yellow lines on the entrance road to Sellars Bridge. The Clerk had sought advice from the Highways manager who had advised that the cost (which would mainly be for the legal notices and process)

Meeting Closed at 20.55

Signed

Chair

Date