

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Tuesday
January 3rd 2023

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Sarah Moore

Cllr Hannah Day

In attendance

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

Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Ian Butler.

1/23 Declarations of Interest

None declared

2/23 Public Questions

There were none

3/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Andrew James proposed a correction to the Minutes 96/22 Millennium Stone. The decision had been to inscribe the stone to note the Accession of King Charles 3rd

Resolved to approve as a correct record as amended the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 5th 2022 Members further agreed to reference both King Charles 3rd and Queen Elizabeth the 2nd on the Millennium Stone

4/23 Footpath on Sellars Road

The Clerk reported that the Highways Safety Team had advised that a 'build out' from the verge (as reported in Minute 94/22) would not be approved as part of the road at the location was on a bend. It was agreed to have a further site meeting with the Area Highways Manager.

Resolved; to note the update and to seek a further meeting with the Highways Manager

5/23 Section 106 Projects

The Clerk confirmed that the Section 106 Project Form had been submitted to Stroud District Council and a formal response was awaited.

Cllr Denise Powell reported that the quote submitted by Hardwicke Football Club for the refurbishment of the changing rooms was the best price available for undertaking the work. The Clerk reported that this would form part of the submission to the district council for the release of S106 funding. It was also noted that the contractors for construction of the MUGA would require 50% of the costs paid upfront to allow for the manufacture of materials.

In respect of the memorial garden and quote had not yet been received.

Resolved to note the update report

6/23 Councillor Reports

District Cllr Gill Oxley reported that there were continuing problems with fly-tipping in Pound Lane. In respect of the Local Plan the Inspectors had announced that the examination would be conducted using the remote meeting platform Zoom. The examination would commence in May 2023.

County Councillor Stephen Davies advised that the County Council had launched a Road Safety Programme which would look at 20mph zones. The County Council had commenced a tree planting programme on its tenant farms.

Parish Councillor Denise Powell that the damaged roof to the Village Hall had been inspected and a contractor had been appointed to repair the leaks. There had been reports of Travellers camping on The Green / Sticky Lane. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been referred to the Neighbourhood Warden.

Cllr Graham Brearley reported that some trees had fallen down close to the footpath through the fields at the rear of Church Lane. It was agreed to report the matter to estate managers for Hardwicke Estate.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin gave a report on a meeting that he and the Vice Chair had held with the football club. There was an agreement in principle, for the provision of a storage container in the far corner of the car park, near to the British Legion. This would provide storage facilities for the football club which would also be shared with the local Scout Group. The proposed position of the container would result in the loss of just one car parking space. The Chair noted that the bus stop at the junction of Sellars Road and Elmgrove Road West had been removed. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report back.

Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions

7/23 Planning Application

S.22/2596/HHOLD | Erection of a detached double garage. | 32 Wharfdale Way

This application for a double garage will be detached from the main property.

Members expressed concern with the application and agreed to object to the application and request that the application be referred to the district council's Development Control Committee.

Resolved; to object to the application and to request referral to development Control Committee

8/23 Finance Report including Budget and Precept for 2023/2024

1. The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending December 31st 2022 and the list of monthly payments

Resolved; to approve the finance report

- 2 Members considered the budget proposals for 2023 /2024. The Clerk reported that along with a number of other councils the tax base for the forthcoming year had reduced slightly. The new tax base, as advised by the district council was now 1,475. Members agreed to set a net budget of £55,533. This would set the Band D Council Tax rate at £37.65 for the year, this was a £1 increase on the previous year.

Resolved; To set a net budget of £55,533 with a band d rate of £37.65

Meeting Closed at 20.40

Signed

Chair

Date