

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Tuesday May 2nd 2023

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Fran Welbourne

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, and Kevin Lee, Clerk

Apologies

Apologies were received from Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Hannah Day, Sarah Moore, Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and County Councillor Stephen Davies

36/23 Declarations of Interest

None declared

37/23 Public Questions

There were none

38/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on March 27th were approved as a correct record and signed by The Chair

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 27th 2023

39/23 Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that the police had undertaken speed surveys in Church Lane and Pound Lane, a number of speeding fines had been issued. Cllr Oxley advised members that the district council had introduced a programme for retro fitting properties; full details were available on the Stroud District Council website.

Parish Councillor Ian Butler gave a report on the latest meeting of Severn Voice Group of Parishes. One of the main topics discussed was about planning and in particular, the four applications for solar farms. The group also discussed the benefits of the grass cutting contract which all parishes had signed up to. Ian had suggested to the group that they consider meeting more frequently than twice a year.

Parish Councillor Peter Rotherham referred to the notice of road closures and diversions related to the construction of the new access road to Hunts Grove. The Chair recalled that it was intended to hold a meeting with the County Council Highways Team to learn more of the proposal and the impact on Hardwicke. The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting with the

County Councillor, Stephen Davies and representatives from GCC Highways. On behalf of Hardwicke Grange, Peter thanked the Parish Council for the approval of a grant for a street party for the Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

Parish Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the dog bin on Sellars Road near to the roundabout was still on the floor and the bin near the entrance to Wharfdale was regularly overflowing.

Parish Councillor Denise Powell gave an update on the progress of the works to improve the changing rooms.

Parish Councillor Andrew James reported that a car had gone through the hedge near to the pilot inn and also demolished a waste bin.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that he had received a letter from a resident which raised concerns about the siting of a seat alongside the Wharf. Members acknowledged the letter and the points raised. The Clerk had asked suppliers for a quote for the seat and installation at a suitable location. The Chair noted that the path leading from Wharfdale to the Pilot Inn was very muddy and was susceptible to flooding. The Clerk to contact highways to attend to the area. The Chair referred to the representation made at the previous meeting of the council when residents raised complaints about the amount of weeds around Hildyard Close. County Highways had been contacted; however the county council replied that they did not undertake weed clearance along the kerbside/pavement.

There had been complaints from dog owners that a resident had been throwing food onto the field and onto the surrounding paths. Dogs had been picking up the food and being ill. Concern was also expressed that this would also encourage rats into the area. Residents are urged not to throw food onto the field and surrounding areas.

The Chair proposed that the Parish Council consider running a summer play scheme for young people for next summer and budgetary provision to be made.

The Chair noted that there had been a significant increase in the numbers and size of lorries using the B4008 (Bristol Road) he had also received complaints from residents.

Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions

40/23 Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden

The Chair reported that quotes had been received for the planting of the memorial garden. The Clerk informed Members that he had met with a senior officer from Stroud District Council who had given approval for the scheme. Members agreed with the quotes and asked for a further quote for the provision of low fencing around the proposed rose garden.

Resolved; to proceed with the quote and to ask for fencing to be provided around the rose garden

41/23 Planning Applications

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the Parish Council has been consulted on the proposed extension to Hunts Grove. Members acknowledged that a formal response would be submitted by Hunts Grove Parish Council and that HPC had no further comments to make

Resolved to note the report

42/23 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending April 30th 2023 and the list of payments for approval.

The Clerk gave a report on a meeting that he had with Scribe (accounts package) Using Scribe would allow for swifter finance reports and budgetary control. The cost of the package would be £408. The Clerk recommended the purchase of the package.

Resolved; to approve the purchase of Scribe

Meeting Closed at 21.00

Signed

Chair

Date

Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending February 28th 2023 and the list of payments.

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

26/23 Clerks Report

1. Annual Meeting of the Parish – Parish Assembly It was confirmed that the meeting would be held on Thursday April 13th in the Lounge. It was proposed that representatives from; the church, police and crime commissioner be invited to make a brief presentation at the meeting.
2. Active Travel Fund. The Clerk referred to the correspondence from Standish Parish Council seeking support for an improved cycle way between Gloucester and Stroud via the B4008. Members agreed to sign a letter of support for the scheme

Meeting Closed 21.20

Signed

Chair

Date