

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

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

### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Sarah Moore

### **In attendance**

County Councillor Stephen Davies, a Member of the Public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Gill Oxley, Parish Councillors; Jill Brearley, Hannah Day and Graham Brearley.

The Clerk reported that Parish Councillor David Webb had resigned from the Council

### **52/23 Declarations of Interest**

**None declared**

### **53/23 Public Questions**

**There were none**

### **54/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup> were amended to include the discussion on the ongoing support and possible financial support to Hardwicke Village Hall. The Chair signed the Minutes as amended. It was further agreed to set up a sub group to examine possible support to the Hall and to submit proposals to the September meeting of the Parish Council

**Resolved; to approve the Minutes as amended and establish a sub group to develop proposals for ongoing support to the Village Hall**

### **55/23 Report from the Chair on the following items;**

- **Locations for Yellow No Parking Lines**

Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, the Chair, Cllr John Perkin presented a map marked with possible locations for yellow lines, these included parts of areas at; the entrance to Sellars Bridge, Hardwicke Grange, Wharfdale Way, Westland Road and Elmgrove Road East.

**Resolved; to discuss the proposed areas with the Highways Manager**

- **Dog Control Orders**

Stroud District Council had invited Parish and Town Councils to consider and submit comments on its review of its 'dog control orders.' The existing orders were last

reviewed in 2017. A proposed area of change is to remove the requirement for dogs to be kept on leads along canal tow-paths and cycle tracks and for this to be in place for a further three years

**Resolved; to write to the district council to support the proposed change**

### **56/23 Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that the county council had launched its 'Holiday Activity Fund' for the school summer holidays. The scheme is government funded and is available to children who have access to free school meals. The Chair, Cllr John Perkin added that the Parish Council was looking to set up a youth school holiday programme for the summer of 2024.

In respect of highways matters the county council had set up a number of teams to identify and repair potholes in the carriageway. The county council had also been progressing its construction of the cycle route between Cheltenham and Gloucester through to Stroud.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on recent incidents of anti-social behaviour and complaints about the Youth Shelter in the playing field. Members agreed to remove the shelter.

Cllr John Perkin noted that the overgrown hedge at the end of Sticky Lane leading to The Green was blocking the culvert and needed cutting and the footpath was also overgrown.

**Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions**

### **57/23 Planning Applications**

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that S.19/2476/FUL land at 21 and 23 had been refused and that S.20/047/APPREF where this went to the Planning Inspectorate and dismissed, the Appellant appealed against the Dismissal and again was dismissed

**Resolved; to note the report**

### **58/23 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 and the list of monthly payments

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

### **59/23 Clerks Report on Administrative Matters**

The Clerk reported that letters had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau and Hardwicke Church thanking the Parish Council for the recent grants allocations

### **60/23 Lead Member Vacancies**

Councillors Sarah Moore and Hannah Day were appointed to undertake regular inspections of the Council's play areas and equipment.

**Meeting Closed at 21.00**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**

