

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Fran Welbourne

### **In attendance**

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

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from, Hannah Day, Sarah Moore and Andrew James.

### **61/23 Declarations of Interest**

**None declared**

### **62/23 Public Questions**

There were none. However, The Chair reported that he had received notes of thanks from residents for the removal of the youth shelter

### **63/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by The Chair

**Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

### **64/23 Co-Option to Parish Council**

**Resolved; to set aside the co-option until the meeting in October**

### **65/23 Redrow Planning Application**

The Chair Cllr John Perkin introduced his report which would form the basis for response to the planning application.

Members discussed a number of issues including, the sports facilities at The Close, no through access via Pound Lane, Church Lane and Green Lane (except for

emergency vehicles,) 20mph throughout the development and adjoining roads and that open space/ allotments be transferred to the parish council on a phased basis.

County Councillor Stephen Davies, reported that the Planning Inspector had stated that consideration of the Stroud District Council's Local Plan should be delayed for six months to allow for an assessment of the impact of access to the M5 at Junction 12 and 13. It had been suggested that to make changes to the motorway junctions would cost around £250m.

District Councillor Gill Oxley and Stephen Davies recommended that the Parish Council seek a meeting with District Council's lead planning officer.

**Resolved; to approve the response, as amended, to the planning application and to seek a meeting with the planning officer**

**A copy of the formal response to the planning application is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes and posted on the Parish Council's website <https://www.hardwickepc.gov.uk/parish-planning.php>**

### **66/23 Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that the County Council's Trading Standards Officers had recently recovered £9,000 worth of illegal vapes. Following the secondary school allocation process, a number of children from Hardwicke did not get their choice of Severn Vale School with some of them being allocated to Archway School.

An Ofsted inspection of the County's 'Front Door' service had been ranked highly.

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that the cycling Tour of Britain would be travelling through Stroud and Gloucester. A number of meetings on highways issues had been set up in response to the proposed housing development at Brookethorpe with Whaddon.

Cllr Ian Butler expressed concern that some areas of land in Hardwicke had been fenced off. It was assumed that this related to the proposed Redrow development. It was noted that the dog bin at the end of Sellars Road/Elmgrove Road had not been put back onto its post.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin, that he had received comments from residents asking for a bus shelter to be provided near to the entrance to Sunnyfield Road. The Clerk reported that the County Council had completed the new surface for a bus stop and provided a 'dropped kerb'. The Clerk added that the County Council would approve the provision of a bus shelter if the Parish Council would agree to a 50% share of the costs. The likely cost of a shelter was £6,000 with the Parish Council being required to pay £3,000. Members agreed to the purchase and approved the completion of the application form to the County Council.

**Resolved; to note the report and actions and to approve the application for a bus shelter with a contribution of £3,000**

**67/23 Planning Application**

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported that the only application for consideration was at the Quadrant Distribution Centre.

**Resolved to; to note the report and raise no objections**

**68/23 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report and the list of payments for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>

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

**Meeting Closed at 21.10**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**