

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday November 6th 2023

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Sarah Moore

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Hannah Day

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies, District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk. Two Members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies

Apologies were received from, Graham Brearley and Andrew James

78/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none

79/23 Public Questions

A resident attended the meeting to report on the recent flooding at Springfield's. The Clerk confirmed that the matter would be reported to the Area Highways Manager.

80/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 2nd 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

81/23 Casual Vacancy

Resolved; It was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting

82/23 Yellow Lines – Parking Restrictions

The Chair introduced the report from the Area Highways Manager on the agreed locations for yellow lines at specific locations. Cllr Peter Rotherham noted that an area of Hardwicke Grange had not been fully included. It was agreed to clarify this with the Area Highways Manager before progressing the Traffic Order (T.R.O.)

The Clerk reported that the cost of the T.R.O. would be £15,000 and that there would be contribution of £3,500 from County Councillor Stephen Davies's local budget.

The Clerk informed Members that the County Council had confirmed that once payment had been made then the legal process and public consultation for a TRO would be included in the programme for 2024

Resolved; to agree to progress a T.R.O with a net cost of £11,500 for the agreed locations at; Bridge Keepers Way, Elmgrove Road East (from junction with B4008 to Cornfield Drive), Green Lane (single yellow line Monday to Friday 08.00 to 16.00), Extending the Yellow Lines from The Pilot Bridge through to Haywicks Lane. To include an area of Hardwicke Grange (subject to discussion with Area Highways Manager

83/23 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that a Christmas Holiday Activity fund had been launched and available to young people receiving free school meals.

A job support scheme for over 50s had been launched and was available through the local libraries. School admissions process for 2024 had commenced.

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that the highway ditches along Pound Lane were regularly filled with fly tipping and in need of clearance. Cllr Jill Brearley also noted that there was an increase in fly tipping along the road through to Longney. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the Neighbourhood Warden and to also investigate if a regular work programme could be established with Leyhill. Cllr Oxley had received a number of complaints about flooding; concerns had been raised about flooding from the pumping station in Pound Lane, however, Severn Trent Water Authority had claimed it was due to the unprecedented rain rather a problem with the station.

Cllr Peter Rotherham asked if there had been any progress in providing dog bin for Hardwicke Grange. The Clerk agreed to seek a response from the district council.

Cllr Fran Welbourne noted that the County Council had previously stated that it would complete the resurfacing of the pavements in Dimore Close, the Clerk to get an update from the Area Highways Manager. Cllr Stephen Davies advised that money was going to be put into Highways Local Budget for the next financial year.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on the meeting with representatives from Hardwicke Estate and with Cllrs Jill Brearley and Graham Brearley. This was to explore options for reducing the flooding into Church Lane. It was identified that some of the pipes to the culvert may not be large enough to carry away the excess water. Resulting from the meeting it was agreed to undertake work to clear the ditches leading from Church Lane. It was proposed that the Parish Council would make a contribution to the cost of ditch clearance.

Cllr John Perkin had met with the Neighbourhood Warden in response to a family of rats inhabiting the area around the pond in Green Lane it was noted that food/bird seed was being left on the verge. It was agreed to put up notices advising people not to do this. A further issue in Green Lane was the extent of the verge leading from the pond down towards The Plantation; the nettles and other weeds had encroached onto the path. It was agreed to

discuss with the Council's Contractors to remove the overgrowth and replace with grass that could be more easily maintained.

Cllr Perkin reported that he had received an e mail a resident who had reported an incident at the MUGA. Two children who were using the area had been threatened by older children and had been forced to move from the area. Cllr Perkin added that he had also received a report of another incident. It was agreed to investigate the provision of additional CCTV cameras for the area.

84/23 Planning Applications

Cllr Fran Welbourne presented the planning report;

S.23/1880/HHOLD Renaissance, Sellars Road

Resolved; no objections raised

S.23/2035/FUL Temporary Changing rooms The Close Green Lane

Resolved; no objections raised;

85/23 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending October 31st 2023 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

86/23 Tree Maintenance

The Clerk presented the report of the recent survey of the trees within the Council's open spaces. The report identified that a number of trees would require attention over the following six months. The cost had been estimated at a cost of £2920.

Resolved; to approve the schedule of works

87/23 Clerks Report

- The dates of meetings for 2024 were agreed details would be on the councils website
- A resident had requested permission to donate a bench for the Churchyard.

Meeting Closed at 20.55

Signed

Chair

Date

