

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Tuesday May 5th 2025

Present

Cllr John Perkin	Cllr Peter Rotherham
Cllr Fran Welbourne	Cllr Graham Brearley
Cllr Jill Brearley	Cllr Andrew James
Cllr Denise Powell	Cllr Ian Butler

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk

34/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Hannah Day and District Councillor Gill Oxley.

35/25 Declarations of Interest

There were none

36/25 Public Questions

A resident had written to the Clerk to report that there had been a couple of people hitting golf balls on the playing field and was concerned about public safety. Members discussed whether notices should be displayed to prohibit certain activities.

The Clerk agreed to make inquiries with the Council's Insurers in respect of public liability

36/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on April 7th 2025

37/25 Councillor Reports

District Cllr Gill Oxley had submitted a written report which had been circulated to Members. Issues raised included, fly-tipping and ongoing problems with the pumping station. In respect of the Local Plan, the inspectors were seeking for the plan to be withdrawn and this was being challenged by the district council.

County Councillor Stephen Davies has been re-elected to the County Council. There would be a change in administration of the County Council following the May

Elections. The Liberal Democrats are now the largest party with 27 seats, one seat short of an overall majority.

The County Council had continued to repair many potholes and residents advised to report issues on 'fix my street'. In response to a question from The Chair, Cllr John Perkin, Cllr Davies advised that he was waiting for notification of a meeting in respect of the road closures associated with the new access to Hunts Grove.

Cllr Ian Butler reported on the meeting he attended at Quedgeley Town Council in respect of the increased traffic affecting Hardwicke, Hunts Grove, Haresfield and Hardwicke. The impact of future development on the highway network was adding to the concerns.

Cllr Denise Powell asked if the car parking spaces could be re-painted, and for the latch to the side gate to be re-paired.

Cllr Graham Brearley reported that the mattresses in the Shorn Brook had not been removed. Cllr Perkin advised that he had spoken to the estate's agents and a contractor had been asked to clear the brook.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that stinging nettles were overgrowing the paths near to the school. The Clerk confirmed that a contractor had been contacted to clear them. Some of the wooden posts along Green Lane were in need of replacement.

The 'pitch markings' inside the MUGA needed repainting, the Clerk to identify a suitable contractor

Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions

38/25 Play Area Inspection Reports

Cllr Denise Powell reported that she had met the inspector to receive feedback on the items that required attention. Some matters were of low priority and it was agreed to prepare a schedule for a contractor to undertake the work.

Resolved; to note the report and the actions required

39/25 Transfer of Open Spaces

The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the proposed transfer of spaces and play areas from the district council to the Parish Council. A formal notice proposing the transfer had been given to the local press and comments could be made up to May 22nd.

Resolved; to note the report

40/25 Planning Application

S.25/0782/FUL - 15 Waterdale Close Hardwicke - Change of use of a single dwellinghouse (Class C3) to a care home for up to three young people with complex needs (Class C2)

Members noted that the application would require a 'change of use' and were concerned about the potential impact on neighbouring properties

Resolved to; raise concerns about potential impact on neighbours

41/25 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report and list of payments for the period ending April 30th 2025. Cllr Peter Rotherham reported that he raised a question about an invoice and was satisfied with the reply.

Resolved; to approve the statement and agree the list of payments

42/25 Grant Application

Members considered a grant application from a residents group at Lloyd Baker Court who wished to purchase a mower in order to maintain the grass areas.

Resolved; to defer consideration pending further information

Meeting Closed at 21.15

Signed

Chair

Date