

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday June 2nd 2005

Present

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Denise Powell

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk

43/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley, Hannah Day and County Councillor Stephen Davies. Approximately thirty Residents attended the meeting to discuss a planning application.

44/25 Declarations of Interest

There were none

45/25 Public Questions

Approximately thirty residents attended the meeting to express their concerns about a planning application. The application was in respect of change of use of a property from a family residential to one providing a 24 hour residential care home facility.

A number of residents expressed concern that the change of use would have an adverse impact on the local community, for those living immediately next door, the impact would be significant and disruptive. Residents reported that there were restrictive covenants on properties in the area and that the 'application' was in contravention of the covenants. Residents reported that the Care Quality Commission had been contacted and the commission had taken the view that the location would not be suitable for care provision.

District Councillor Gill Oxley informed the meeting that she had met with a number of residents. She had spoken to the district councils planning officer to express the concerns of residents and to oppose the application.

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr John Perkin informed residents that the Council supported their concerns and would not be supporting the application and would make its opposition clear to the planning officer.

Residents thanked the Council for its support and for being given the opportunity to speak at the meeting

The Parish Councils formal response to the application is recorded below under Minute 48/25

46/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting held on May were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on May 6th 2005 were approved and signed by the Chair

47/25 Councillor Reports

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that a vehicle had hit the barriers on Church Lane with some debris still on the grass verge.

Fly tipping was continuing to be a problem in places around the village. The fencing around the former school building in Church Lane was in a poor state and becoming unsightly. The Clerk agreed to contact the agents for the estate and ask for the fencing to be repaired.

Cllr Oxley gave an update on the District Council's Local Plan and the formal response from the Planning Inspectorate dated April 9th 2025 The inspectorate response can be found through the following link

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review/local-plan-examination/examination-library>

Cllr Peter Rotherham noted that the road works for the new access for Hunts Grove would commence on June 9th. He added that it was disgraceful that the Parish Council had not been previously consulted on the road diversions and the impact on Hardwicke.

Cllr Ian Butler had researched the process for introducing bye laws covering parts of Parish Council. He described the process and noted that would be costs associated with this.

Cllr Denise Powell reported on the number of incidents of Anti- Social Behaviour that had been noted in around the playing field. Cllr Powell added that she had met with the CCTV contractor to assess the need for additional cameras. It was agreed to give delegated authority to Cllr Powell and the Clerk to approve the contract for additional security CCTV around the Village Hall, Car Park and also covering the play areas.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported on the discussions with Hardwicke School to support a summer play-scheme. The school was already working with a contractor to provide a scheme within the school and in partnership with Beech Green School. The Parish Council's support of £4,000 (as set out in its budget) would provide for an additional 130 'children days'.

Cllr Perkin informed Members that he had spoken to the agents for Hardwicke Estate and the agents confirmed that the trees blocking part of the Shorn Brook would be removed.

Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions

48/25 Planning Applications

S.25/0782/FUL 15 Waterdale Close.

The Parish Council considered the above planning application and took account of the views expressed by residents and agreed to oppose the change of use

Resolved; Hardwicke Parish Council (HPC) strongly oppose this change on suitability for the following reasons:

- The property was built as part of a residential development as a dwelling for family use and is surrounded by other properties immediately adjacent. The developers even included a restrictive covenant on each property to prevent any deviation from the current status.
- Change of use would have a devastating negative impact on this quiet cul-de-sac and the surrounding area because of the operational requirements required to operate the facility. Excessive traffic, noise and disruption caused by shift changes and visiting professionals. A totally detrimental change to the dynamic to that which currently exists today.
- The almost certain potential for the Wellbeing and Mental Health of the adjacent families being negatively affected by the way the site is run and the nature of those being cared for.
- Whichever way it is looked at, the change will allow a commercial venture to be run in a residential area not equipped for this activity.
- HPC have had previous experience of a similar facility existing on a new development amongst residential houses that in spite of all the promises and assurances by those operating it, the problem never improved.
- It is unreasonable to site such a facility where proposed because it will certainly have an adverse effect on the property values in the area. Clearly those proposing such a facility have no regard to this otherwise they would be looking for a more suitable property with greater parking and with a greater separation from adjoining properties thus lessening any impact on any neighbours which is not the case here.
- The Parish Council has consulted fully with local residents and supports their grave concerns that the proposal is wholly inappropriate within a residential setting. The Parish Council further agrees that the application would have a significant negative impact on community well-being and individual families

S.25/0951/P3Q Church Farm , Pound Lane, Hardwicke, Change of use and conversion of an existing barn to a single dwelling (C3)

Resolved; to raise no objections

49/25 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the report for the period ending May 31st 2025 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

Meeting Closed at 21.15

Signed

Chair

Date