

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday July 7th 2005

Present

Cllr John Perkin

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Graham Brearley

In attendance

Kevin Lee, Clerk

50/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Hannah Day and Andrew James, County Councillor Stephen Davies and District Councillor Gill Oxley.

51/25 Declarations of Interest

There were none

52/25 Public Questions

There were none

53/25 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 2nd 2025

54/25 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies had submitted a written report. Cllr Davies had forwarded a proposal from the County Council for an on-street charging point in Hardwicke. Parish Councillors considered that the proposed location was not suitable as it would reduce parking spaces for other residents.

District Councillor Gill Oxley's written report included an update on the Stroud District Council's Local Plan. The Plan had been stalled because of the Planning Inspectorates concerns about the impact development would have on the local Motorway Junctions. The District Council had received a response from Highways England which suggested that the issues could be overcome.

Cllr Denise Powell reported that there were a number of missing wooden bollards from around the car park. The Clerk to arrange replacements.

Cllr Jill Brearley noted that the water level in the Shorn Brook was very low and dry in places. Jill, also commented on the heavy traffic load through Church Lane and

the speed of some drivers with a number of accidents reported. Cllr Peter Rotherham reminded Members to also report incidents to the Police via 101.

Cllr Graham Brearley again reported that the mattress blocking the ditch had not been removed. The Chair advised that he had contacted the Estates agents requesting that it be removed.

The Chair Cllr John Perkin recorded the Parish Council's thanks to the Highways Manager for completing the resurfacing of the footways around the park. Cllr Perkin informed Members of his discussion with the County Council's Traffic Order Team in respect of parking in Green Lane. The parking was in contravention to the 'No Parking' orders.

Resolved; to note the reports and the follow up actions

55/25 Planning Applications

- S.24/1153/HHOLD Elmgrove Road west

Resolved; to raise no objections

- S.25/1108/FUL Rose Cottage

Resolved; to raise no objections

S.25/1102/FUL King Close

Members expressed concern about the proposed development over a number of issues including; building over exiting garages, the extent of the development and the additional traffic impact

Resolved; to object to the application and request referral to the District Council's Development Control Cttee

56/25 Annual Governance report

The Clerk presented the annual governance report for approval. The report had been approved in discussion with the Council's Finance Lead, Cllr Peter Rotherham

Resolved to approve the report

57/25 Financial Report

1. The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending June 30th 2025 and the list of payments for approval

Resolved; to approve the report and payments list

2. The Clerk and Cllr Peter Rotherham presented the annual report from the auditor. There had been no matters to raise with the council and the auditor had signed off the accounts.

Resolved; to approve the audit report

58/25 Grant Applications

1. **Hardwicke Rangers Football Club**; request for a grant to support the provision of Paramedic Trained First Aiders for the Annual Football Tournament

Resolved; to approve a grant of £320

2. **Transition Stroud**; request for a grant for the 'Litter Pickers' project to buy books and reading sessions in local schools. Hardwicke School has signed up to the campaign.

Resolved; to approve a grant of £150

59/25 Tree Survey Report

Members considered the recent tree survey and cost for tree surgery in Green Lane and around the pond. It was agreed to get further quotes for the work

Resolved; to get quotes for the work to be undertaken in the Autumn

60/25 Clerks Report

Annual Meeting of the Parish (Parish Assembly

- **To confirm the date of Monday July 28th**

Community 20s Campaign

The Chair outlined the aims of the project and Members suggested areas in the Parish which could be considered for inclusion in future schemes.

Resolved; The Chair would conclude the report for submission in September

Meeting Closed at 21.15

Signed

Chair

Date