

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday October 6th 2025

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Hannah Day

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, County Councillor Stephen Davies, Three representatives from Turley Planning consultants, two Members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

70/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Andrew James, Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and Hannah Day

71/25 Declarations of Interest

There were none

72/25 Presentation on possible development of land near to the Pilot Inn

Representatives from Turley Planning Consultants gave a presentation on the possible development of an Elderly Persons Home on land adjacent to the Pilot. The Consultants advised that this was very early in the planning process and, although initial discussions had taken place with the District Council, a full planning application had not been prepared. The proposed accommodation would meet some of the shortfall in provision for older people as identified by the District Council. The Home would provide employment for 65 Full Time Equivalent Employees. The consultants advised that as the application progresses they would be holding a public information event

Members thanked the Consultants for giving the Parish Council an early insight to their ideas for developing a care home in the Parish.

73/25 Public Questions

A question was asked as to whether the pitch side barriers could be removed now that Hardwicke Football Club was playing in a division which did not require barriers. It was agreed to raise this matter with the club

74/25 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved; to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 1st 2025

75/25 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies gave a report on the success of the Trading Standards Team who had successfully prosecuted shops for selling vapes to under age customers. With Police Cadets acting as secret shoppers.

Cllr Davies reported that the County Council had allocated £300,000 for 20mph schemes; 140 Parishes had declared an interest in the implementation of a scheme

District Councillor Gill Oxley commented on the Planning Application for a domestic property to be registered for care provision. The application had been 'called in' and would be considered by District Members at a meeting of the Development Control Committee.

Cllr Oxley advised Parish Councillors that applications for Postal Votes could only be held for three years. Members of the public were advised to ensure that their application for postal votes were up to date.

Cllr Fran Welbourne noted that the hedge along Sellars Road, bordering Sellars Bridge needed to be cut back.

Cllr Denise Powell reported on the impact of the gas supply being cut off in Green Lane due to the work on the B4008.

Cllr Ian Butler reported on the ongoing traffic problems through Pound Land, Church Lane and Sellars Road due to the road works on the A38. The Chair reported that a meeting was to be arranged with Crest, their contractor O'Briens and County Council.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin raised concerns that the public right of way through the field leading from the Green had been ploughed up. The Clerk agreed to speak to the Estates Land Agents to get the path reinstated.

Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions

76/25 Finance report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending September 30th including the list of payments. The Clerk also reported that the External Auditors had signed off the audit and accounts for the year ending March 31st 2025

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee had asked for consideration be given to a grant to the Village Hall to complete the repairs to the roof. The estimated cost was £5,000
The Clerk advised that if approved, the grant could be funded from CIL Money from developers.

Resolved; 1 To approve the finance report for the period ending September 30th 2025
2 To approve a grant of £5,000 to the Village Hall Committee

(note Cllr Denise Powell did not vote on the matter)

Meeting Close at 20.50

Signed

Chair

Date