

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday November 3rd 2025**

#### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Hannah Day

Cllr Ian Butler

#### **In attendance**

District Councillor Gill Oxley, one member of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

#### **77/25 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors, Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley and County Councillor Stephen Davies

#### **78/25 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

#### **79/25 Public Questions**

There were none

#### **80/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolved; to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**

#### **81/25 Road Closures relating to access road to Hunts Grove**

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin noted that the night closure of Pound Lane and Church Lane during the A38 road closures had worked well and there had been positive feedback from residents. The challenge was how to manage traffic through the lanes during the day time whilst maintaining access for residents and businesses. It was noted that five businesses operate daily and could be affected by road closures. Members considered whether traffic calming measure could be put in place.

Members agreed that a full temporary road closure should be put in place and that the suggested position for closing the road would be near to The Old Hall. This would prevent vehicles from using the lanes as a through route to and from the A38

**Resolved; Members voted unanimously to seek the closure of Church Lane to prevent traffic using the lanes as a through route to and from the A38**

## **82/25 Councillor Reports**

District Councillor Gill Oxley gave an update on the Planning Application that had been submitted in respect of a residential care home on Wharfdale. It was noted that the Parish Council and members of the public had submitted objections to the application. Cllr Oxley reported that a decision on the application would be around November 14<sup>th</sup> 2025.

The issues of noise from the pumping station in Pound Lane were still continuing. Severn Trent Water had been in contact with a third party about water flows to the pumping station.

Cllr Denise Powell reported that the money from the UBB grant application fund had not been received. The Chair Cllr. John Perkin agreed to follow this up with UBB.

Cllr Powell passed on the thanks from the Village Hall Committee for the grant from the council to repair the roof to the village hall.

Cllr Peter Rotherham gave an update on discussions within Hardwicke Grange about the areas within the control of the developer's management company. Cllr Rotherham reported that there was considerable concern by residents that a gate creating a field entrance between properties on Foxwhelp Way has been installed. Thus raising concern about development on the land behind Ballis Square.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin noted a number of outstanding issues; mattress still lodged in the brook despite requests to the agents for the Estate, the bottom half of The Green was waiting to be cut and City Fibre had not replied to requests for a discussion on a wayleave for their cable being installed on Parish Council Land.

**Resolved; to note the reports and follow up actions.**

## **83/25 Planning Applications**

S.25/1911/HHOLD Verona Cottage

Members considered the application and noted the previous developments at this location. The Parish Council would like to understand why a further retrospective application has not been submitted for the single storey extension

**Resolved; The Parish Council objects to the application on the basis that the site has been continually developed without initial planning permission but granted retrospectively.**

## **84/25 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending October 31<sup>st</sup> and the list of payments and asked for suggested growth items for the 2026/2027 budget.

Members discussed a list of possible items and agreed to give further consideration at its December Meeting

**Resolved; to approve the reports and payments**

**85/25 Dates of Meetings for 2026**

**Resolved; to approve the dates of meetings for 2026**

**Meeting closed at 21.05**

**Signed**

**Chair**

**Date**