

## **Hardwicke Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**

#### **Present**

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Graham Brearley

#### **In attendance**

District Councillor Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk.

#### **08/26 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received County Councillor Stephen Davies.

Parish Councillor Hannah Day had written to the Chair of the Parish Council to tender her resignation from the Council

The Chair Cllr John Perkin commented that Hannah had contributed to the work of the Parish Council and her enthusiasm would be missed.

#### **09/26 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

#### **10/26 Public Questions**

There were none

#### **11/26 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

#### **Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Meeting**

#### **12/26 Councillor Reports**

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported on the continuing anti-social behaviour at the lay-by on the A38 at Moreton Valence. The district council's community officer and the Police had been made aware and were investigating the incidents.

Cllr Oxley gave an update on the response from residents to the planning application for Waterdale Close. There had been phenomenal opposition from residents to the application. Residents had thanked the Parish Council for its support and for speaking at the development Control Committee. Members of the Committee voted to approve the application with only two Members voting against it. Cllr Oxley added

that officers appeared to ignore the concerns of residents and had not considered a response from the County Council's Commissioning Officer.

Residents were mindful to complain to the ombudsman's service. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would submit a formal complaint to the District Council.

Parish Councillor Denise Powell thanked the Parish Council for re-marking the parking bays in the Car Park

Cllr Graham Brearley noted that there was still increased traffic through the lanes and evidence of speeding. The Barrier on the corner by the Church had again been damaged. The Chair advised Members that the County Council had agreed to undertake traffic and speed survey.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin had noticed an increase in dog fouling around the area. In respect of play equipment, the roundabout within the Elmgrove Play Area may need some attention. The surface of the footway by the Pond in Green Lane was wearing away.

The Chair reported that an initial discussion had taken place with City Fibre about the installation of cable within the verges along The Green. The Parish Council had asked City Fibre for a financial contribution/wayleave as they had never asked permission to place the cables in land owned by the Parish Council.

**Resolved; to note the reports and follow up action**

### **13/26 Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the financial report and list of payments for the month ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

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

**Meeting Closed at 20.45**