

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Tuesday April 7th 2026

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Andrew James

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Tally Giampa

In attendance

County Councillor Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk

21/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received District Councillor Gill Oxley.

22/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fran Welbourne declared anon personal interest in item 8 of the agenda as it related to a near neighbour

23/26 Public Questions

There were none

24/26 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 2nd 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

25/26 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported that the Government had made additional provision for special needs education which had been welcomed by the County Council. A new special school has been announced for Cheltenham area. Also, in respect of Education, 83% of young people had been allocated their first choice of secondary schools (6635 secondary school places across the County) The Government has allocated £3.8m for young people and given the Council £5.7m for a crisis fund.

In respect of Transport £28.4 over a four year period had been allocated for public transport.

Following the County Wide campaign for 20mph traffic areas, Hardwicke had been identified as being in phase 3 of the roll out which would be in 2027/2028.

It was reported that some residents from Sellars Bridge had raised concerns about the 'no parking restrictions' at the entrance to the estate. It had been suggested that the restrictions were not effective in respect of traffic safety.

District Councillor Gill Oxley had circulated a written report. The report gave an update on the delayed progress of the District Council's Local Plan. Issues still remained in respect of the M5 Junction 12.

Cllr Peter Rotherham and Cllr Ian Butler had attended a recent meeting of the Infrastructure Group which had been organised by Quedgeley T.C. Local MPs had been in attendance. The Director of Place from Stroud District Council had commented that he did not see why the issues of Junction 12 should slow down future development. The local MPs, did not support the district council's views.

Cllr Andrew James gave an update on his discussions with the local diocese and with Gloucester Funeral Services. In respect of burials and internments in the Parish Council's Cemetery. In a change of policy there would now be closer control and accountability for the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to be responsible for the grass cutting in the whole of the Churchyard.

Cllr Denise Powell asked for an update on the repair the barrier to the car park. The Clerk advised that the contractor had been approached and would visit during the week.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that the Parish Council had been approached by Quedgeley and Hardwicke Cricket Club who wished to use the field for cricket. The Club had been let down by another organisation. Members noted that the field would be in use by the senior football club until the end of May and that the Rangers would be hosting their 6 a side tournament in July. The seniors also had a tournament in June. Members decided that the cricket could not be held on the field given the current usage. Members did comment that they would look to the future and would support the provision of a cricket pitch in any future development.

The Chair reported that there appeared to be a sewage discharge into the brook possibly from a domestic septic tank.

Resolved; to note the reports and relevant actions

26/26 Planning Applications

1. S.26/0208/COU - **Units F And G Quedgeley West Business Park Bristol Road Hardwicke, Change of use of Units F and G from Use Class B8 to Use Class E(d) indoor sport (Padel Court) and E(g)(i) offices**

Resolved No Objections

2. S.26/0388/HHOLD - 2 Ashgrove Close Hardwicke. Erection of a single storey front extension

Resolved No Objections

3. S.26/0519/HHOLD - 5 Wharfdale Way Hardwicke. Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

Resolved No Objections

4. S.26/0467/PIP - Land to Rear of Dieu Donne Elmgrove Road West Hardwicke, Erection of one residential dwelling (Class C3). The Parish Council had considered previous applications to this site and agreed to re-state its previous decision

Resolved

to object to the application and to note that 'whilst not particularly visible and utilising the existing access to Orchard View, an independent dwelling located directly behind Little Orchard with its access running alongside and between Dieu Donne and Little Orchard, would represent development at odds with the general linear pattern of highway fronting dwellings along Elmgrove Road West, in particular this part of the road where properties enjoy lengthy gardens

5. S.26/0437/FUL - Land Adjacent to The Pilot Inn Sellars Rd, Hardwicke, new residential care home (Use Class C2), creation of a new vehicular access, with associated parking, landscaping, infrastructure works and facilities

Resolved, The Parish Council made no objections to the application but would ask the developer to review the provision of parking spaces. (It was noted that some concern about parking had been expressed by some residents of Sellars Bridge)

27/26 Grant Applications

1. **Hardwicke Rangers Football Tournament**

The Parish council had previously agreed to support the provision of first aid for the tournament and agreed to do so again

Resolved; to provide a grant of £250 for first aid provision

2. **Hardwicke Football Clubs (juniors and seniors)**

The showers in the clubs changing rooms are in a dilapidated state and are unusable. The floor, doors, shower cubicles and shower trays need to be replaced; the estimated cost of the works is in excess of £5,000. The Parish Council agreed to provide funding from its grants budget for the shower cubicles at a cost of £2,428

Resolved; to approve a grant of £2,428 for the shower facilities

28/26 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending March 31st 2026 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

Meeting Closed at 20.45

Signed

Chair

Date