Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Hardwicke Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday October 5th2026

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)
Cllr Tally Giampa
Cllr Mike King
Cllr Peter Rotherham
Cllr Fran Welbourne

In attendance
District Cllr Gill Oxley and Kevin Lee, Clerk

65/26 Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from; Parish Councillors Denise Powell, Jill Brearley, Graham Brearley, Ian Butler and Andrew James.

Cllr Andrew James had announced his resignation from the Parish Council.

Resolved; to record the apologies and note the resignation of Cllr Andrew James

66/26 Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda

None Declared

67/26 Public Questions

None Received

68/26 Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the Meeting held on September 7th 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

69/26 Police Report
Cllr Peter Rotherham circulated a full report from the local Police Inspector.
The main themes of the report were; tackling anti-social behaviour by groups of young men using illegal e bikes and scooters including six young people who have been arrested and Youth Engagement Officers have started visiting schools to ensure young people are aware of the 'illegal use' of e bikes and scooters

Resolved to note the report

70/26 Councillor Reports
District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that the district council would be meeting with transport inspectors in respect of M5 Junction 12 and that there would be a full briefing on a new local plan on November 25th

Cllr Peter Rotherham noted that the Chair of Hardwicke Rangers Football Club had requested a site meeting with the Parish Council to look at the poor state of the gates and

styles on the footpaths around the field and the extent of littering and fly tipping at The Close.

Cllr Fran Welbourne reported on the poor state of the resurfacing works around areas of Hardwicke and that a number of gulleys/drains had been blocked by chippings. It was agreed to report this to the County Councillor.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin, reported that he had received an approach from the school wishing to erect a 'green fence' adjacent to the parish council boundary in Green Lane.

Cllr Perkin has met with Andrew James who had indicated that he would be happy to continue as a member of the Churchyard Ctte. He had identified that a couple of benches were beyond repair and should be removed. He also proposed an annual inspection of Gravestones to check that they were still safe and not likely to topple over.
Andrew James had stepped down from the Parish Council but had offered to continue to be a member of the Graveyard Ctte.

Members recorded their thanks for Andrew's contribution to the Parish Council and were pleased that he had offered to continue as a Member of the Graveyard Ctte.
The Chair added that a new vicar had been appointed to the Church and would cover Hardwicke, Elmore and Epney.

It was noted that a some of dog owners had not been picking up the mess from their dogs when walking along the public footpaths.

Resolved; to note the reports and agreed follow up actions

71/26 Planning Applications
(1)
S.26/0850/COU 21 The Plantation, Change of use from residential dwelling to a residential institution for up to two children. The Chair gave an update on the progress of the planning application. The district council planning officers had decided to place the application before a meeting of the Development Control Committee on October 20th 2026.

The Parish Council re-iterated its opposition to the proposal and would make representations at the Committee Meeting

Resolved; to continue to object to the application and present a case at the meeting DCC

(2) S.26/1573/HHOLD - 12 Rosedale Close Hardwicke. Erection of a first-floor side extension and single-storey rear extension.

Resolved; to raise no objections

72/26 Summer Play Scheme
The Chair gave a report on the Summer Play Scheme, part funded by the Parish Council. Forty One Children had attended for two days each.

72/26 Finance Report

1**.** The Clerk presented the finance report and list of payments for September
Cllr Peter Rotherham confirmed that he approved the report.
Peter added that along with the clerk he had undertaken a six month review of expenditure against the budget. The budget was on track with no concerns raised.

2. The Clerk reported that the annual external audit by the Government Appointed Auditors had been completed and there no matters to raise with the Parish Council.

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Signed **Chair** **Date**