

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 28 June 2011 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllrs I Storr (Chairman), P Joslin, A Gill and J Stewart.

In attendance: Cllr F Whelan (County Councillor), Cllr M Smith (County Councillor representing Cambourne), Cllr Clayton Hudson (District Councillor for Cambourne and Chairman, Cambourne Parish Council), Mrs Ruth French and Mr Andy Matthews (Hardwick Primary School), Mr Ian Trafford (Cambridgeshire County Council Education Capital Projects Manager), 1 member of the public and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Whelan presented her report which covered:

- CCC's new speed limit policy.
- CCC has given the go ahead for a secondary school in Cambourne which should solve the problem of lack of places. Public consultation will be on 29 June at 3.30 pm at The Hub in Cambourne.
- The expected opening of the Guided Busway on 7 August.
- The Library Services Meeting in May and the sudden death of Mr Rod Craig.
- The County Council's forthcoming Transport review.
- The outcome of the Development Control Committee meeting regarding the proposed mobile classroom at Hardwick School. A decision had been deferred until 22 July to obtain further information and consult with objectors.

A discussion took place in which Cllr Clayton Hudson, Chairman of Cambourne Parish Council, outlined Cambourne Parish Council's objections to children from Cambourne being transported to school in Hardwick, suggesting that sufficient open space was already available at existing Cambourne schools, and expressing frustration at the lack of consultation. Cllr Storr outlined the objections of Hardwick Parish Council.

Mr Ian Trafford explained the county policy and the consequences of earlier building delays outside Cambridgeshire County Council's (CCC) control. The mobile at Hardwick was intended to alleviate pressure on places for this year, and allow time to review the capital programme to consider permanent provision. He explained that CCC regarded siting a mobile classroom at Hardwick as a sensible solution as existing Cambourne schools were already at capacity, whereas at Hardwick the supporting infrastructure was available.

Mrs Ruth French, Headteacher, emphasised that the school's concern was to provide a first rate education and highlighted the good links between the school and other villages, and the fact that Cambourne families at Hardwick School were very happy there. Appreciation was expressed for the funding provided by CCC.

Concerns were expressed at the traffic movements at school times and the fact that very young children were travelling on the bus. The options for siting the mobile elsewhere in Cambourne were explored.

It was noted that Cambourne parents had already received and accepted an offer of a school place in Hardwick, and that relationships with the school were already being established. Concerns were expressed that places had been offered before the matter of accommodation had been resolved. It was emphasised that the strategy was decided by members, not officers, and the Development Control Committee members had deferred the decision and expressed concerns that copies of objectors' letters had not been circulated to them. Representatives of both Cambourne and Hardwick Parish Council

were urged to attend the next Development Control Committee meeting on 22 July.

Cllrs Whelan, Smith and Hudson, Mr Trafford, Mrs French and Mr Matthews left the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Bowen (holiday), Cllr Chamberlain (work commitments), and Cllr Freeman. Apologies were also received from Mr Mark Kemp. There were no declarations of interest.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2011

The minutes of the meeting on 17 May 2011 were unanimously approved ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ), and signed by the Chairman, after an amendment to Item 6.1, line 3, to insert the word 'for' so as to read "for some new signs".

Cllr Whelan returned to the meeting briefly to convey an invitation for a representative of Hardwick Parish Council to attend the next meeting of Cambourne Parish Council on Tuesday 5 July.

3. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meeting

The Clerk's report was noted.

3.0.1 (3.1) It was noted that there appeared to be some confusion at SCDC regarding the request for a bin and that clarification was awaited.

3.0.2 It was noted that information regarding the blocked drain had been passed on to the Hardwick Sports and Social Club.

3.1 (1.4) Application for co-option to fill vacancy on the Parish Council – Mr Howard Seaber-Shinn, 135 Limes Road

It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop IS, 2nd JS) to co-opt Mr Seaber-Shinn as a member of the Parish Council and to write informing him of the decision.

3.2 (3.4 of 26 April) Millers Way – to consider options

Carried forward to the next meeting, when it was hoped a member of the County Council will attend to clarify the options. Enquiries are being undertaken with the Planning Department at SCDC about the details of the original planning consent.

3.3 (6.1 of 28 April) Recreation Ground

It was noted that the Parish Council had adopted the document circulated by the Chairman, entitled "Recreation Ground - The Way Forward". It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for and arrange for the field is to be top-dressed each June ^(Prop PJ, 2nd JS), that the Parish Council would pay for "weed and feed" every year, with distribution to be arranged by the Cricket and Football Clubs ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG); and that the recreation field would continue to be cut weekly during the growing season.. Quotations for vertidrainage are to be brought to the next meeting when this will be an agenda item.

The requirements for Legionnaires Testing were considered and it was unanimously agreed ^(Prop JS, 2nd PJ) to obtain a risk assessment from Primec at a cost of £250.

4. Correspondence/communications received

4.1 Request from Church for S137 donation towards insurance

It was noted that fundraising had been taking place and that the Parochial Church Council would return to the Parish Council if funding was required. Information about sources of grant funding is to be passed to the PCC.

4.2 Request for hire of recreation ground on 5 August

The request for the hire of the Recreation Ground was unanimously agreed ^{(Prop PJ, 2nd}

IS), free of charge on this occasion, subject to the organiser checking with the Cricket Club, Football Club and Hardwick Sports and Social Club that there is no clash with any other event, and subject to his having all appropriate insurance cover in place.

4.3 SCDC speed limit stickers

It was agreed to order 40 x 30 mph stickers for Cambridge Road and Main Street respectively, and 40 x 40 mph stickers for St Neots Road.

4.4 CCC Speed limit policy

This is to be an agenda item for a future meeting.

5. Planning applications and decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received

5.1.1 S/0964/11 – 29 Ashmead Drive – Garage conversion to annexe

It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) to recommend approval.

5.1.2 S/0747/11 – 1 Pippin Walk – Extensions

It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) to recommend approval.

5.1.3 S/0747/11 – Blue Lion, 74 Main Street – timber decked section to pub garden area

The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that the resident of the adjacent property was able to express his objections to the proposal which included regarding loss of privacy, noise and loss of amenity. He questioned a member's interests and he was informed of both meeting and planning application procedure. It was noted that the application would go to the full Planning Committee on 6 July, where the resident will have the right to attend and address the Committee, and a site visit by members of the Planning Committee had been requested.. It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG) that the Parish Council should comment that "The Parish Council has asked the District Councillor to get this application "called in" and requests that the members of the Committee make a site visit before making a decision".
The resident left the meeting.

5.1.4 S/1150/10 – 18A Pippin Walk – Erection of detached single garage

It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) to recommend approval.

5.1.5 S/0896/11 – Hardwick Sports and Social Club extension to changing rooms

Noted. The Parish Council made no comment on the application submitted in its name.

5.1.6 S/1135/11 – Pet Paks, 175 St Neots Road – Single storey rear extension

It was agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd JS) to recommend approval.

5.2 SCDC Decision and appeal notices

5.2.1 S/0686/11 – 21 Egremont Road – Extension – Approved by SCDC – Noted.

5.2.2 S/0629/11 – 8 Pippin Walk – Extension – Approved by SCDC – Noted.

5.3 Tree works applications

Cllr Gill reported.

105 Limes Road – Ian Lawson is to be asked to contact Cllr Gill to discuss what work is needed.

3 Egremont Road – the tenant had complained about trees in front of the house causing shade in the property. After consideration, the Parish Council decided that no action was necessary at this time and the resident is to be informed.

6. Members reports and items for decision

6.1 School liaison meeting report

Cllr Joslin's report was carried forward to the next meeting.

- 6.2 Footpaths report including quotation for footpath signs
Cllr Joslin's report and enclosed recommendation along with the quote for signs were carried forward to the next meeting.

7. Finance, risk assessment and procedural matters

- 7.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered and invoices and bank statements were checked. The payments as listed in the report were unanimously approved for payment ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG). Credits received since the last meeting were noted.

CPALC (Copies of publication)	£6.68
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£294.01
Victoire Press Ltd (Newsletter)	£620.00
Town and Country (tree works)	£216.00
Bury Turfcare (Pitch dressing)	£3988.80
Glasdon (litter bins)	£581.18
LGS Services (admin support)	£1229.16
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£176.80
J Dyer (Salary)	£110.36
Lawson Tree (hedge work)	£180.00

- 7.2 Play area inspection reports and skate park inspection report

Reports were received for the St Mary's Church Play area and the Egremont Road play area. Mr Jim Rogers is to be asked to remove a length of cable suspended as a swing from a bough at the Church Play area and quotations are to be obtained for the wear to the diagonal chains and the safety surface. The gaps in the safety surface at the Egremont Road play area are to be looked at by the Chairman and quotes obtained as and if appropriate. It will be checked whether any repairs are required to the skate park. Cllr Bhachu is to be asked to email his report as soon as possible.

- 7.3 Standing Orders review

It was noted that a new version of the Standing Orders had been issued by CPALC and further information about the changes is awaited. Carried forward.

8. Members items for the next agenda and for the Clerk's information and Closure of meeting

It was noted that the condition of the telephone kiosk in Main Street was rapidly deteriorating and possible courses of action are to be investigated.

Quotations are to be obtained for the scraping down and repainting of two old metal lampposts outside no 29 and 43 Main Street and this is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The response received from CCC to the Council's comments on the Civil Parking Policy was noted.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)