

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 25 October 2011 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: I Storr (Chairman), A Gill, H Seaber- Shinn, P Joslin and J Stewart.
In attendance: Lawrence Green (SCDC), Cllr F Whelan and Mrs K Baptie (Clerk)

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Whelan reported on;

- Highway Warden Scheme and the meeting 16th November.
- Comberton Library has got some concessions. The FOCAL group hold their next meeting on 14th November, which will be a social evening.
- Limes Rd – Dennis Vacher has funds to repair some of the pavements starting from the school and working down. These funds have to be used by March.
- Hardwick Primary School is looking for a new Governor.
- Have salt bins been filled? Yes.
- The 20% increase in allowances for County Councillors has been called into question at a time when jobs and services are being cut. Very few people think it is right and Parish Councillors are urged to sign the on-line petition.

Cllr Whelan left the meeting.

Lawrence Green from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) reported on Emergency Parish Planning the notes of which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He explained the background and how Parish Council's could be involved. He was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Cllr Stewart arrived during the above item and reported on;

- Changes to Constituency Boundaries – he has obtained a map which shows that Hardwick will come under St Neots Parliamentary Constituency.
- The derelict site on St Neots Rd has been sold, but it is not yet known what the plans are.

Cllr Stewart was asked if he had any more information on the potential sites put forward in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. At this stage he had no further information.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Stewart (late) and Cllr Freeman (out of parish). Cllr Seaber-Shinn declared a personal interest in item 7.1 payment to Victoire Press.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 27 September 2011

The minutes of the meeting on 27 September were approved ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG), and signed by the Chairman, following correction to paragraph 2 under the open public session which should read 'residents living near the motorbike testing centre expressed their concerns about the application to also include car testing centre;' and also to note that item 5.1.1 was seconded by Cllr P Joslin.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 (3.1) Millennium Way footbridge and badger sett

It was noted that Ben Chivers would like a site meeting to discuss the works to be carried out. The specification of works was read out and the quotation was discussed at length.

It was agreed to ask the contractors AK & JF Farms to carry out the necessary works to make the bridge safe as per quotation of £345.00. ^(Prop AG, 2nd IS)

Peter Gaskin (SCDC) is to be advised that the £900 grant is not enough to cover the boardwalk across the badger sett, or the suggested clearance work, and therefore the Parish Council is just going ahead with the bridge work.

3.2 (Comments) Emergency Parish Planning

Cllr Storr will co-ordinate the plan.

3.3 (5.3) Willow tree near 1 Laxton Avenue – to consider quote and to note that the tree has a TPO

A tree works application is required as the tree has a Tree preservation order on it. One quote had been received but additional quotes are required from Ian Lawson and Peter Oakes.

4. Correspondence/communications received

4.0 S/1809/11 - Testing Centre, 25 St Neots Rd. The planning committee are meeting at 10am 2/11/11. The Chairman will attend.

4.1 Bar Hill Library request for support

It was agreed that the Parish Council does not feel able to assist.

4.2 Request for bin on St Neots Road and dog bin in Ellison Lane

The request for an additional bin by Mr Dyer was considered. Clarification is sought on exactly where the litter problem is on St Neots Rd. Carried forward to the next meeting.

4.3 SCDC Call for Sites

Noted. Cllr Stewart pointed out that this gives the village an opportunity to alter its boundaries by changing the village envelope.

4.4 Community Access Points & WiFi

It was agreed to keep the service and to put an article in the village magazine asking whether anybody locally would be prepared to offer IT support.

5. Planning applications and decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/1934/11 – 3 Laxton Avenue – single storey rear extension

It was agreed to make no recommendation. ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ)

5.1.2 CCC Cambourne Blue School

Noted.

5.2 Decision and appeal notices report

5.2.1 S1934/11 – 2 Limes Road – 2 storey extension. Permission granted by SCDC.

5.3 Tree works applications

None.

6. Members reports and items

6.1 School Liaison Meeting

Cllr Joslin's written report was noted.

7. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

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 before the cheques were signed. The payments as listed in the report were approved for payment ^(Prop AG, 2nd JS) Credits received since the last meeting were noted.

LGS Services (admin support)	£1372.10
Victoire Press Ltd (newsletter)	£560.00
Grounds By Rounds (grass cutting)	£303.01
Balfour Beatty (streetlights)	£1047.70
LGS Services (admin support)	£1255.63
Lawson Tree (Grenadier Walk bench refurb)	£40.00
LG Stoehr (salary)	£176.80
J Dyer (salary)	£110.36

7.2 Play areas and skate park inspection reports

Reports received from Cllrs Stewart and Freeman. Cllrs Bowen and Bhachu are to be emailed for theirs.

8. **Closure of Meeting**

It was agreed that the December meeting will be brought forward a week to 13th December.

It was noted that the Wimpole Way near Starve Goose plantation has been cut back and resurfaced by CCC and is much better.

Cllr Joslin has compiled a report from the planning meeting she attended for next month's agenda.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

SignedChairmandate.