

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 22 January 2012 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: I Storr (Chairman), R Worland, P Joslin, A Gill, J Stewart, and A Freeman, J Humphries and T Bhachu.

In attendance: Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Whelan's report was read in her absence and included the following:

- 21 December was the deadline for applications to the Local Minor Highways Improvements Scheme.
- The County Council's budget has been published today and can be viewed online. The press release was read out.
- 2 bus meetings scheduled for January one took place on 17th at Cambourne and the next is on 23rd at Comberton Village Hall, to look at the specific needs for communities.

District Councillor Stewart had nothing to report other than to confirm that a meeting had been arranged with the Chief Executive. Cllr Storr to attend.

1. To approve apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr G Chamberlain (work commitments).

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

None.

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None.

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 18 December 2013

The minutes of the meeting on 18 December were approved ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) and signed by the Chairman.

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

3.1 To consider quotes for cleaning and repainting tennis courts

The 2 quotes received were considered. It was agreed to check out the references provided by Dragon Courts and also to send copies of the quotes to Sean Cleary from Hardwick Harriers and ask for their views and whether they are able to apply for any grants if they wish to use the facility for training.

3.2 Fence at 122 Limes Rd

Cllr Storr will look into the ownership of the fence. Not yet done.

4. Correspondence/communications received

4.1 Hardwick Happenings – new editor and software upgrade

The Parish Council agreed to pay £90 to the new editor Clare Lyon for an upgrade in software. It was also agreed to confirm to her that there is an Honorarium and to pay it to her. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd JS)

4.2 Recreation Ground drainage

It was noted that the Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes. It was agreed to respond to Steve Chamberlain that the Parish Council is sorry that he feels the work

already carried out on the pitch has been largely ineffective, however it is aware of the problem particularly on the youngsters pitch and is seeking quotes to improve the situation.

4.3 Post Box outside 251 St Neots Rd

It was noted that the post box was closed temporarily as someone had allowed their dog to foul around the base. SCDC had been informed and the mess was cleared up, allowing use of the box to be resumed.

4.4 Came & Co - play equipment checks and tree inspection requirements

The advice from Came & Co was considered. It was noted that whilst members carry out a visual inspection every month, as an additional measure it was suggested that signs could be erected in each of the play areas asking users to report any damage to the Clerk. Quotes are to be sought with the following wording; "Although this playground is monitored monthly, if you notice any problems/damage please contact the Clerk on 01954 210241". (Prop AF, 2nd JS)

With regard to trees, Jim Rogers had been asked some time ago to make an inventory of the trees whilst on his grass cutting rounds, but it was thought this had probably not been done. It was agreed to obtain quotes from arboriculturalists to carry out a survey/inventory of all the trees. (Prop AG, 2nd IS) A copy of these minutes when approved should be forwarded to Came & Co.

5. Planning applications and decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/2184/12/FL – 3 Lark Rise. Withdrawal noted.

5.1.2 S/2482/12/FL – 25 The Pastures, 2 storey front extension.

As members did not have the papers to hand, it was agreed to delegate to Cllrs Gill and Chamberlain to make a decision on behalf of the Council and return the papers to the Clerk.

5.2 SCDC Decision Notices

5.2.1 S/1809/11 – 25 St Neots Rd, Change of use to motorcycle testing centre. Permission granted. Noted.

5.3 Tree works applications

5.3.1 26 Main St.

The Parish Council had no objections and feel it would enhance the area.

6. Members reports and items

6.1 Footpaths report including walkabout with Peter Gaskin

Cllr Joslin read her report noting areas of concern and the advice provided by Peter Gaskin. He indicated there may be some funds available for some of the work. Cllr Joslin is keen to work with the Comberton P3 Co-ordinator on the possibility of making a designated cycle track between the two villages which could be used by students.

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 at the end of the meeting. The payments as listed in the finance report were unanimously approved for payment (Prop TB, 2nd RW) plus ICO (renewal) £35.00 and Ela Parmar (Website hosting) £37.02.

JJ Consultants (Drain location)	£144.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1269.16
Victoire Press (Hardwick Happening)	£560.00

J M Rogers (Grass cutting)	£6487.68
Algar Signcraft (sign)	£148.80
Hardwick School (Room hire)	£69.00
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£303.01
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£220.45
J Dyer (Salary)	£110.36
Credits inc Hardwick Happenings advertising and bank interest noted.	

7.2 Play areas and skate park inspection reports

Reports were received from Cllrs Bhachu, Freeman and Humphries. Cllr Stewart is to email his report. It was noted there is a light out at the skate park under the camera.

7.3 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of health and safety or risk

It was noted that the guttering repair work had been put in hand.

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

The Parish Council wished to look into getting a better rate of interest from Lloyds Bank.

A resident had asked Cllr Humphries about the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing some snow shovels which could be used by a working party. The Council was reluctant to do this in the event that they might then be deemed liable should any accidents occur. It was also noted that the grit bins in Grace Crescent and Egremont Rd are empty.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

SignedChairmandate.