

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 26 February 2012 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: I Storr (Chairman), R Worland, P Joslin, A Gill, and J Humphries.
 In attendance: 6 members of public. Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

3 of the members of the public attended the meeting to present plans for a proposed new dwelling at 311 St Neots Rd.

Mr Islam together with his partner and architect presented the final plans for the proposed Hotel on St Neots Rd. They confirmed that the plans had been submitted to the planning department at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The members of the public all left the meeting.

1. To approve apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chamberlain (work commitments), Freeman (prior engagement), Stewart (family commitment) and County Cllr Fiona Whelan.

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 22 January 2013

The minutes of the meeting on 22 January were approved ^(Prop PJ, 2nd JH) and signed by the Chairman following amendments to item 1) Apologies, to strike out Humphries, item 7.1) alter TJ to TB and item 7.3) to read guttering repair work. The minutes of 29 January were not brought to the meeting and were carried forward.

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

3.1 To consider a further quotation for cleaning and repainting tennis courts and to consider references for Dragon Courts work

A further quote had been received and another company had asked to arrange a visit on site. As yet there has been no further information from the football club about its proposals. Carried forward.

3.2 To consider quote for repair of notice board

It was agreed to accept the quote of £158.60 from Geoff Wilson for repairs to the notice board opposite Portway. ^(Prop JH, 2nd PJ)

3.3 (7.2) Light out at skate park. Does the Parish Council want to put this work in hand?

It was agreed the work should be put in hand.

3.4 To consider quotes for Recreation Ground drainage

After consideration it was agreed to accept the quotation from Hugh Pearl at £3,586 plus VAT ^(Prop IS, 2nd PJ) and that the work should start as soon as possible. Steve Chamberlain of the Football Club and Chris Fuller of the Cricket Club are to be advised that investigations had been made and a quote had been accepted to rectify the drainage problems and to try and let them know a date as to when the work is to be

carried out. Hugh Pearl is to be asked how soon they can start and the Parish Council will let them know if that is acceptable.

3.5 HSSC lease renewal

In response to Valuation Officer Gary Bradbury's email, the Parish Council wished to comment as follows;

1) Not true. The property was not originally let as a vandalised shell. The £1 rent originally agreed was to enable the club to get off the ground and had no reflection on the state of the property. It was the HSSC's choice to spend as much as they did on improvements.

2) The HSSC was asked that the property was made available for community use on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of every week. However, in reality it is only used on Wednesday afternoons and very occasionally on a Tuesday evening when the Parish Council wish to hold a meeting, possibly 3 times a year. The HSSC cannot claim they are being penalised for making it available on these days as they have been very successful and are now opening for longer hours than they had originally done.

3) Correct.

4) The Parish Council agree it would be good to have a 6 month break clause on both sides.

5) The Parish Council feel that only certain parts of the community benefit, namely the sports clubs.

6) The Council agree that the tenant should have an internal repairing and insuring lease.

3.6 To consider quotes from Algar Signcraft

It was agreed to accept the quotes from Algar for £236 plus VAT for 5 signs plus installation.

3.7 Fence at 122 Limes Rd

Cllr Storr had looked at the fence and confirmed that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The owners are to be informed of the Parish Council decision.

3.8 The cycle racks had been delivered to the Clerk and quotes for installation are being obtained.

3.9 It was noted that quotes are being sought for a tree survey.

4. Correspondence/communications received

4.1 Comberton Parish Council – re Transport and Highways

Carried forward to the next meeting.

4.2 Caldecote Parish Council – Response to LDF consultation

It was agreed to respond that Hardwick Parish Council have had sight of Caldecote Parish Council's response and is fully in support of it.

4.3 CCC Community Transport Fund now open to applications

To be carried forward as the eligibility criteria was not attached.

4.4 South Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Local Green Spaces

It was agreed to designate the Recreation Ground and the Church play area.

4.4 Alex Minei – Recreation Ground Use

Permission was granted for him to use the Recreation Ground on the condition that on each occasion he must seek the permission of the Parish Council and also check with the cricket and football clubs to avoid a clash of use.

5. Planning applications and decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/0224/13/VC – 309 St Neots Rd, variation of condition.

The Parish Council made no recommendation.

5.2 SCDC Decision Notices5.2.1 S/2482/12/FL – 25 The Pastures, 2 storey front extension.

Permission granted by SCDC.

5.3 Tree works applications

None

6. Members reports and items6.1 Parish Energy Project

Cllr Worland reported that Hardwick is now a member of the Parish Sustainable Partnership. He has received some training on the use of thermal imaging cameras to detect heat loss from homes and he also has some energy meters which parishioners can borrow. He has put an article in Hardwick Happenings.

6.2 Millennium Way

Cllr Joslin had met with Mark Belton CGM to discuss repair of the wet area at the Wimpole Way. He had provided a quote of £1680 which has been forwarded to Peter Gaskin and it is hoped that this work would be covered in full by a grant from CCC.

It was agreed to accept CGM's quote of £90 per cut for 3yrs ^(Prop IS, 2nd AG). Cllr Joslin would like to be present when he carries out the 1st cut.

Cllr Joslin also reported that Peter Gaskin had confirmed that they will repair one of the culverts.

7. Finance, procedure and risk assessment7.1 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 AG, 2nd JH) plus Victoire Press (Hardwick Happenings) £502.00 and LGS Services (Admin support) £1318.60.

C Lyon (Hardwick Happenings)	£20.00
CGM Landscapes (Goal repairs)	£90.00
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£303.01
Greenham (bin bags)	£37.44
Town & Country (tennis court fence)	£436.80
Town & Country (tree works)	£156.00
Victoire Press (Hardwick Happening)	£502.00
Comberton PC (shared SLCC)	£36.63
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 Cllr Humphries. Cllrs Stewart, Bhachu and Freeman are to be emailed to forward their reports to the Clerk.

CCC is to be asked to fill the grit bins.

7.3 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk

None.

7.4 Consider RPM's offer of play equipment

The Parish Council was not interested.

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

A representative from Anglia Water (liaise with Cllr Whelan who has been dealing with him recently) is to be invited to a future meeting to discuss the pumping station on St Neots Rd.

Cllrs Storr, Gill, Stewart and Chamberlain were recently invited to a meeting to discuss proposals to build new houses on land near the back of Hall Drive. The proposals included the possibility of a Doctor’s surgery, pharmacy and sheltered accommodation which would be of benefit to the village. The Parish Council will be informed of developments and this will be an agenda item if and when any plans are received.

It was noted that there was an accident at Cahill’s corner this afternoon. The Parish Council wished to highlight the accident and enquire whether it is likely to receive any funding through the Minor Local Highways scheme which might enable it to improve the safety at this corner. This is to be an agenda item for next meeting.

It was agreed that in future Cllr Humphries would take over as the Council’s School Liaison representative as she works at the school.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

