

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2013 in the School at 7.45 pm

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public, County Cllr S Frost and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Freeman (delayed at station) and Cllr Humphries (out of parish).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Stewart, in his capacity as District Councillor, reported that an exhibition on the Local Development Framework would be held in Comberton tomorrow. County Cllr Frost did not have anything new to report.

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 dispensations as appropriate

None

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 25 June 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting on 25 June 2013 were approved ^(Prop AG2nd PJ) and signed by the Chairman, after adding the words “or residents” at the end of Item 7.2.

3. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decisions

It was noted that the date for painting the play equipment in Egremont Road had been re-arranged for 24 July.

Cllr Bhachu arrived.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take items 3.5, 6.4, 4.2 and 3.3 next.

3.5 Proposal that the Parish Council rescinds its decision on planning application S/0282/13/FL from the meeting on 30 April 2013

The order signed by three members permitted this proposal to be reconsidered. The Chairman read an email from Mr Hussain on his discussions with John Koch at SCDC. At 7.55 pm, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow planning consultant Mr Gough to address the meeting.

At 8.00 pm Cllr Stewart reported that he had spoken to the planners who had indicated they would not object to the application based on the number of parking spaces. A proposition was made by the Chairman, that the Parish Council rescinds its previous decision by writing to the planners fully backing the application for the hotel and taking back any reservations on parking. An amendment to the proposition was made by Cllr Stewart, that the Parish Council withdraw any conditions on parking was carried ^(3 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention) after the Chairman used his casting vote.

Cllr Chamberlain verbally resigned from the Council left the meeting at 8.18 pm.

- 6.4 Proposal that the Parish Council asks CCC to paint double yellow lines down both sides of Cambridge Road, for approximately 100 yards from St Neots Road junction
The email from David Lines of CCC regarding the costs of the yellow lines and advertising the changes, was noted. It was agreed Cllr Storr would meet with the new Highways Supervisor to look at options and report to the next meeting.
- 4.2 Resident complaint re parking in Limes Road
It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with officers to discuss this matter in relation to Cambridge Road to Ellison Lane, St Neots Road, Cambridge Road, Limes Road and Egremont Road. Cllr Stewart declared an interest. The Chairman is to attend the site meeting and report to the next meeting.
- 3.3 Minor Highways Improvement Scheme notification of successful bid and to consider safety improvements at Cahill's Corner
Steve Dighton's response that the £500 awarded was only for siding out the footway, was considered. The Chairman confirmed that the resident at Cahill's Corner had said that this was not in their ownership. It was agreed to return to CCC. Cllr Frost is also to take up the matter with CCC. Cllr Frost left the meeting. The Parish Council is to look at the percentage contribution. The Chairman is meet with Steve Thulbourn to discuss this further.
- 3.1 (3.1) Banking and High Interest Deposit Account rates review
It was agreed ^(Prop JS, 2nd IS) to transfer the sum of £88,000 to Cambridge and Counties Bank with the same signatories as the existing bank account.
- 3.2 (3.2) Tree survey report – to consider quotes for any work required
The tenders received were considered. It was agreed to suspend the Financial Regulations to consider two tenders received. It was agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd IS) to accept the quotation from Acacia Tree surgery to carry out the Priority A work (in the sum of £1745.00) immediately and to carry out the Priority B work (for a cost of £4647.00), in 12 to 18 months' time, after Autumn 2014, (subject to discount to give a total cost of £6000.00). The work on tree no 5 is to be carried out now at no additional cost.
- 3.3 Minor Highways Improvement Scheme notification of successful bid and to consider safety improvements at Cahill's Corner
Taken earlier.
- 3.4 Valuation Office fees for pavilion lease negotiations
In response to the email received it was agreed ^(Prop IS, 2nd PJ) to pay for the additional five hours' fees for negotiations.
- 3.5 Proposal that the Parish Council rescinds its decision on planning application S/0282/13/FL from the meeting on 30 April 2013
Taken earlier.
- 4. Correspondence/communications received**
- 4.1 CCC – notice of brickwork repairs to northern to headwall at Bin Brook culvert, Main Street
Noted.
- 4.2 Resident complaint re parking in Limes Road
Taken earlier.
- 4.3 SCDC proposed submission of the Local Development Plan
The Chairman's report on a joint Parish Council meeting at Caldecote was noted. Discussion was carried forward to the next meeting.
Cllr Joslin reported on a Parish Forum meeting on 17 July and stressed the requirement for a better bus service.

4.4 Cambs ACRE – Housing Needs Survey

It was agreed to invite the Housing Needs Enabler to the next meeting.

5. Planning Applications and Decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/1320/13/FL – Land adj to 311 St Neots Road – Erection of new dwelling

The appeal on the same site was noted. It was agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd IS) to recommend approval.

5.1.2 S/1338/13/FL – 40 Ellison Lane – Conversion and extension

The Parish Council recommended approval. ^(Prop AG, 2nd IS)

5.2 SCDC Decision Notices

5.2.1 S/0907/13/FL – 38 Laxton Ave – Conservatory – Permission granted by SCDC.

Noted.

5.2.2 S/0916/13/FL – 26 Hall Drive – side and rear extension – Permission granted by SCDC.

Noted.

5.3 Tree Works applications

None.

6. Members reports and items for information only

6.1 Proposed cycle path to Comberton

Cllr Joslin's report was considered. Comberton Parish Council's support in principal for the proposed change to a cycle route and improvements to the surface was noted.

6.2 Parking outside shop – to consider further representations to the County Council Highways Department

Carried forward.

6.3 Concrete post near 96 Limes Road

The Parish Council did not believe this to be its responsibility.

6.4 Proposal that the Parish Council asks CCC to paint double yellow lines down both sides of Cambridge Road, for approximately 100 yards from St Neots Road junction

Taken earlier.

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 the 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, plus HC Courts (Tennis court surfacing) £4080.00 and Hardwick School (Room hire) £52.00, were approved for payment ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG).

LGS Services (Admin support)	£1344.44
Reids Playground Maintenance (Skate park repairs)	£488.40
CGM (Millennium footpath)	£108.00
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£303.01
Salaries	£314.80
Ian Hildrew (Pavilion light repair)	£73.60
Cambridge Electrical Services (Tennis court electrics)	£2640.00
Credits were noted.	

7.2 Play areas and skate park inspection reports

The second coat of paint at the Egremont Road play area will be applied tomorrow. Members who have not done so already are to submit their reports by email.

7.3 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk
None.

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

It was noted that Anglian Water had declined to attend a meeting to discuss the pumping station. The Parish Council wished to know what action is being taken and what options are available.

A proposal by Cllr Gill to consider if the Parish Council should charge for use of the all weather/tennis courts will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was reported that the roundabouts were overgrown and the bricks were weedy. This is to be reported to CCC. The school warning lights are still not working and this is to be reported again.

A transport consultation and A428 Environmental study by Atkins will be agenda items for the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
