

**Hardwick Parish Council**  
**Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2014 in the School at 7.45 pm**

Present: Councillors: I Storr (Chairman), J Humphries, P Joslin, A Gill, R Worland and C Oakes.

In attendance: 6 members of the public, including Anne Jones (President, Hardwick Community Association); Mr Taylor (Rectory Farm) and Joe Walsh (Project Manager); Sue Burnham (Hardwick Harriers) and 2 other representatives; and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

**Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors**

Anne Jones, President of the Community Association, updated the Council on the refurbishment of the Community Room. The cost of decoration was £1000 and curtains and blinds were still required. The Village Hall Trustees account is to be closed and the balance of £1800 is to be transferred into the Community Association fund, as the Community Room is considered to be the Village Hall. The Trustees are the Vicar, the President of the Community Association and the Parish Council Chairman. In Phase 2 the floor is to be re-sanded and stained, a cupboard is to be built to house the chairs and tables. It is proposed that a coffee shop will operate once a month on a Saturday. A grant of £1000 had been received from the Mission Fund to cover kitting out the coffee shop. The Council asked questions about letting charges.

On a proposition by the Chairman it was agreed to vary the order of business to take items 4.1 and 4.2 at this point.

4.1 (Open) Community Association request for financial support for community room refurbishment – to consider terms of the loan

RESOLVED unanimously to grant an interest free loan of £800 over 5 years, repayable at any time within that period. <sup>(Prop AG, 2nd RW)</sup>

4.2 (5.1) Newsletter Editor and Webmaster update

Anne Jones expressed the hope that Hardwick Happenings would be re-launched with the March edition. Articles are to be submitted by 7 February to the Editor, Sammy Marcus. An article seeking a new webmaster is to be included.

**1. To approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stewart and Freeman (both out of parish) and County Cllr S Frost.

**2. Declaration of interests**

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

None.

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

None.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 26 November 2013**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting on 26 November 2013 be unanimously approved <sup>(Prop AG 2nd PJ)</sup>, and signed by the Chairman, after an amendment to Item 5.7 to delete the word “their”, an amendment under item 9 to add “enquiring about his contract”, and to amend the final item number from 9 to 10.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business.

4.6 (6.1) Hardwick Football Club response – request for reduction of their fee

The letter from Hardwick Harriers and the Seniors was considered. Apologies had been received from Bury Turfcare that they had not completed the contract as agreed last June, due to an oversight that was not picked up before the Club's letter. The contractor was in the village today completing the contract.

Representatives from the Hardwick Harriers raised their concerns and emphasised that the recreation ground was regarded as a focal point of the village and HSSC were losing out on income when the teams played elsewhere. Investment was needed in terms of the reputation of the village as a whole. The involvement of the Harriers in pitch and drain work was noted. The centre part of the pitch was likened to a basin filled with water.

The Parish Council considered that there was nothing further that the Council could do and that the Clubs should approach the Football Association to ask what else could be done to improve the situation and when this has been received the Parish Council will consider the matter further. The Parish Council was supportive of the Clubs, and if work is required during the summer, the Council will support the Football Club in liaising with the Cricket Club.

5.1 Hardwick Harriers Football Club – request use of Recreation Ground for tournament on 15 June

RESOLVED to approve the request to use the recreation ground for the tournament and note that the Football Club has liaised with the Cricket Club.

4.7 (5.6) Andrew Campbell proposed development at Rectory Farm

Mr Taylor outlined his plans and wishes to build another property to the rear outside the building land, in order to downsize and enable him to remain in the village. He offered a undisclosed financial contribution towards the fencing of the play area, parking and improvement to the road. The applicants emphasised their intention for a "soft" driveway.

Cllr Freeman's comments were considered in his absence as read by the Chairman. The Chairman reiterated. That the Council was happy for them to build the house but not to allow access across the Council's land. Joe Walsh outlined the implications for the neighbouring house and Mr Taylor's land and access. The Parish Council's position, however, was unchanged.

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

4.0 The Clerk's report was noted.

4.1 (Open) Community Association request for financial support for community room refurbishment – to consider terms of the loan

Taken earlier.

4.2 (5.1) Newsletter Editor and Webmaster update

Taken earlier.

4.3 (5.3) Proposal for double yellow lines in three locations – to consider the outcome of the double yellow lines consultation

Five written responses were considered, of which one was in favour of the proposal. 30 letters had been delivered from the top of Cambridge Road to the first bungalow on Egremont Road.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council goes ahead with the installation of double yellow lines in all three locations and agrees to the approximate cost of £800. <sup>(Prop PJ, 2nd AG)</sup>

- 4.3 (5.4) Proposal that the Parish Council matches the value of the gritting equipment provided free of charge by CCC  
Two gritters had arrived together with salt and equipment. RESOLVED to purchase two smaller Sealey gritters with 27kg capacity at a cost of £62.42 each. <sup>(Prop IS, 2nd PJ)</sup>  
Cllr Humphries is to contact CCC to see if they can be purchased more cheaply.
- 4.4 (5.5) Proposal for a new style replacement bin at Grenadier Walk  
RESOLVED to note that SCDC would not provide a replacement bin and that the Parish Council would purchase a Topsy 2000 bin itself and have it installed.
- 4.5 (5.3) Minor Improvement Scheme bid for improvement work to Cahills Corner report  
The outcome of the bid was still awaited.
- 4.6 (6.1) Hardwick Football Club response – request for reduction of their fee  
Taken earlier.
- 4.7 (5.6) Andrew Campbell proposed development at Rectory Farm  
Taken earlier.
- 4.8 HSSC Lease and lease plan  
On a proposition by the Chairman, carried unopposed, in accordance with S1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that is, lease negotiations, the public were temporarily excluded from the meeting and were instructed to withdraw. Members of the public left the meeting and did not return. The Clerk was invited to remain.  
The meeting was briefly closed to the public while the lease negotiations were discussed and the Council updated as to recent correspondence with the Council's Solicitor. The meeting was re-opened to the public shortly thereafter.
- 5. Correspondence/communications received**
- 5.1 Hardwick Harriers Football Club request use of Recreation Ground for tournament on 15 June  
Taken earlier.
- 5.2 SCDC Community Pride and Village Hero Awards 2013-2014  
RESOLVED to nominate Chris Fuller for the Village Hero award for his contribution to the village, maintenance of the recreation ground in his own time, fostering the playing of cricket in the village and respect for the game, benefiting the Cricket and Football Clubs and the whole village, and ensuring that the recreation ground looks good.
- 5.3 Scouts – request that the Parish Council submits its Planning Application  
Cllr Humphries declared an interest as scout leader.  
It was noted that the letter was received from the Guides, not the Scouts. RESOLVED to approve the payment of the planning fee of £577.50 and to invoice the Guides for repayment.
- 5.4 SCDC Housing Needs Survey  
Carried forward to the next meeting.
- 6. Planning Applications and Decision notices**
- 6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 6.1.1 S/2741/13/FL – 17 Ellison Lane – single storey side extension  
RESOLVED to recommend approval as it will improve the property.
- 6.1.2 S/2546/13/FL – 112 Limes Road – single storey side extension – to note response made between meetings  
RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council had recommended approval.

- 6.1.3 S/2618/13/FL – 3 St Neots Road – First floor extension, single storey rear extension and erection of garage – to note response made between meetings  
RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council made no recommendation.
- 6.1.4 S/0036/13/FL – 14 Bramley Way – Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension  
RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council has no objection to the rear extension but objects to the front extension. If the Officer is minded to approve the application, the Parish Council recommends that it comes before the Planning Committee and a site visit takes place, as the front extension would impair the view of the adjacent property and allow no light to the adjacent property.
- 6.1.5 S/2712/13/AD – 175 St Neots Road – Double sided totem style sign with external illumination  
RESOLVED to recommend approval.
- 6.2 SCDC Decision Notices  
RESOLVED to note the following SCDC Decision Notices:
- 6.2.1 S/1855/13/FL – 26 Ellison Lane – single storey front extension – Permission granted.
- 6.3 Tree Works
- 6.3.1 St Mary's Church  
RESOLVED to note the response made between meetings, that the Parish Council had no objections to the essential maintenance work.
- It was noted that the trees on the roundabout had not yet been replaced.
- 6.4 S106 agreement – Lark Rise  
RESOLVED that the S106 agreement be signed and that the Council will use the community space contribution towards the Community Room as part of the £800 agreed.  
RESOLVED that the Parish Council donate the sum of £279.87 to the Community Association to use for the Community Room and that the £800 loan will no longer require repayment.
- 7. Members reports and items for information only**
- 7.1 Report on P3 meeting  
RESOLVED to consider Cllr Joslin's P3 report. The Parish Council must be informed by CCC when grass cutting work will take place and work must take place at the correct time of the season.
- 7.2 Report on Millers Way and correspondence with CCC and to decide the next steps  
The reports and correspondence were considered. RESOLVED to obtain copies of the Land Registry documents for all the homes in Millers Way.
- 8. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**
- 8.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk  
Mr Dyer is to be asked to sweep up glass at the skate park.
- 8.2 To consider tenders for grass cutting and maintenance of village  
The tenders are to be opened by the Clerk.
- 8.3 To receive play area and skate park inspection reports  
The Parish Council was concerned that Grenadier Walk and Worcester Avenue reports have not been presented to the Council at each meeting and that Cllr Bhachu had missed so many meetings.  
RESOLVED that Cllr Worland should take over the checking and reporting on Grenadier Walk and Worcester Avenue play areas.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to Cllr Bhachu with the Council's concerns.

To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The Chairman declared an interest in the reimbursement of travelling expenses of £12.38.

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and the invoices and bank statements being checked before the cheques were signed at the end of the meeting. The payments as listed in the finance report, plus Getmapping PLC (Ordnance Survey mapping) £74.40, and the issue of the payment for the Community Room redecoration to Lince & Hostler £1000.00, were unanimously approved for payment <sup>(Prop AG, 2nd PJ)</sup>.

LGS Services (Admin support)	£1456.44
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Hardwick School (Room hire)	£39.00
CGM (Millennium footpath)	£108.00
Grounds by Rounds (Grounds maintenance)	£303.01
Primec (Legionella service)	£156.00
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CGM (Dog bin repairs)	£90.00
Valuation Office Agency (Sports & Social Club)	£362.12
Salaries	£316.61
I Storr (Expenses)	£12.38
Community Association (Loan, Community Room)	£800.00

Credits including receipt bank interest were noted. A VAT adjustment of £10.00 was noted.

The following items approved at the last meeting/between meetings were noted:

SCDC (Ellison Lane dog bin)	£29.65
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Salaries	£330.69
HMRC (PAYE/NIC)	£136.00
Community Association (Community Room refurb)	£1000.00

**9 Members items for the next agenda and for the Clerk's information and Closure of meeting**

An offer is awaited from a resident to act as Village Handyman.

The dog bin at Meridian Close was still outstanding.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.40 pm.

Signed .....Chairman .....date.

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