

**Hardwick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22 July 2014 in the School at 7.45 pm**

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

In attendance: 6 members of the public and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

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

A resident raised the fact that the latest minutes were not up on the notice board.

**1. To approve apologies for absence**

None.

**2. Declaration of interests**

2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda  
Cllr Oakes declared an interest in item 4.1 as her husband had submitted a quote.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations (if any)  
None.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate  
None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 24 June 2014**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 24 June 2014 be unanimously approved <sup>(Prop AG, 2nd PJ)</sup> and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman proposed to vary the order of business to take item 5.1 here.

**5.1 Andrew Campbell Housing Consortium re land to the rear of St Neots Rd**

The Chairman explained the results of the Housing Needs Survey carried out by Cambridgeshire ACRE and reported on the meeting he attended together with Cllr Stewart and Cllr Gill, ACRE and South Cambs District Council (SCDC). The impression is that SCDC are looking quite favourably on the development. The Parish Council want to ensure that this only goes ahead if there is a benefit to the whole village, i.e. in terms of the extra facilities such as Doctors, Dentist and Pharmacy included within the development.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

A resident referred to her email of 1/10/13 in which she stated that the inclusion of a Health Centre would increase the village by stealth. The Chairman felt that this would not be a problem as there is not the land available in the village to develop. He would want discussions to take place with the Parish Council and the developers first, to ensure that there are Doctors and Pharmacist etc to occupy the buildings. There would also be benefits to the school, as the numbers are dropping.

A resident asked how can they be kept up to date with what's going on. The Chairman explained that they can look at the agendas on the notice board and they would also have the opportunity to attend planning meetings at SCDC.

The Chairman reiterated that unless there are benefits to the whole village, the Parish Council would not be supporting the proposals.

It was agreed that Sandra Manning would be a point of contact for the residents of Hall Drive and she would be informed by email whenever this proposal came up on the agenda.

A resident said he wouldn't want Hardwick to grow too big. The Chairman said this development would have to go through as an exception site as it is outside the village envelope.

A resident stated that it should be clear to the Parish Council that there is quite a lot of opposition from the residents of Hall Drive and asked if the Parish Council were taking these opinions into account. The residents are also concerned that Hall Drive will become a short cut into the village. With over 100 new houses proposed, many will have young families doing the school run and there are concerns that people will use Hall Drive rather than pass the congested area near the shop.

The meeting was reopened at 8.15pm and the members of public left the meeting.

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

##### **4.1 (6.3) Overhanging vegetation on Limes Rd to be cut back – to consider quotes if received**

Cllr Oakes left the room whilst the next item was discussed.

Quotes from CGM and Peter Oakes were considered. RESOLVED to accept the quote of £90 + VAT from CGM as the cheaper of the 2 quotes.

Cllr Oakes rejoined the meeting.

##### **4.2 Recreation Ground maintenance update – to consider what vertidrainning, fertiliser or weed spraying is required on the Recreation Ground and whether quotes should be obtained**

RESOLVED to check if this work had already been put in hand with Mel Pooley.

##### **4.3 (4.3) To consider quotations for new swings at Worcester Avenue play area and if grants should be obtained**

To be carried forward as only 1 quote received.

#### **5. Correspondence/communications received**

##### **5.2 Councillor Steve Jones, Bourn Parish Council – Proposal for Coalition of Parish Councils to oppose the Local plan**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council join the Coalition. (Prop PJ, 2nd CO, unanimous)

RESOLVED that the Parish Council contribute £500 towards specialist advice on the impact of traffic. (Prop JS, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

The Parish Council felt that it would be intolerable for the residents of Hardwick to get into Cambridge because of the additional amount of motorists on the road, and people using the village as a rat run will cause problems for the school.

##### **5.3 CCC Transport Strategy in Cambridge consultation**

It was noted that the date of the consultation had passed.

##### **5.4 Rural Network Services – rural housing policy review questionnaire**

Noted, this had been completed.

#### **6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications**

##### **6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting**

###### **6.1.1 S/1510/14/FL – 8 Ashmead Drive – Single storey rear and side extension**

RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG, unanimous)

###### **6.1.2 S/1465/14/FL – 48 Ellison Lane – Prior notification of proposed larger house extension, conservatory**

Noted.

##### **6.2 SCDC Decision Notices**

None.

6.3 Tree Works

Cllr Gill reported that about 3 yrs ago the Council carried out some work to cut back a Laurel hedge outside 5 Egremont Rd and 43 Cambridge Rd. This has grown quite large again and the resident asked if it could be cut back again. RESOLVED to seek quotes to cut back.

7. Members reports and items for information only7.1 Report on meeting with SCDC regarding affordable housing

Taken earlier.

7.2 Proposal that the pond on Main St is cleared

RESOLVED to obtain quotes.

8. Finance, procedure and risk assessment8.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk

It was noted that at the Egremont Rd play area, a wooden upright is missing on the slide platform. There should be 3 uprights on each side and one is missing.

RESOLVED that the Clerk puts the work in hand as soon as possible, and put up a laminate sign saying that the Parish Council is aware that an upright is missing and are trying to fix it as soon as possible. It was also agreed to replace 2 missing spars on the fence and gate opposite the tennis courts at the same time.

8.2 To receive play area and skate park inspection reports including RoSPA reports

Received.

8.3 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

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.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid. (Prop PJ, 2nd JH)

SCDC (Ellison Lane dog bin)	£30.25
SCDC (Trade Waste)	£13.45
SCDC (Grenadier Walk bin)	£180.00
Grounds by Rounds (grass cutting)	£1021.09
CGM ( Millennium footpath)	£108.00
Salaries	£333.41
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1489.43
Hardwick School (Room Hire)	£70.00
RPM (play area repairs)	£1554.00

Credits including receipt of rent and advertising income were noted.

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

Cllr Joslin's report on a meeting she had attended at SCDC on the Local Plan where the impression was that developers, who had previously had proposals turned down, were finding it easier to appeal. The reason being that whilst the Local Plan is with the Planning Inspector, SCDC could not demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites. Also discussed at the meeting was pre-planning application advice. This would be given in a confidential nature and many Parish Councils were not comfortable with this and would rather be kept informed.

It was noted the cycle path from Hardwick to Cambridge was quite overgrown in places. Highways are to be asked to cut it back.

Items for next agenda will be Minor Highways improvement Scheme and a proposal to request a large street light on St Neots Rd opposite Cambridge Rd.  
The Parish Council also wished to repair the broken light at Cahills Corner, SC8.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

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

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