

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

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

In attendance: Claire Arber (Hardwick Pre-school) and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Stewart, as District Councillor, raised a query regarding the street lighting upgrade, as markings have appeared on the pavements in locations where there are no existing street lights and no new street lights are being installed. Concerns were also expressed about the numerous holes in the pavements, surrounded by barricades, which it was felt were hazardous to pedestrians. The Parish Council will write to Balfour Beatty to raise these issues.

Cllr Stewart also conveyed the concerns of residents about the parking of Post Office vans outside the shop, and reported that the owner would like a solution to the problem. The Parish Council will write to the Royal Mail expressing concern that the parked vans were exacerbating the current congestion, and asking what action would be taken in the long term to improve the situation.

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Freeman (prior commitment) and Bhachu.

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 6.3.1 (tree works application) as her husband was the tree surgeon involved.

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 23 September 2014

The Chairman expressed appreciation and thanks to Cllr Gill for chairing the last meeting. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 23 September 2014 be unanimously approved ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments were made:

Under item 8.2, to delete the word "be" to read "no longer a problem".

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

4.0 (4.3) Work on the pond clearance has not yet commenced. This is to be followed up.

(4.6) RESOLVED as street light SC8 had still not been repaired and Balfour Beatty, had written to ask SCDC if they wished to replace it to inform SCDC that the Parish Council wants the lamp replaced.

The vegetation near the new bus shelter has still not been cut back.

(8.3) Cllr Gill reported that the quotation from Zurich Insurance had offered increased cover for a premium of £1763.30 and as this was still the cheapest quote, it had been accepted.

- 4.1 (5.1) Hardwick Pre-school request for permission to use the wooded area off Egremont Road
On a proposition by the Chairman, the meeting was suspended to allow Claire Arber on behalf of the Pre-school, to expand on the proposal for the use of the wooded area. The site would be used for one half-day per week, in term time only, for learning. A paddock fence and gate would be erected, along with a fire pit, digging pit and hedging. RESOLVED as the Parish Council felt that this initiative would be good for the children and to write to the adjacent residents enclosing details of the proposal and seek their views in time for the next meeting when further consideration will be given to this matter. Further quotations are to be obtained and brought to the meeting BY Mrs Arber.
- Mrs Arber left the meeting at 8.10 pm.
- 4.2 (4.5 of 24.6.14) Cahills Corner proposed improvements
The response from Skanska was noted and the scheme designs were awaited.
- 4.3 Worcester Avenue play area swings – to consider costs
As the quotation for the wet pour had not yet been received, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- 5. Correspondence/communications received**
- 5.1 Briar Security – skate park CCTV repair report and recommendations
RESOLVED to accept the quotation for up to half a day for up to £150 plus VAT, or the hourly rate, whichever was more economical, and to seek a full report and quotation in time for the next meeting, for any other work necessary for safety reasons. (Prop AG, 2nd JS)
- 5.2 SCDC Section 215 Amenity notice – 11 Ellison Lane
RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council had not received any complaints about the overhanging vegetation.
- 5.3 SCDC Neighbourhood Planning consultation
The Parish Council had no comments.
- 5.4 Hardwick School request for a letter of support for their permanent mobile building planning application
RESOLVED to write confirming that the Parish Council fully supports the application. (Prop AG, 2nd RW)
- 5.5 SCDC Open Space Designation on land owned by the Parish Council
RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council supports the designation of the Recreation Ground and the Church Play Area as “Local Green Spaces” and their inclusion in the Local Plan.
- 5.6 Report on discussions with National Health Service
The Chairman reported on discussions held between himself, Cllr Gill, Andrew Campbell and Tony Bowman (Andrew Campbell Associates) and NHS representatives to see whether any funding or assistance was available for a doctors’ surgery. It was noted that whilst local practices were supportive, no funding was available from the NHS to cover the costs of a surgery in Hardwick. Messrs Campbell and Bowman had expressed a wish to attend the November meeting to see if they could provide any ideas.
- 6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications**
- 6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

- 6.1.1 S/2246/14/FL – New Haven, Hall Drive – Erection of detached single storey dwelling with detached garage
RESOLVED unanimously to recommend approval. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ)
- 6.1.2 S/2168/14/FL – 66 Main Street – demolition of conservatory and outbuilding and erection of single and two storey extension
RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ)
- 6.1.3 S/1568/14/FL – 227 St Neots Road – conversion of integral garage to annex
RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ)
- 6.1.4 S/2433/14/FL – 18 Ashmead Drive – single storey front extension
RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ)
- 6.1.5 1 Bramley Way
Cllr Gill reported that planning permission had been applied for the new wall, but details had not yet been received. RESOLVED that Cllr Gill should check that the plans were in accordance with the details previously supplied by the applicant, and if so, to confirm, as previously indicated to the resident, that the Parish Council recommends approval. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ)
- 6.2 SCDC Decision Notices
- 6.2.1 S/2026/14/LD – 10 Ashmead Drive – Application for lawful development certificate for a proposed development – single storey rear extension – Permission granted by SCDC
- 6.2.2 S/1658/14/LD – 347 St Neots Road – Lawful development certificate for proposed siting of a mobile home/caravan within the residential curtilage – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.2.3 S/1249/14/FL – 49 Ashmead Drive – First floor extension above entrance hall and first floor extension above garage – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.3 Tree Works
- 6.3.1 38 Main Street
Cllr Oakes, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 8.38 pm. RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections. (Prop JS, 2nd PJ) Cllr Oakes re-joined the meeting.
- 7. Members reports and items for information only**
- 7.1 P3 Networking meeting on 6 November
RESOLVED that Cllr Joslin should attend the meeting and raise concerns with CCC about a depressed culvert on the footpath leading eastwards opposite the pub, where it is very slippery and potentially hazardous.
- 7.2 Proposal to ask Highways to return and repair again a sunken manhole cover near Enterprise Café
RESOLVED as there was also a hole at the side of the manhole and water was squelching up from it to write to Highways to ask CCC to return and repair the manhole cover.
- 8. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**
- 8.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk
RESOLVED to accept a quotation from Roger Ferguson for £160 plus VAT to secure and re-hang the gate at the Egremont Road play area. (Prop PJ, 2nd JH)
RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had accepted a quotation from Roger Ferguson for £88.00 for repair of the guttering at the Pavilion, under her delegated powers.

8.2 To receive play area and skate park inspection reports including RoSPA reports
 RESOLVED to receive reports for the Egremont Road, Grenadier Walk, Worcester Avenue, and Church play areas, and for the Skate Park.
 RESOLVED to put repairs in hand for a loose plate at the base of the fun box and loose rivets and missing caps on the half-pipe.

8.3 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills
 RESOLVED to receive the financial report and that the invoices and bank statements be checked before the cheques were signed at the end of the meeting.
 RESOLVED unanimously that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd JS)

CGM (Tree works)	£108.00
Victoire Press (Hardwick Happenings)	£608.00
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£1021.09
Peter Oakes (Tree works)	£420.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1458.68
Dyno Rod (Pavilion drains)	£156.00
Salaries	£333.41
Bourn Parish Council (Traffic survey)	£153.61
Town and Country (Hedge works)	£156.00
S Marcus (Hardwick Happenings)	£40.00

Skanska (Cahills Corner improvement scheme) £1989.86 was released between meetings as work could not start on the drawings without payment. Credits including the precept, a VAT refund, advertising income, rent and bank interest were noted.

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

It was noted that the A428 roundabouts had been cut and were looking very neat.
 An elm tree beside the pond with two overhanging branches hitting passing buses is to be reported to CCC.
 The Chairman will take a look at brambles on the verge at Sudeley Grove.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
