

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2015 in the School at 7.45 pm

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

In attendance: Mrs C Newton (LGS Services) Gail Stoehr (Clerk) and 3 members of public (for part of the meeting)

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Ann Jones reported on the state of the Village sign and informed the Parish Council that she had received a quote for this to be fixed. The Parish Council will request for two further quotes to discuss at the next meeting.

Mrs Gough an owner of Broadway House reported on graffiti and rubbish by the garages in Bramley Way and vermin at the burnt out property at the junction of Cambridge Road and St Neots Road, and asked the Parish Council to help get this cleaned up for health and safety reasons.

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Oakes (out of parish)

2. Declaration of interests

2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda and details of dispensations held

None.

2.2 To receive written and grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate for items on this agenda

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 24 February 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 24 February 2015 be approved ^(Prop PJ, 2nd JS) and signed by the Chairman.

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

4.0 (4.1) Briar Security

RESOLVED to contact Briar Security to chase when the work will be completed.

4.0.1 (4.2) New litter bin including installation and emptying

RESOLVED to chase when the bin will be fitted and the rubbish will be removed.

4..0.2 (4.3) Improvements at Cahill's Corner

Cllr Storr had been unable to contact Mr Bensley of Skanska to arrange a meeting with him and the Vice-Chairman so he will call again to try and arrange.

On a proposition by the Chairman the order of business was changed.

5.4 Resident complaint about flytipping by garages in Bramley Way and graffiti on the garages

RESOLVED that whilst this is a matter for South Cambridgeshire District Council and the residents but that they will write to the Environmental Health to help with this matter.

- 7.3 To consider complaints about the burnt out property at the junction of Cambridge Road and St Neots Road
RESOLVED to write to Environment Health and the Police for their help.
- 5. Correspondence/communications received**
- 5.1 Resident – request to hold Big Lunch on Parish Council Land
RESOLVED to grant permission subject to it not being the responsibility of the Parish Council and the Parish Council accepting no liability for the event. (Prop IS, 2nd PJ)
- 5.2 To Consider quotation for repairs to the bus shelter opposite Miller’s Way
RESOLVED to seek a revised quote for just the front and side panels and to establish what material this is going to be made from before further consideration.
- 5.3 Request from Hardwick Sports and Social Club to install a water fountain at the Pavilion
RESOLVED to not grant permission on the grounds of health and safety (Prop IS, 2nd AG)
- 5.4 Taken earlier in the meeting.
- 6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications**
- 6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 6.1.1 S/0101/15/FL – 10 Sadlers Close – replacement of windows - amendment
RESOLVED that there were no objections. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG)
- 6.1.2 S/0299/15/FL - 158 Limes Road – Garage conversion – Amendment
RESOLVED that there were no objections.
- 6.1.3 S/0603/15/FL - 8 Russet Walk – Two Storey Side Extension
RESOLVED that there were no objections. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG)
- 6.1.4 S/0577/15/FL - 22 Pippin Walk – Single storey rear extension
RESOLVED that there were no objections. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG)
- 6.2 SCDC Decision Notices
None.
- 6.3 Tree Works
None.
- 7. Members reports and items for information only**
- 7.1 Proposal that the Parish Council considers improving the Egremont Road play area
The proposal to improve the Egremont Road play area was outlined. Initial enquiries had been sent to four companies seeking options and quotations which are awaited. The Chairman will attend site meetings.
- 7.2 Neighbourhood planning and to consider opportunities for development in the village
At 8.40 pm, 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, commercial sensitivity, the public were temporarily excluded from the meeting and were instructed to withdraw. No members of the public were present.
At 8.50 pm, the meeting was re-opened to the public.
RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will continue to look opportunities for village development; meeting and discussing with landowners, developers and/or residents as appropriate. The Cllrs are to bring a firm recommendation to the Parish Council when there is a decision to be made by the Parish Council.

- 7.3 To consider complaints about the burnt out property at the junction of Cambridge Road and St Neots Road
Taken earlier.
- 7.4 Branches obscuring visibility near bus stop in St Neots Road
RESOLVED to note that Cllr Frost had verbally indicated that the County Council was only responsible for cutting the vegetation back to the verge.
RESOLVED to write to the County Council asking who owns the trees along St Neots Road behind the bus shelter and urging that authority to arrange the works on the grounds of safety as the bus users have to step into the road to see if a bus is coming.
- 8. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**
- 8.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk
RESOLVED in response to HSSC's request for new deeper and wider guttering at the front of the pavilion to get the guttering checked and cleared of any leaves.
RESOLVED that members will look at the pavilion and guttering before considering if new guttering is required at the front of the pavilion.
RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had used her delegated powers to contract Dyno-rod to clear a blocked drain at the Pavilion and that Dyno-rod recommended a full descale of the drains .
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Dyno-rod for £350.00 plus VAT to descale the drain. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd JH)
- 8.2 To receive play area and skate park inspection reports including RoSPA reports
RESOLVED to receive the reports for the skate park and Egremont Road play areas.
RESOLVED to arrange the repair of a fencing board at the Egremont Road play area.
Cllr Worland undertook to forward his reports for the Worcester Avenue and Grenadier Walk play areas.
- 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, plus Dyno-rod (Pavilion drains) £216.00 and CCC (Yellow lines advertising costs) £452.33. ^(Prop JH, 2nd PJ)
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| Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting) | £303.01 |
| Salary | £227.97 |
| LGS Services (Admin support) | £1460.82 |
- Credits including bank interest were noted.
- RESOLVED to consider outstanding debtors -
- The Netball Club had undertaken to make an overdue payment for its the use of the all weather court on the organisers return from holiday in two weeks.
 - RESOLVED as Cricket Club had not made any repayments on the loan of £2000 made to them in March 2014, with repayments of £200 due every six months to write to the Club again stating that unless the arrears of £400 are received, the Parish Council will seek immediate repayment of the whole £2000.
- RESOLVED to note that the Netball Club had complained that the lights had broken down during a match and Briar Security had been asked to attend to faulty bulbs before Christmas and will be pursued again to complete the work.
- 8.4 Litter picker vacancy – to consider an application for the position

RESOLVED to appoint Jonno Gaze to the employed position of Litter Picker subject to a health and safety review and a work permit.

The applicant had been asked by the Chairman to contact the Clerk for details of the position and the Health and Safety Requirements.

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

RESOLVED to write to the Force Commander of the Police stating that the Parish Council and residents are worried about the number of break-ins during the day, and asking whether their patrol in the village can be brought forward from May. The Police are also to be asked to look into the situation at the burnt-out building at Cambridge Road/St Neots Road, and to check on parking on the zig-zags outside the School at dropping off and pick up times.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

