

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2016
in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: S Rose (Chairman), J Humphries, A Gill, P Joslin, C Cracknell, R Worland and B Skingle.

In attendance: 2 members of the public District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident asked about having a litter picking group. The aim of the group would be to litter pick on a regular basis, once a month or more often if that was not enough. The litter pick would cover St Neots Road, Cambridge Road and Main Street. The organisers will choose a day and look at organising the group. An article will be placed in Hardwick Happenings. The group may apply for funding for high visibility jackets, gloves and litter pickers at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk' advice regarding insurance cover if this was an event led by the Parish Council was read out.

A resident sought an update about the burnt out building on the corner of St Neots Road and Cambridge Road. District Cllr Chamberlain provided a verbal update and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting. It will be checked whether SCDC have to ensure the demolition is carried out safely.

Cllr Chamberlain reported that the Local Development Framework had been approved and was being re-submitted to the inspector, but could take a year to be approved by them.

Martin Cassey had sent his apologies. He will attend the Annual Parish Meeting to give a report. A paper was circulated for next month's meeting. Alison Talkington of SCDC had indicated her willingness to attend the Annual Parish Meeting if invited, to speak about Neighbourhood Planning.

A resident queried that the shrubs and hedges on Cambridge Road from the BT premises to the corner of St Neots Road were still very overgrown. SCDC had undertaken to tidy the area but had only dealt with the section on St Neots Road. This is to be followed up with SCDC.

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Stewart (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

Cllr Joslin declared an interest in item 4.2 as a volunteer litter picker.

Cllrs Cracknell and Rose declared an interest in item 5.5 as honorary life members of the Football Club, and declared the existence of their dispensation to speak.

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 22 March 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after an amendment under item 7.2 to remove a superfluous "v" from the word "various". (Prop CC, 2nd JH, unanimous)

- 4. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decisions**
- 4.1 (5.1) To consider quotations for supply and installation of litter bins in four locations
RESOLVED given the failure to supply the bin ordered from SCDC for the site opposite the Hardwick turn, to cancel the order and to replace it with a new bin to be purchased. (Prop SR, 2nd PJ, unanimous)
RESOLVED to order three dark green Topsy 2000 bins from Glasdon, up to a total cost of £395.00 plus VAT per bin, subject to Cllr Worland checking beforehand whether concrete bases are already in place at all or any of the locations, at the bus shelter opposite 33 St Neots Road, by the lay-by leading towards Cambridge, and opposite the Hardwick turn.
RESOLVED to delegate to the Clerk to accept the cheapest quote for installation. (Prop JH, 2nd BS, unanimous)
- 4.2 (5.2) Litter picking group – to consider the legal and insurance implications
RESOLVED, having noted the advice received from the Clerk, that the litter picking group should advise the Parish Council of the next proposed date for a litter pick.
RESOLVED to approve up to £250 for training and equipment, having checked with SCDC whether they hire out equipment. (Prop SR, 2nd JH, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)
RESOLVED to appoint the Chairman to carry out the litter picker’s review and discuss any issues with him. (Prop CC, 2nd PJ, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)
- 4.3 (5.4) Resident request for “No cycling signs” at Grenadier Walk – to consider response from CCC
RESOLVED, noting the advice received from CCC, to seek quotes for two signs reading “Cyclists please dismount”. (Prop CC, 2nd AG, unanimous)
- 4.4 (7.1) Neighbourhood Planning – to consider if Alison Talkington of SCDC should be invited to a meeting
RESOLVED, given that she has indicated she would be willing to attend, to invite Alison Talkington to a forthcoming meeting, to discuss Neighbourhood Planning. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, carried with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions)
- 4.5 (7.3) To consider correspondence from the Connections Bus Project
RESOLVED, having also received correspondence from the Evangelical Church, which also runs a youth group, not to take up the service from the Connections Bus Project. (Prop RW, 2nd BS, unanimous)
- 4.6 (8.2) Rubber surround on Egremont Road swing handles – to consider quotations received
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from RPM to replace two swing seats at a cost of £150.00 each. (Prop RW, 2nd JH, unanimous)
- 4.7 To consider quotations for a tree survey
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Eastern Tree Surgery with digital mapping for the sum of £836.40 and to include inspection of the trees at Sudeley Grove in the survey. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)
- 4.8 (4.0.1) Street light SC12 outside the Pavilion
RESOLVED to receive the Chairman’s verbal report that Balfour Beatty had not received the report on the light despite this being reported several times on the CCC website. Balfour Beatty had undertaken to look at the light. The Chairman will write if there has been no progress in a couple of weeks.
- 4.9 Land adjacent to St Mary’s Church play area

RESOLVED in response to Caroline Chivers request to meet with a member to appoint the Chairman to meet with Chivers Farms. (Prop JH, 2nd PJ, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)

- 4.10 It was noted that the Dyno-Rod survey at the pavilion had been carried out and the report was awaited. This will be considered at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence/communications received

5.1 St Mary's Church – request for financial support

RESOLVED, having considered the request from St Mary's Church for a donation for the insurance premium, and in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, to donate the sum of £1583.60 to St Mary's Church, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the village and its inhabitants. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, carried with 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention)

5.2 (7.3) Evangelical Church – request for funding

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

5.3 East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) request for funding

RESOLVED that the Parish Council is unable to assist. (Prop CC, 2nd JH, unanimous)

5.4 MAGPAS request for donation

RESOLVED that the Parish Council is unable to assist. (Prop CC, 2nd JH, unanimous)

5.5 Resident – Complaint about footballers urinating on and around the playing field

RESOLVED to write to the Chairman of the Football Clubs and ask them to remind players that this is unacceptable behaviour, and that in the future the shirt colour and number of the player will be taken.

RESOLVED to write to the resident to advise her of the Parish Council's action and to advise her that if she notices anything again to take the player's number and shirt colour.

6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications

6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

6.1.1 S/0701/16/FL – 119 Cambridge Road – Demolish existing conservatory, garage conversion, single storey rear extension, replace flat roof, etc

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

6.1.2 S/0799/16/FL – 15 Pippin Walk – Two storey side extension and single storey extension to front and rear

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

6.1.3 S/0958/16/FL – 5 Lark Rise – Single storey double garage with workshop/tool store to rear

Withdrawn.

6.1.4 S/0861/16/FL – 77 Limes Road – Proposed two storey side extension and replacement garage

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

Cllr Chamberlain left the meeting at 9.55 pm.

6.2 SCDC Decision Notices

Details of planning permissions granted by SCDC or refusal notices since the last meeting can be viewed on the SCDC Planning Portal at <http://plan.scamb.gov.uk/>.

6.2.1 S/0827/16/LD – 5 Lark Rise – Lawful development certificate – Building a garage and workshop to the area to the rear of existing house and driveway – Withdrawn.

Noted.

6.2.2 S/1469/15/DC – 27 St Neots Road – Discharge of conditions – Application for approval of details in respect of Discharge of Condition 3 (External materials), Condition 4 (Landscaping), Condition 7 (Boundary treatment), Condition 8 (Surface water drainage) and Condition 10 (Finished floor levels) of Planning Consent S/1128/14/FL – Permission granted by SCDC.
Noted.

6.3 Tree Works

6.3.1 16 Main Street

RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections.

6.3.2 44 Main Street

RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections.

6.3.3 Tree adjacent to 81 Bramley Way

RESOLVED that Cllr Gill should call on the residents to let them know that they should contact St Neots Road residents as tree is not on Parish Council land. ^(Prop SR, 2nd BS, unanimous)

7. Members reports and items for information only

7.1 Report on Village Plan committee meeting on 24 March

RESOLVED to take Cllr Joslin's previously circulated report as read.

7.2 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the state of the walkway between the Church and Blue Lion

RESOLVED to obtain a quotation for widening the path and resurfacing the walkway and to contact CCC to ask them to repair the path as this is a trip hazard especially at night, and at two feet wide it is less than the width requirement and a major path in the village. ^(Prop JH, 2nd RW, unanimous)

7.3 (9) To consider placing a request for Speedwatch volunteer on the website and in Hardwick Happenings

RESOLVED that this request should be placed on the website and that it will go in the next issue of Hardwick Happenings.

7.4 (9) P3 paths, signage and arrangements for putting up the waymarking signs

RESOLVED to seek volunteers and to accept Cllr Worland's kind offer of assistance. Cllr Joslin will check where the signs are needed and this will be considered further at the next meeting.

8. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

8.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had used her delegated powers to have the Main Street pond drain blockage cleared by Dyno-Rod at a cost of £276.00. Dyno-Rod had reported that it was blocked with tree roots.

8.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports

RESOLVED that Cllr Humphries will email photographs of the broken fencing at Egremont Road so repairs can be arranged. The see-saw is squeaky.

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 are signed.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid, plus Dyno-Rod (Pond drainage) £276.00. ^(Prop JH, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

LGS Services (Payroll) £79.20

Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting) £675.30

Victoire Press (Hardwick Happenings)	£641.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1271.00
Salary	£227.97
Salary	£93.33

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.34 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

APPROVED