

**Hardwick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2018**  
**in the School at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: A Gill (Chairman), P Joslin, J Humphries, D Wellbelove, S Rose and B Skingle

In attendance: 3 members of the public and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

**1. To approve apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Chamberlain (out of parish).

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

A resident expressed concerns about the proposed footpath to the north of the Grace Crescent development, as it was not clear from the plans exactly where it would go.

Another resident also wished to object to the proposal as the area it would cross was still a working farm and farm machinery was currently parked there.

Martin Cassey updated the Parish Council on progress towards primary healthcare in the village. Another briefing paper had been submitted to Heidi Allen MP and passed on to the Clinical Commissioning Group. Mr Cassey was thanked for his continuing efforts.

**2. To consider any applications to fill the casual vacancy**

None.

**3. Declaration of interests**

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

Cllr Rose declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.1 as a life member of HSSC.

Cllr Skingle declared an interest in item 7.1.4 as a resident of Sadlers Close.

Cllr Wellbelove declared an interest in item 5.1 as members of HSSC.

Cllr Gill declared an interest in item 7.1.2 as he knew the applicant and their family were neighbours of his. He also declared an interest in item 8.1 as a member of the Community Room Trustees and the existence of his dispensation to speak and vote.

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

None.

**4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 12 December 2017**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 12 December be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Prop PJ, 2nd DW, unanimous)

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

**5.1 (5.1) Pavilion downpipes and soakaways – to consider quotations and responses received**

RESOLVED having considered three quotations and the history of the issue, given the costs involved, the absence of any evidence of damage to the building, and the lack of assurance that further works would provide a solution, to defer this item to the February meeting to enable Cllr Gill to speak to the Club Manager at HSSC to ascertain the exact nature and extent of the problem persisting after previous works had been carried out. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG, unanimous)

**5.2 (6.4) SCDC street lighting – to consider correspondence received**

RESOLVED to respond to Paul Quigley at SCDC that the Parish Council wishes to keep the £15,000 S106 money provided for extra lighting on Main Street from Cahills Corner to the Grace Crescent development, especially the stretch from the Blue Lion to Cahills Corner, and to add that the Council would warmly welcome SCDC upgrading the rest of the lighting without using the S106 money. (Prop PJ, 2nd DW, unanimous)

## **6. Correspondence/communications received**

### **6.1 Resident – request for speed stickers for wheelie bins**

RESOLVED to obtain quotations for 120 x 30 mph stickers and 120 x 40 mph stickers for consideration at the next meeting.

### **6.2 Caxton Parish Council – request to share Speedwatch camera**

RESOLVED to agree to the request from Caxton Parish Council to share the Speedwatch equipment in return for a payment of £500.00, on condition that they agree to return it to Hardwick Parish Council when requested, and also to inform Toft Parish Council of the arrangement. (Prop DW, 2nd JH, unanimous)

### **6.3 SCDC Consultation on main modifications to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan and Cambridge Local Plan**

A proposal by Cllr Gill that the Parish Council support the modifications as identified by the Inspector to the Local Plan, was not seconded.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no comment on the modifications. (Prop BS, 2nd AG, unanimous)

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

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

#### **7.1.1 S/4409/17/FL – 68 Limes Road – Erection of two storey dwelling and associated works to vehicular access**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that it is visually hazardous for a busy T junction with parked vehicles. (Prop AG, 2nd JH, unanimous)

#### **7.1.2 S/4406/17/FL – 58 Laxton Avenue – Proposed two storey and part single storey side extension**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop PJ, 2nd JH, carried with 1 abstention)

#### **7.1.3 S/4510/17/NM – 44c Hall Drive – Non-material amendment of planning permission S/1886/17/FL**

Noted.

#### **7.1.4 S/4551/17/RM – Agricultural field west of Grace Crescent – Application for approval of reserved matters for layout, scale, appearance and landscaping (Not EIA) for the erection of up to 98 dwellings and associated works following outline planning permission S/1694/16/OL**

At 8.23 pm the meeting was briefly suspended to enable a resident to comment.

He highlighted the unsuitability of the track for a footpath on safety grounds, the presence of farm machinery and the difficulty of segregating farm traffic which would have to cross the footpath to access farmland, making it hazardous for pedestrians. He urged the Parish Council to reject the proposal.

The meeting resumed at 8.25 pm.

RESOLVED to object to the application only on the grounds that the footpath to the north is incompatible with a working farm and provides minimal benefit to the residents of the new development in comparison to the disproportionate impact on the properties adjacent to the proposed footpath route. (Prop BS, 2nd DW, carried with 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention)

- 7.1.5 S/4514/17/FL – 5 Laxton Avenue – Extension to ground floor entrance/cloakroom and first floor/front/side extension  
RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG, unanimous)
- 7.1.6 S/0001/18/FL – 56 Laxton Avenue – Single storey rear extension after demolition of existing conservatory  
RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG, unanimous)
- 7.2 SCDC Decision Notices
- 7.2.1 S/3749/17/DC – 303 St Neots Road – Discharge of conditions 4 (Materials) and 5 (Boundary treatment) of planning permission S/0629/17/FL – Permission granted.
- 7.2.2 S/3911/17/FL – 59 Ellison Lane – Two storey side extension – Permission granted.
- 7.2.3 S/3677/17/LB – The Old Victoria Farmhouse, 26 Main Street – Works to reinstate inglenook fireplace (current dining room) and installation of a wood burner. Installation of a chimney liner and wood burning stove (study) – Permission granted.
- 7.3 Tree Works Applications
- 7.3.1 S/0078/18/TC – Glebe House, 44 Main Street  
RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no comments.
- 8. Members reports and items for information only**
- 8.1 New Housing Developments and Planning Obligations including Hill’s public exhibition for detailed proposals in relation to the outline permission for the development at Grace Crescent  
Nothing further to report.
- 8.0.2 RESOLVED to hold the First and Annual meeting on 15 May.
- 8.0.3 RESOLVED to ask the Clerk for a suitable date for holding the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the elections.  
Cllr Wellbelove gave his apologies for both 15 May and 22 May.
- 8.0.4 The Chairman reported that work to disconnect the gas mains under the burnt out building on corner of St Neots Road and Main Street would take place on 31 January.
- 8.0.5 RESOLVED to note that the Chairman had checked the new play equipment installation and to contact Clare McGowan to seek her confirmation that she was happy with the installation so that the form can be signed.
- 8.0.6 RESOLVED to amend the play inspection checklist for Egremont Road to reflect the new equipment.
- 8.0.7 RESOLVED to note that payment will not be made until the grant funds from WREN are received.
- 8.0.8 RESOLVED to record thanks and appreciation to Clare McGowan for an excellent job in bringing the project to a conclusion.
- 9. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**
- 9.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk and Clerk’s use of delegated powers  
RESOLVED to note that the new gate ordered to allow triple buggies access turned out to be not wide enough and so Kompan had taken out one post where the gate returns to and then installed a new post, cut back the existing fence and attached the fence to the new post and manufactured a new gate closer which will now allow the larger buggies through the gate. The sum for this work is £600 which is significantly cheaper than the quote Kompan submitted originally and which was accepted by the Parish Council.  
The Chairman reported that the resident had used it and had thanked the Parish Council as the gate was “perfect.”

RESOLVED to delegate to the Clerk to arrange repairs under her delegated powers to a perspex panel on the bus shelter in St Neots Road at Millers Way which had been damaged and there was a large hole in it. (Prop DW, 2nd AG, unanimous)

9.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports

RESOLVED to receive the reports for the skate park, Egremont Road and Church play areas. Cllr Bhachu is to be asked to email his reports for Grenadier Walk and Worcester Avenue and to provide details of the address with branches overhanging the Grenadier Walk play area.

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

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid, plus Information Commissioner (Data protection renewal) £35.00, Parish Online (Online mapping) £54.00 and Peter Oakes (Tree removal) £80.00. (Prop SR, 2nd AG, unanimous)

LGS Services (Payroll)	£288.00
Salary	£150.00
Salary	£90.36
Hardwick School (Room hire)	£126.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1280.66
NEST (Pension) (DD)	£166.75

Credits, including investment interest and a VAT reclaim, were noted.

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

Cllrs Gill and Joslin are to attend the LLF workshop at Shire Hall on 25 January. Cllr Skingle gave his apologies for the budget meeting on 6 February. Members were asked to consider possible projects for inclusion in the budget and let the Clerk know. The request that the Parish Council make provision for possible projects arising from the Village Plan will also be considered.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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

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