

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 26 October 2010 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllrs I Storr (Chairman), P Joslin, A Gill, J Bowen, T Bhachu, G Chamberlain, J Stewart and A Freeman.

In attendance: Cllr F Whelan and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Whelan's reported on:

- The Guided Busway – no further news on an open date, no end in sight.
- Comberton Village College – negotiations with planners for a secondary school in Cambourne.
- Gritting – school bus routes are not going to be gritted.
- Budget - education will be ring fenced. The County Council do not yet know what they will receive.
- BT Race to Infinity – residents are urged to sign up in the hope of getting faster broadband speeds for their exchange. Cllr Whelan will write an article for the Hardwick Happenings.
- Madingley Rise – Mark Kemp from Highways will be attending Madingley's Parish Council meeting on 12th November. Cllr Whelan will report on this at the next meeting.
- A428 barriers and the number of recent accidents.

The Chairman varied the order of business and item 6.1 was taken here.

6.1 A428 Barrier Safety ^(GC)

No reply as yet had been received from the Highways Agency. Cllr Chamberlain had been looking into an extensive study carried out in Oregon highlighting the dangers of this particular type of barrier. Cllr Whelan asked for details of his findings. A copy will be sent to her so she can follow up on this.

Cllr Stewart's reported on;

- Derelict building on St Neots Rd – Gareth Jones at SCDC has said there is nothing the Council can do to force the issue.
- Standards Committee – parish councils need to be clear and precise about declarations of interest and follow correct procedures.
- Advised that the Parish Council's precept for next year may have to allow for things that will no longer be funded by Government.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Atkinson (unable to access the building safely due to work being carried out within the school).

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 28 September 2010

The minutes of the meeting on 28 September 2010 were unanimously approved^(Prop PJ, 2nd GC) after amendment to item 6.2 which should read "repair required at Egremont Rd Play Area". The amended minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meeting

The Clerk's report was noted.

- 3.0.1 (3.1) and (3.5) Cllr Gill had spoken to Town & Country to specify exact location and requirements and the Parish Council agreed that the work should proceed without

further delay, together with the treeworks previously agreed at 15 Egremont Rd

3.1 (3.2) Shrub area near playing field and club car park weed killer – to consider quotations

Quotation received from CGM, Jim Rogers and Ian Lawson were considered and the quotation from Ian Lawson for £460 was accepted. ^(Prop JS, 2nd AG)

3.2 (6.2) Egremont Rd play area fencing repairs – to consider quotations

After consideration, the quotation from Ian Lawson for £210 was accepted. ^(Prop GC, 2nd JS)

3.3 (6.2 of 25.5.10) CCC reply re Millers Way

The Parish Council was disappointed with the response from Camilla Haggett and wished to take the matter further by writing to Mark Kemp saying the Parish Council has done all it can and awaits a response to its statutory submission. A copy is to be sent to Cllr Whelan.

4. Correspondence/communications received

4.1 SCDC Hedge Pack – to consider if any tree or hedging are required

The Parish Council agreed that no more are required at present.

4.2 Connections Bus report – to note

Noted.

4.3 NHS Pharmaceutical Services Consultation

It was agreed that members would respond individually online rather than the Council submitting a response.

4.4 SCDC democratic services review

In response the Parish Council wanted it noted that it is very dissatisfied with the planning website. The remaining questions will be answered by the Clerk.

4.5 NALC Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity Consultation

The Parish Council felt that this was an exercise which is inappropriate given the current climate.

5. Planning applications and decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received

None

5.2 SCDC Decision and appeal notices

S/0609/10/F - 345 St Neots Rd – SCDC declined.

5.3 Tree works applications

5.3.1 167 St Neots Rd

The Parish Council had no objections to the treeworks

5.3.2 87 Main St

The Parish Council had no objections to the treeworks

6. Members reports and items for decision

6.1 A428 barrier safety

This item was taken earlier.

6.2 Report on School Liaison meeting

Cllr Joslin's report was noted. The school had expressed concern about the back path from the school to Limes Rd which gets very slippery during the winter months. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for a salt bin and to decide at the next meeting if one is to be purchased.

7. Finance, risk assessment and procedural matters

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

The financial report was received and considered and invoices and bank statements were checked. The payments as listed in the report, plus Hardwick Primary School £45 (room hire). Credits received since the last meeting were noted. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AF)

Grounds by Rounds (grounds maintenance)	£274.17
LGS Services (admin support)	£1212.42
Victoire Press (printing)	£520.00
Briar Security (cctv recording problems)	£81.95
LG Stoehr (salary)	£176.80
J Dyer (salary)	£110.24

In response to the correspondence from Signworks the Parish Council agreed to settle the invoice for £1012.85 for the new village map, and negotiate a nominal sum to amend the sign near the Church.

7.2 Financial Regulation review and recommendation from the RFO on small works procedure

The advice and guidance from the Clerk on small works was considered and the Parish Council agreed that the financial regulations could be updated to show that the Clerk, be delegated in consultation with the Chairman to put in hand small works, within the budget, up to the sum of £500 between meetings, as had previously been discussed at the April 2010 meeting.

7.3 Play area inspection reports and skate park inspection report

The 'no dog fouling' sign has fallen off at the Egremont Rd Recreation Ground car park. Cllr Bowen will take a look. There were no other problems.

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

Cllr Storr read out the report sent by Karen Mahoney which covered;

- 6 crimes reported in the last month. 4 Burglaries, 1 theft of motor vehicle and 1 theft of bicycle.
- The police have also asked for neighbours to report youths on mini motorcycles.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)