

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2011 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllrs I Storr (Chairman), P Joslin, A Gill, J Stewart and A Freeman.

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

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Whelan reported as County Councillor on;

- Budget cuts affecting roads, children's services, post 16 yr olds transport, libraries (in particular Comberton), Connections Bus, Adult Social Care, grasscutting, maintenance of speed activated lights.
- Localism Bill
- Job cuts – 450 to start with
- A428 – still working on the Highways Dept regarding the steel wire barriers
- Guided Bus

A pot hole in Limes Rd as you turn left out of the school was brought to Cllr Whelan's attention.

A resident had reported to a member of the Parish Council her concerns that her child had been taken out of the Roger Ascham School, and put into a mainstream school which has been very difficult for the child.

Cllr Whelan said she would look into both of these matters

Cllr Stewart reported as District Councillor on;

- Standards Board being abolished – instead Local Councils can have their own Standards Committee.
- Localism Agenda – when reviewing their budgets Parish Councils ought to allow for cuts made by the Government so they have some headroom to fund any services which may become the responsibility if the Parish Councils.

Cllr Whelan was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chamberlain and Bowen. Cllr Atkinson's resignation was acknowledged and the Parish Council wishes to thank him for his work on the Council and wish him well for the future.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2010

The minutes of the meeting on 14 December 2010 were unanimously approved ^(Prop AG, 2nd JS) and 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 (3.0.6) The salt bin on Egremont Rd near the school path is still waiting to be filled with salt. This is to be followed up with CCC.

3.0.2 (7.3) The graffiti at the skatepark is awaiting attention. This is to be followed up.

3.0.3 It was agreed to check if any reply had been received from the owner of the derelict site on St Neots Rd and if not, to write to him again.

3.1 Millers Way – to report on any update

Nothing to report as no reply received as yet from Mr Kemp.

4. Correspondence/communications received

- 4.1 CPALC – Localism Bill
Noted.
- 4.2 NHS dispensing regulations classification of Comberton
The Parish Council agreed that Comberton should be classified as rural.
- 4.3 SCDC satisfaction survey
It was agreed that this could be completed by members individually on-line.
- 4.4 SCDC guidance on rural affordable housing and exception sites
This is to be forwarded to all members as they didn't receive it.
- 4.5 Code of Conduct and Standards Committee update
Noted.
- 5. Planning applications and decision notices**
- 5.1 Planning applications received
- 5.1.1 S/2193/10 – 157 Limes Road – Extension (Extend time limit for implementation)
The Parish Council recommended approval
- 5.2 SCDC Decision and appeal notices
- 5.2.1 S/2062/10 – 136 Limes Road – Extension
SCDC approved.
- 5.3 Tree works applications
None.
- 6. Members reports and items for decision**
- 6.1 P3 report
Cllr Joslin reported that on the Hardwick Millennium path (permissive footpath to Comberton) Whitethorn is encroaching the path and also a badger set is also making access across the path difficult. The sign is also unreadable. Cllr Joslin is keen to meet with the Comberton P3 co-coordinator to discuss the problems.
- 6.2 Recreation Ground drainage
There has been a large amount of water sitting on the Recreation Ground and it would appear that there may be a blockage in the drainage. Cllr Storr has asked the firm who carried out the work to meet him on site to look into the matter.
- 6.2.1 Cllr Joslin reported that there are a lot of tree shoots and green suckers growing around the bottom of the trees on the Recreation Ground and that grasscutting could be made easier if these were cut back.
- 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 Information Commissioner £35, were approved for payment ^(Prop JS, 2nd PJ). Credits received since the last meeting were noted.
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| CCC (Salt bin) | £109.28 |
| Greenham (Salt bin) | £206.11 |
| Grounds by Rounds (grounds maintenance) | £274.17 |
| LGS Services (admin support) | £1215.63 |
| LG Stoehr (salary) | £176.80 |
| J Dyer (salary) | £110.24 |
| Ian Lawson (play area works) | £210.00 |
- 7.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor

Carried forward to the Budget meeting.

7.3 Publication of spending over £500

The Parish Council noted the requirement and will publicise its spending over £500 on the village website. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG)

7.4 Play area inspection reports and skatepark inspection report

Cllr Stewart's report was received. Cllr Freeman will forward his to the Clerk. The Clerk is asked to email Cllrs Bowen and Bachu for their reports.

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

8.0.1 The Chairman read out the School's response to the Parish Council's letter regarding disabled access. The Parish Council accept their response.

8.0.2 As P3 co-ordinator, Cllr Joslin will contact Kate Day (Countrywide Access Team CCC) to ask if they will be paying for grasscutting on the footpaths, as the Parish Council needs to know before their budget meeting.

8.0.3 The Parish Council was pleased that the Madingley Exchange (which Includes Hardwick) has been successful in BT's Race to Infinity and the Parish Council wish to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Tumi Hawkins for all her efforts in promoting the campaign.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)