

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 22 April 2014 in the School at 7.45 pm

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. To approve apologies for absence

None.

2. Declaration of interests

2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Stewart declared an interest in Item 5.1 as the residents were family members.

Cllr Oakes declared an interest in Item 6.3.2 (tree works, 16 Main Street) as her husband was the tree surgeon.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations (if any)

None.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

None.

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 25 March 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 25 March 2014 be unanimously approved ^(Prop JS, 2nd JH), and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Freeman arrived at 7.46 pm and declared an interest in Item 6.3.2 (tree works, 16 Main Street), as the owner.

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

4.1 (4.1) SCDC Housing Needs Survey – to consider responses from SCDC, Cambridgeshire ACRE and Andrew Campbell re the Housing Consortium’s land

RESOLVED to note the correspondence from Andrew Campbell requesting a meeting, from Mark Deas at Cambs ACRE explaining if affordable homes were built in Hardwick, they would not necessarily be allocated to Hardwick residents and copy correspondence between Andrew Campbell and the District Council, relating to the Consortium’s request for the site to be included in the Local Plan.

RESOLVED not to meet with Mr Campbell at this stage but to arrange a date for the Chairman, Cllr Stewart as District Councillor, and Cllr Gill if he is able, to meet with Stephen Hills of the Planning Department and Mark Deas of ACRE to discuss the matter further.

A resident enquired whether development proposals for land at St Neots Road were proceeding. The Chairman explained that affordable housing was not being considered tonight and a meeting was first necessary to discuss the possible options, as the Parish Council’s priority lay with the needs of Hardwick residents.

The four members of the public left the meeting.

4.2 (4.4) Improvement work to Cahills Corner – to consider quotation from Skanska if received and the next steps

No quotations had been received. The Chairman reported on a site meeting with Skanska and the suggestion of installing grasscrete on the inside of the bend, with a footpath and slabs at an angle rather than a large retaining wall. It was anticipated that the scheme might cost in the region of £35,000 to £40,000.

- 4.3 (4.5) To consider quotations for grass seed for the football pitches
RESOLVED unanimously to delegate to the Chairman and Clerk together with Mel Pooley to decide which seeds to use on behalf of the Parish Council. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG)
- 4.4 To consider quotations for new bus shelter
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Queensbury Shelters in the sum of £4221.00 to supply and install a bus shelter and to remove the old one. (Prop RW, 2nd AG)
Quotations for the installation of two cycle stands on an extended base are awaited.
- 4.5 Request to hold football boot camps on the Recreation Ground
RESOLVED to ask Matt Clements to attend the next meeting to discuss his request in more detail.
- 4.6 Pavilion lease renewal
At approximately 8.15 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, lease negotiations, the meeting was temporarily closed to the public. No members of the public were present. The meeting was re-opened to the public at approximately 8.20 pm. RESOLVED that no further change to the lease be made at this time. (Prop IS, 2nd AG)
- 5. Correspondence/communications received**
- 5.1 Resident complaint about trees adjacent to 7 Sudeley Grove and request for their removal
Cllr Stewart, having previously declared an interest, left the meeting at 8.22 pm.
Cllr Gill reported on a site meeting. The two large trees were sound and were not considered to be dangerous. RESOLVED to reply that the resident could cut back the overhanging branches to the boundary if they wished, but would need to contact the SCDC Trees Officer first as the tree is in a conservation area.
A map of trees with Tree Preservation Orders is to be requested from the District Council.
Cllr Stewart re-joined the meeting at 8.30 pm.
- 5.2 Resident complaint about antisocial behaviour by the skatepark on 4 April
Cllr Humphries was thanked for attending the location and clearing up the broken glass.
RESOLVED to respond to the resident that the Parish Council is concerned, and has contacted the Police, who believe that the matter has been dealt with by them, having attended and spoken with the youths, and confiscated all alcohol found. The Parish Council considers that anti-social behaviour is much lower now than in the past.
- 5.3 Highways Agency Cambridge to Huntingdon A14 Public Consultation
Noted.
- 6. Planning Applications and Decision notices**
- 6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 6.1.1 S/0641/14/FL – Land NE of 353 St Neots Road – erection of single storey dwelling
RESOLVED unanimously to make no recommendation. (Prop JS, 2nd AG)
- 6.2 SCDC Decision Notices
- 6.2.1 S/0421/14/FL – The Annex, 29A Ashmead Drive – Change of use of annexe to a one bedroom dwelling

Permission refused by SCDC – Noted.

6.3 Tree Works

6.3.1 28 Main Street

RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council had no objections.

6.3.2 16 Main Street

Cllr Freeman and Oakes had previously declared an interest in this item. RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council had no objections.

7. **Members reports and items for information only**

Cllr Humphries reported that the Coffee Shop would be opening in the Community Room on 7 June. A donation of approximately £400 had been made by the Cambridge News.

8. **Finance, procedure and risk assessment**

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

None.

8.2 To receive play area and skate park inspection reports

RESOLVED to repair the dip which had occurred at the base of the nearest skate ramp to Limes Road, where it meets the tarmac (Prop IS, 2nd JH)

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

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and the invoices and bank statements being checked before the cheques were signed at the end of the meeting. RESOLVED that the payments as ^(Prop JH, 2nd AH, carried with one abstention) listed in the finance report, plus Victoire Press £589.00 (Hardwick Happenings) and S Marcus (Editor's Honorarium) £40.00 were unanimously approved for payment ^(Prop JH, 2nd AF). Cllr Worland declared an interest in the expenses payment of £31.50 for travelling expenses. (training course)

St Mary's Church (S137)	£1769.91
LCAS (Affiliation fee)	£495.00
JS Electrical (Pavilion repairs)	£102.00
Salaries	£343,61
Hardwick School (Room hire)	£52.00
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£303.01
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1418.01

Bank interest received on the Council's new savings account was noted.

RESOLVED unanimously that as Young Lives were no longer trading the funds held by the Parish Council be allocated towards the recent payment for the Youth Club. (Prop AG, 2nd IS)

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

The roundabouts are overgrown and in need of cutting. This is to be reported to the County Council.

Pumping of blocked drains in St Neots Road has taken place and a response from Anglian Water is awaited.

A request for residents to trim hedges and shrubs will be included in the Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

There had been no further information about the proposed hotel.

Concerns were expressed about the state of the road surface from the pub to Cahills Corner. The County Councillor is to be asked to attend and report to the next meeting and will be asked about the road surfaces around the village.

The Parish Council was pleased with the return of Hardwick Happenings and the modern approach.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

APPROVED