

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2014 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: I Storr (Chairman), P Joslin and A Gill.

In attendance: 5 members of the public, including Mr Tim Tack (Hardwick Scout and Guide Hut Committee) and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Freeman, Stewart, Oakes and Worland (out of parish) and from Cllr Humphries for anticipated lateness.

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was RESOLVED to vary the order of business to take Item 6.1.2 at this point.

6.1.2 S/1128/14/FL – 27 St Neots Road – Replacement dwelling with double garage

The background to the revised application, which had previously been refused, was outlined. On a proposition by the Chairman, the meeting was briefly suspended to allow the adjacent residents to express their views.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council recommend refusal on the grounds that the building is totally out of character for the road, and if officers were minded to approve the application, the Parish Council would ask that it is called in for the members to look at. ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ)

Four members of the public left the meeting.

Mr Tim Tack provided an update on the Scout and Guide building. It is anticipated that building will take place from late Spring/Easter to the end of August 2015. The contractor will require heavy vehicle access for approximately six weeks and a temporary metal roadway will be constructed from the car park by the Social Club to enable safe demolition of the existing building. The Parish Council asked that the Cricket, Football and Sports and Social Club be informed of the plans. It may be necessary for some links of the fence to be cut and Mr Tack undertook that these would be reinstated. Work will take place from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. Approximately 70% of the total funding required is already in place and a drive to raise grant funding to meet the remainder will take place. Arrangements will be made to enable the Scouts to meet while the hut is out of action.

2. Declaration of interests

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

None.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations (if any)

None.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 27 May 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 27 May 2014 be unanimously approved ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments: under item 5.5, second sentence to read “at the “barrier” on St Neots Road the path is getting narrow near the brook”; and under Item 9.2, change “skim” to “shim”.

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

- 4.1 (5.2) A428 roundabout replacement trees – to consider newsletter article inviting sponsorship
Correspondence from County Cllr Frost and the County Council was noted. RESOLVED to thank Cllr Frost for what he had done to pursue the matter but the Parish Council felt that the County Council should deal with this, either by replacing the trees or by obtaining a sponsorship agreement. Cllr Frost is to be asked to contact Highways asking them to progress the matter.
Mr Tack left the meeting.
- 4.2 (9.2) RoSPA play equipment reports – to consider any quotations received
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from RPM for all remedial work to be carried out as soon as possible at a total cost of £1,115.00 plus VAT, and for £180.00 to remove the swings at Worcester Avenue play area. ^(Prop IS, 2nd PJ) The contractors are to be asked to make good the wet pour surface at Egremont Road and at Worcester Avenue following the removal of the swings, and to grease the swings at Egremont Road. The date for the removal of the swings is to be ascertained and a laminated sign stating that the swings have been removed due to corrosion is to be erected on the day of removal.
- 4.3 (10) Request to trade from a mobile takeaway van
Nothing further had been heard about this.
Other
Millers Way – It was noted that the officer at the County Council has left his post and a new officer is unlikely to be appointed until September.
- (5.1) Improvement work to Cahill's Corner
Correspondence from the County Council, detailing the assumptions and timescale for the scheme, was considered. RESOLVED to comment on the assumptions as follows:
- Statutory Undertakers plant will not affect the works – clarification is to be sought on this point.
 - The embankment slope will not require re-grading and can be supported by a paving slab retaining wall – agreed.
 - Amendments to the existing highway kerbs will not be required – agreed.
 - Amendments to the existing highway drainage will not be required – agreed.
 - Liaison with residents will be undertaken by HPC – The Parish Council considered that liaison with residents should be carried out by the contractor.
 - Construction will be undertaken by Skanska – agreed.
- RESOLVED to approve the timescale for the works which are envisaged to last from July to September.
- 5. Correspondence/communications received**
- 5.1 WI request to use recreation ground for a car boot sale
RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections. The WI are to be asked to liaise with the Sports and Social Club regarding the use of the car park.
- 5.2 Tim Tack – Scout and Guide Building update
Taken earlier.
- 6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications**
- 6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 6.1.1 S/1242/14/FL – 20 Pershore Road – Two storey side extension
RESOLVED to recommend approval. ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ)
- 6.1.2 S/1128/14/FL – 27 St Neots Road – Replacement dwelling with double garage
Taken earlier.

6.1.3 S/1249/14/FL – 49 Ashmead Drive – First floor extension above entrance hall and floor extension above garage
RESOLVED to recommend approval. ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ)

6.2 SCDC Decision Notices
None.

6.3 Tree Works

Reports had been received of branches cut and left under trees near the walkway at Laxton Avenue. Cllr Gill had taken a look but these had been removed.

Cllr Gill reported that branches had also been left lying under trees in long grass next to the path to the school gate. RESOLVED to arrange for the grass to be cut and the small branches removed.

It had been reported that there were brambles and overhanging branches encroaching on the path from the walkway past the Pavilion to Egremont Road, causing children to have to go on the road to avoid them. RESOLVED to ask a tree surgeon to cut back the brambles where they are overhanging the wire on Limes Road at either side of the recreation ground.

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

Clarification is to be sought regarding the Fidelity Guarantee.

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 including RoSPA reports

The RoSPA recommended work was considered earlier. The Councillors who were not present are to be asked to submit their play inspection reports as soon as possible.

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 listed in the finance report, plus S Marcus (Newsletter editor's honorarium) £40.00, should be paid. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG)

CAPALC (Affiliation fee)	£740.95
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1482.07
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£662.05
Salaries	£333.41
HMRC (PAYE/NIC)	£82.60
Victoire Press (Hardwick Happenings)	£589.00

Credits including receipt of rent and advertising income were noted.

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 9.07 pm.

SignedChairmandate.