

Hardwick Parish Council**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 September 2014 in the School at 7.45 pm**

Present: Councillors: A Gill (Chairman), R Worland, C Oakes, P Joslin, A Freeman and Cllr Stewart.

In attendance: 4 members of the public, including 2 representatives from Hardwick Pre-school and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors**1. To approve apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from I Storr (Mrs Storr unwell), J Humphries (unwell) and T Bhachu.

2. Declaration of interests**2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda**

Cllr Oakes declared an interest in items 6.3.2 as her husband had submitted a quote.

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 26 August 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 26 August 2014 be unanimously approved ^(Prop PJ, 2nd RW) and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments were made:

Under item 1, to note Cllr Freeman's apologies.

4. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decisions**4.1 (4.1) Recreation Ground maintenance – vertidrainning and top dressing quotes**

RESOLVED to accept Mel Pooley's quote of £650 to vertidrain in October or November and to top dress in February.

RESOLVED to accept Hanson Agregates quote for the 120 tonnes of sand at a cost £2,400 plus VAT.

4.2 (4.3) To consider quotations for new swings at Worcester Avenue play area and if grants should be obtained

A quote for wetpour safety surfacing had not been received as Sovereign Play Equipment would require £149 for a site visit. However they confirmed that if the Parish Council were to email 2 photographs of the area with measurements they would be able to provide a quote. Cllr Worland agreed to forward these details to the Clerk.

4.3 (4.3) Pond Clearance – to consider quotes

RESOLVED to accept the quotation for £375.00 from Buchans. ^(Prop JS, 2nd PJ)

4.4 (5.1) Resident 1 Bramley Way – Garage extension/boundary wall

Cllrs Joslin & Gill have looked at the wall and noted the condition of the bricks and the fact that there was a lot of undergrowth in parts. The quotation supplied by the resident for £5,905 to rebuild the wall was considered prohibitive.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections to the resident building a new garage wall and making good the end of the existing wall. The Parish Council will remove the vegetation growing against the wall.

2 residents left the meeting.

4.5 (8.2) Grenadier Walk fence panel

It was agreed that the Parish Council would monitor the situation.

4.6 Streetlights

It was noted that no-one turned up to the recent meeting held by Balfour Beatty, however a resident has requested that lamp no 9 be kept, as it provides light to the entrance to garages. The Parish Council had been informed that the cost of keeping any additional lights would be £60 per year.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council did not wish to set a precedent by agreeing to pay for additional lights.

Cllr Freeman was concerned that the broken lamp SC8 has still not been repaired and asked for this to be chased up with Balfour Beatty.

5. Correspondence/communications received

5.1 Hardwick Pre-school request permission to use the wooded area off Egremont Rd

The meeting was briefly suspended to enable Claire Arber, Chairman of Hardwick Pre-School to give a short presentation on the concept of Forest Schools and the benefits to children. She confirmed that any risk to children would be covered by the Pre-School's own insurance. She asked the Parish Council to consider the presentation pack with a view to allowing the Pre-School to use the wooded area off Egremont Rd. She agreed to forward the presentation to the Clerk so that it can be circulated to all members with a view to making a decision at the next meeting. They were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

The meeting was re-opened.

5.2 Wiser Recycling Ltd – electrical waste recycling

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would like to proceed with a collection.. (Prop JS, 2nd PJ)

5.3 Grounds by Rounds complaint regarding abuse of their staff on the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED to respond to Mr Rounds that it acknowledges his letter with regret, but hopes that he can resolve this episode with the Football Club.

5.4 BT proposed removal of telephone kiosk

RESOLVED that the Parish Council wish to respond that it has no objections to BT removing the kiosk.

5.5 CCC Flooding questionnaire

Noted.

5.6 CCC Future Transport

Noted.

5.7 Hardwick Sports & Social Club – guttering repairs and drain problems

Noted that the Clerk had asked Dynorod to look at the drains under her delegated powers and was seeking quotes for the guttering.

6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications

6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

- 6.1.1 S/2026/14/LD – 10 Ashmead Drive – Application for lawful development certificate for a proposed development – single storey rear extension
Noted.
- 6.1.2 S/2049/14/FL – 40 Ellison Lane – Demolition of existing garage, erection of 2 storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of existing house.
RESOLVED to recommend approval. ^(Prop AF, 2nd PJ)
- 6.1.3 S/0770/14/FL – 303 St Neots Road – Extension and alteration to existing business premises and erection of new dwelling
RESOLVED unanimously to recommend approval. ^(Prop JS, 2nd AF)
- 6.2 SCDC Decision Notices
- 6.2.1 S/1576/14/DC – 3 St Neots Road – Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of planning permission S/2618/13/FL – Permission granted by SCDC
- 6.2.2 S/1510/14/FL – 8 Ashmead Drive – Single storey rear and side extension – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.2.3 S/1601/14/FL – 156 Main Street – Proposed single storey part side extension and proposed garage to the side – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.2.4 S/1721/14/FL - Sheilings, Highfields Rd, Highfields Caldecote – Extension of single storey outbuilding to provide extra kennel accommodation. Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.2.5 S/1128/14/FL - 27 St Neots Rd – Replacement dwelling with double garage. Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.3 Tree Works
- 6.3.1 44 Laxton Avenue – Cllr Gill to make a recommendation.
RESOLVED to note that Cllr Gill had looked at the trees and considered the ash tree to be the main problem and to respond to the resident and advise of work to the tree which had been scheduled for the autumn.
- 6.3.2 To consider quotes for tree works opposite 2-4 Laxton Avenue
RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £350 from Peter Oakes. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AF)
- 7. Members reports and items for information only**
None.
- 8. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**
- 8.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk
The cutting back of vegetation west of the new bus shelter has still not been done.
- 8.2 To receive play area and skate park inspection reports including RoSPA reports
Egremont Rd Play area – it was noted that the gate opposite the all weather pitch needs to be re-hung. RESOLVED to put the work in hand.
St Mary's Church play area – The post with the 'no kite flying' sign has been taken out of the ground. Members felt this was no longer a problem as they think the electricity cables are now underground and only the telecom wires remain. It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting and Cllr Freeman will take a look at the cables in the meantime.
Grenadier Walk play area – fence panel, taken earlier under item 4.1.
- 8.3 To consider quotations for insurance cover
RESOLVED to check the buildings insurance sum with Zurich as this differed to the other 2 quotes. If Zurich's quote was still cheaper, the quote be accepted for a three

year deal however if Zurich’s revised quote was more than the others then the quote from Aviva be accepted.

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

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and that the invoices and bank statements be checked before the cheques were signed at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid, plus LGS Services (Admin support) £1,502.76. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG.)

Gounds By Rounds (grass cutting)	£662.05
Salaries	£333.61
Queensbury (Bus shelter)	£5065.20

Credits were noted.

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

Agenda item for next meeting – Cllr Stewart reported that as you come off the Enterprise roundabout there is a sunken manhole cover which makes quite a noise as vehicles drive over it. This was repaired about 6 weeks ago, but has sunk again. Proposal that Highways are asked to fix the problem which is causing complaints from nearby residents.

61 Bramley Way – pavement has been marked for repair for many months, but has not been done. Repair to be chased up with Highways.

The Parish Council wished to express its thanks to the Highways dept. for resurfacing the laybys on St Neots Rd.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

