

Hardwick Parish Council**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2014 in the School at 7.45 pm**

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

In attendance: 23 members of the public including Claire Arber (Hardwick Pre-School), County Cllr S Frost, and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

None.

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Stewart (out of parish) and Freeman (out of parish).

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 28 October 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 28 October 2014 be unanimously approved ^(Prop JH, 2nd RW) and signed by the Chairman, after an amendment under the open session, paragraph 2, to replace the words "Post Office" with "Royal Mail."

4. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decisions**4.0 (4.0) Work on the pond clearance has not taken place and is to be followed up.**

On a proposition by the Chairman, at 7.50 pm the meeting was briefly suspended to allow the representative of the Pre-School and members of the public to speak.

The Chairman explained the background to the consultation. Claire Arber, the Chair of the Pre-School voluntary management committee, explained that Sharon Griffiths had been pre-school manager for ten years, and an outstanding Ofsted report had been achieved. She was keen to move forward with the scheme for Forest Schools, using outdoor areas for learning, and was asking permission to use the site for one afternoon a week. Clarification was provided on car parking and toilet arrangements. The children would be walked to the site. A paddock fence would be erected and a natural hedge planted around the area.

A resident commented that the Vicarage would be willing to accommodate the children. He observed that the proposed access would be down two cul-de-sacs, with potential disturbance to residents. Another resident suggested that an area nearer the school be considered, and that the Vicarage would be a more suitable site. Whilst he had no objections to the use of the area, he would not wish to see it fenced and altered. An alternative site between the Social Club and Egremont Road, would be nearer and would not involve roads or noise. This had been considered but it was felt too difficult to enclose.

A resident of Sudeley Grove, whilst in favour of the idea of Forest Schools, felt that this was not the right area. Concerns were expressed about access to prepare the area, about wildlife, brambles and nettles, and at the possibility of use by other groups. An adjacent resident, whilst also supportive in principle of Forest Schools, was concerned that if the natural area was made into a permanent area with seating, it would attract other age groups. The area opposite the Egremont Road car park was proposed as an alternative.

The meeting re-opened at 8.20 pm.

4.1 (4.1) Hardwick Pre-school use of wooded area off Egremont Road – to consider consultation responses and quotations received

RESOLVED that the Parish Council had listened to the concerns of residents and, although it felt the idea was wonderful, considered that the proposed site was not a suitable position.

4.2 (4.2) Cahills Corner proposed improvements – to consider designs if received

RESOLVED to ask Skanska to send more information, including a detailed design rather than an engineer's drawing.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take Item 5.2 at this point.

5.2 Andrew Campbell Associates – proposal for land south of St Neots Road

The meeting was suspended at 8.30 pm to enable residents to express their views. It was observed that Hall Drive had recently been re-surfaced which made the road a very smooth rat-run. The Chairman suggested that residents contact Highways to enquire whether a "Private Road" sign could be erected.

The meeting re-opened at 8.35 pm.

At 8.35 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, the proposals for development (commercially sensitive and pre-contractual), the public were temporarily excluded from the meeting and were instructed to withdraw. Members of the public left the meeting and did not return. The Minutes Secretary was invited to remain.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 8.55 pm.

County Cllr Frost was invited to report. His report covered:

- Street lights – Cllr Frost was constantly in touch with Balfour Beatty and has asked for a timetable for completion.
- The County Council budget - £38M savings are to be made.

4.3 (4.3) Worcester Avenue play area swings – to consider quotation from Sovereign

RESOLVED unanimously to accept the quotation for £2283.66 from Sovereign for the supply and installation of a log swing and wet pour surfacing. ^(Prop PJ, 2nd CO)

4.4 (5.1) Briar Security – to consider report on skate park if received

The quotation had not been received. This is to be followed up again.

5. Correspondence/communications received

5.1 CCC Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

Noted.

5.2 Andrew Campbell Associates – proposal for land south of St Neots Road

Taken earlier.

- 5.3 CCC – consultation documents relating to proposed double yellow lines in Hardwick
Noted.
- 5.4 Coton Parish Council – planning improvements
RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council agrees with them and would be willing to join them. It was noted that approximately 18 months ago the Chief Executive Jean Hunter promised to arrange for small local groups of parishes to meet with planners for discussions.
- 6. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications**
- 6.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 6.1.1 S/2607/14/FL – Victoria Farm, Cambridge Street – Provision of a temporary modular building for use as a farm office for up to 2 years
RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG)
- 6.1.2 S/2353/14/FL – 1 Bramley Way – Single storey replacement attached garage
RESOLVED to recommend approval. (Prop PJ, 2nd AG)
- 6.2 SCDC Decision Notices
- 6.2.1 S/0641/14/FL – 353 St Neots Road – Erection of single storey dwelling – Appeal noted.
- 6.3 Tree Works
None.
- On a proposition by the Chairman, in view of the time, it was agreed to defer consideration of Items 7.1, 7.2 and 8.3 to the next meeting.
- 7. Members reports and items for information only**
- 7.1 Report on Cabinet and Parish Council liaison meeting on 6 October
Deferred to the next meeting.
- 7.2 Report on P3 Networking meeting on 6 November
Deferred to the next meeting.
- 7.3 To consider whether any work is required to brambles at Sudeley Grove
RESOLVED to seek quotes for the cutting back, but not to chop completely back, the brambles at Sudeley Grove at the first turning on the right and at the bottom of Sudeley Grove. The Chairman is willing to attend a site meeting if required.
- 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
A footplate on the skate park is still loose. This is to be pursued.
- 8.3 To consider non-payment of pitch fees for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014
Deferred to the next meeting.
- 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 unanimously that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid. (Prop PJ, 2nd TB)
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| Victoire Press (Hardwick Happenings) | £608.00 |
| S Marcus (Hardwick Happenings) | £40.00 |
| S Marcus (Hardwick Happenings expenses) | £79.00 |
| Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting) | £303.01 |

Salaries	£333.41
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1575.76

Credits including bank interest and advertising income were noted.

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

Further consideration of alternative sites for the Forest School proposal will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

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