

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2020 at 7.00 pm
Held remotely via Zoom due to the current pandemic

Present: Councillors: A Gill (Chairman), P Joslin, P Ashton, S Rose, A Joolia and D Wellbelove.

In attendance: District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk). One member of the public was briefly in attendance.

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Chamberlain reported on:

- The scheme of delegation for planning, the background and SCDC's position of delegation to the Director of Planning, having consulted with the Chair of the Planning Committee. Consequently if the Parish Council wished to refer an item to the Planning Committee, the District Councillor would no longer have a say in referring the application upwards, and the decision rests with the officer in some cases.
- The Cambourne to Cambridge corridor. Forthcoming meetings will take place by Zoom and the decision could be taken on 25 June for the plans as previously presented. Cllr Chamberlain would be asking what had been taken into account regarding the East-west rail announcement.
- Concerns at high speeds along St Neots Road. Cllr Chamberlain welcomed the Parish Council's consideration of an LHI application.
- District Cllr Heather Williams had provided a link to the planning debate.

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Giddings..

2. Declaration of interests

2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda and details of dispensations held

Cllr Joslin declared an interest as a member of the Speedwatch group and as a member of the Fields of Grace Climate Change group, and also as a resident of St Neots Road.

Cllr Ackbar declared an interest as a resident of St Neots Road. Cllr Joslin also declared an interest as a resident of St Neots Road.

2.2 To receive written and grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate for items on this agenda

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 28 April

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 28 April be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after deleting Cllr Giddings from the list of those present. (Prop PJ, 2nd DW, unanimous)

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

4.1 (6.1) Consideration of bollards to protect newly planted trees on the Recreation Groun
RESOLVED to note the Chairman's report that the grass cutter has no problems with preventative measures being installed on the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED to ask James Wakeling to draw up a specification and provide a quotation, and to seek quotes from RH Landscapes and one other based on that specification. (Prop AG, 2nd DW, unanimous)

4.2 (6.5) La Biga Mobile Pizzeria – to consider further information received from applicant and SCDC application for street trading consent

RESOLVED that the proposed trading hours are too long but the Parish Council would have no objections to the hours of 4.30 – 7.30 pm. The proposed location is on private land and the full written permission of HSSC will need to be given, as the car park is much used. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

4.3 (6.6) CCC Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2021/2022 – Proposal for a permanent physical buffer with the objective of producing a reduction of speed on St Neots Road at the east village entrance and the approach to Cambridge Road

RESOLVED in the light of the email response and recommendation provided by the officer, to rescind the previous decision on the LHI 2020/2021 that a Highways Officer attend a public meeting later in the year. (Prop AG, 2nd SR, unanimous)

RESOLVED to reply to the Highways Officer and ask him to draw up revised scheme in Cambridge Road, within the scope of the LHI. (Prop AG, 2nd SR, with 3 in favour and 3 against, carried by Chairman's casting vote)

The LHI bid for 2021/2022 was not discussed.

4.4 (February) To review the Emergency Plan

RESOLVED to add Pandemic Planning with information on the volunteer group to be provided by Cllr Chamberlain to the Clerk and to also update the names of Councillors

Cllr Chamberlain left the meeting.

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

5.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk and Clerk's use of delegated powers

RESOLVED to note that delegated powers were used to

- confirm to the Pre-school that the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed design and location for its sign.
- Enable the Pre-school to open and lock the gate for access to the Pre-school only. They must ensure that no children may play on the park.

5.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports and consider if any work is required

RESOLVED having considered the RoSPA reports, to arrange for the following works to be carried out and quotations to be obtained where applicable:

Worcester Avenue – weeds on safety surface and safety surfacing shrinkage

Grenadier Walk – safety surfacing shrinkage and moss. RESOLVED to write to the resident regarding the fencing as this was the resident's responsibility.

Egremont Road – grass not cut; RESOLVED to ask RH Landscapes to carry this out.

Loose bolt – Cllr Wellbelove is to tighten.

RESOLVED to arrange for an ownership /no dogs sign to be installed.

RESOLVED to refer to Kompan about the maintenance of the swings, and to ask them to return to attend to the Tango swing which has been fitted too low, and rectify this under warranty.

Skate park – rivets are missing; weeds

Communal area – a meeting area has been put together behind the Scout Hut and litter has accumulated.

St Mary's Church play area – RESOLVED to seek quotations for the sign post which needs setting in concrete and for tightening handles on the rockers.

The Clerk is seeking clarification from Kompan regarding the invoice sent for a bin at Egremont Road, and will report to the next meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid. (Prop AG, 2nd DW, unanimous)

Salaries	£395.22
LGS Services (Payroll)	£144.00
Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA inspection)	£415.20
LGS Services (Admin support April)	£1370.47
SSE (Street light electricity) (DD)	£80.24

Credits, including bank interest, and the Play Park Phase 3 grant, were noted.

5.4 To consider the RoSPA play inspection report

Taken earlier under item 5.2.

5.0.5 RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Joolia as the new Webmaster with support/training to be provided by Elise Croft. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

6. Correspondence/communications received

6.1 Resident – conifer trees between the skate park and Limes Road

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £380.00 plus VAT from Oakes & Watson to trim the leylandii to the same level as the top of the fence, and to note that in their opinion there was no overhanging. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

6.2 Cogwheel Trust – Request for financial support

RESOLVED to decline the request for support as the Parish Council only supports village charities. (Prop SR, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

7. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications

7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

7.1.1 20/01630/CLUED – 159 Limes Road – Certificate of lawful development for a garage conversion

RESOLVED that the Parish Council makes no recommendation. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

7.1.2 S/01726/HFUL – 2A Laxton Avenue – Single storey side extension with lean-to roof

RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

7.2 SCDC Decision Notices

7.2.1 S/0119/20/PA – 8 Portway Road – Single storey rear extension – Prior approval given

7.3 Tree Works Applications

None.

8. Members reports and items for information only

8.1 New Housing Developments and Planning Obligations

RESOLVED to note Cllr Rose's verbal report that there had been an exchange of correspondence with Shaun Hughes about a low carbon/carbon neutral building and his ideas would be considered at the next working group meeting.

8.2 Village Plan report and to consider any actions

None.

The Chairman reported that the Speedwatch group had been given permission to put Speedwatch on the Facebook page.

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

27 St Neots Road will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The lack of action by the Police on anti-social behaviour in Hardwick is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.09 pm.

SignedChairmandate

APPROVED