

Hardwick Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2010 in the School at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllrs I Storr (Chairman), P Joslin, A Gill, J Stewart and S Cripps.

In attendance: Cllr Ray Manning, (Leader, SCDC), and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open Public Session

Cllr Manning was welcomed to the meeting.

Cllr Whelan's written report was taken in her absence. The report covered the Guided Busway, Cambridge Road traffic and Grace Crescent road markings, the Comberton Village College 6th Form, the County Council budget and gritting.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Chamberlain (out of parish), Bhachu (unwell), Atkinson and Freeman. Apologies were also received from Cllr Whelan (family illness).

Cllr Cripps' resignation with effect from the end of this meeting, due to an impending house move was noted.

1.2 Cllrs Storr and Stewart declared a personal interest in items 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 as friends of the applicant.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 26 January and 2 February 2010

The minutes of the meetings on 26 January^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) and also 2 February were approved^(Prop SC, 2nd PJ) as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that holding a separate budget meeting had proved very successful.

3. Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meeting

3.1 (4.3) SCDC S106 advice note – to consider reply from James Fisher

Cllr Manning provided clarification about the S106 scheme, and outlined the circumstances where S106 money does not apply. It was noted that the money has to be paid through SCDC first and passed on to Parish Councils under an indemnity agreement, and is only available for recreational purposes.

3.2 (3.4) BT invitation to adopt red telephone kiosk

No further information has been received.

3.3 Report on Cambridge Road and The Pastures site meetings with Cllr McGuire

Cllr Whelan's report on the site meetings was noted. Cambridge Road: A meeting is to be arranged between Cllrs Whelan, Storr, Bhachu and McGuire together with the Highways Department, to discuss the matter further.

Grace Crescent/The Pastures: Richard Preston of Highways Department has agreed to a meeting.

3.4 Other

3.4.1 New streetlight for Cambridge Road/St Neots Road – CCC have replied that funds are not available for lighting improvements. It was agreed that the junction is very poorly lit and to keep pressing for a new light.

3.4.2 Streetlights in Cambridge Road – CCC has replied that painting is carried out subject to weather conditions and available funds, but will keep the request on record.

3.4.3 Meridian Close open space – the reply from SCDC's legal department was noted and it was agreed to convey the comments to the residents' representative.

- 3.4.4 Overhanging vegetation at 22 Egremont Road has been cut back.
- 3.4.5 The “To let” signs in Grenadier Walk have been removed.
- 3.4.6 The Wigwags have been installed but do not appear to be working/timed correctly. This is to be raised with Steve Thulborn of CCC.
- 3.4.7 Correction of two village maps and the installation of the new map is to be chased.
- 3.4.8 Cllr Stewart will check whether the streetlight near the Church is now working.

4. Correspondence/communications received

4.1 Resident – request for a dog bin

It was agreed that the old bin from the car park should be re-located at the junction of Cambridge Road and Limes Road after the replacement is installed. An article is to be placed in Hardwick Happenings reminding residents to clear up after their dogs and that dog fouling is an offence. Signs will not be installed as it is felt there are too many in the countryside. It was decided not to fit new bins at the east end of the recreation ground or at the blue bridge at this time.

4.2 Resident – request for a salt bin at the junction of Grace Crescent and Main Street

The letter from a resident was noted. It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop JS, 2nd PJ) to purchase a salt bin and inform CCC that the Chairman would be agreeable to meet with the CCC if required.

4.3 Cambridge Older People’s Enterprise Survey - cheque books

It was agreed that a signature sheet for the petition should be brought to the next meeting to enable members to sign individually should they so wish.

4.4 SCDC Invitation to attend Cabinet meeting on 23 March at 7.30 pm

Cllr Storr and Cllr Gill are to attend.

4.5 CCC Consultation on Cambridgeshire’s Third Local Transport Plan

Members are to study the plan on the website and respond individually.

4.6 Transport for students from Comberton to City

Cllr Whelan’s email was noted.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to allow the following emergency items:

4.7 Pond Drainage

It is believed that tree roots from a resident’s trees are blocking the drain from the pond and there are concerns about flooding. It was agreed to write to the resident informing him of this and asking him to rectify the problem via his insurance company as necessary..

4.8 Pavilion doors

It was noted that the doors have become unsafe and it was unanimously agreed ^(Prop JS, 2nd PJ) to bring forward the proposed repairs and to accept “the quote that was about £2000.

5. Planning applications and decision notices

5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/0113/10/F – 10 Pump Lane – extension and

5.1.2 S/0112/10/F – 12 Pump Lane – extension

Cllrs Storr and Stewart declared a personal interest as friends of the applicants. The Parish Council recommended approval ^(Prop AG, 2nd SC, carried with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions)

5.1.3 S/0092/10/F – 7 Sudeley Grove – extensions and carport

Cllr Stewart declared a personal and prejudicial interest as father of the applicant and left the room. Cllr Manning also left the room. It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) to recommend approval of the extension, with a comment that, in relation to the car port, the Parish Council does not wish to see any building extending beyond the building line.

Cllrs Stewart and Manning re-joined the meeting.

5.2 Tree works application – 79 Main Street – removal of cherry tree

It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop AG, 2nd PJ) to recommend approval of the removal of the tree as the root bole is lifting the turf and the tree is very close to the fence and overhanging the path.

5.3 Decision notices

5.3.1 S/1849/09/F – 17 Lambourne Road – Front extension, alterations to existing garage, hard standing and dropped kerb – Approved by SCDC
Noted.

5.4 CCC Minerals and Waste Plan consultation

The Parish Council had no comment to make.

6. Finance, risk assessment and procedural matters

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

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to take this item later in the meeting.

6.3 Briar Security – quotation for repair of security camera

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to allow this emergency item. It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop JS, 2nd IS) to accept the quotation for the repair of the security camera. It was noted that the report on the system was awaited.

6.2 Play inspection reports

None received. Cllr Stewart undertook to provide his report and Cllrs Freeman and Bhachu are to be reminded to send their reports. A “No kite flying” sign is missing from the Church play area. The power company is to be asked if they provided the sign and if so, to replace it.

6.4 Telegraph pole adjacent to Hardwick Sports and Social Club entrance

It was agreed to obtain quotes for the removal of this structure.

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

The financial report was received and considered and invoices and bank statements were checked. The payments as listed in the report, plus Glasdon £182.39 (litter bin), Victoire Press £520.00 (Hardwick Happenings), and Broker Network £25.00, were approved: ^(Prop PJ, 2nd AG)

Buchans (pond clearance)	£229.13
LGS Services (admin support)	£1129.66
Briar Security (site call)	£81.95
Lawson Tree (rec repairs)	£95.00
Grounds by Rounds (grass cutting)	£274.17
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£169.94
J Dyer (Salary)	£110.24

Credits received between meetings were noted. It was noted that Toft Parish Council had agreed a donation of £500 towards the Speed camera.

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

7.1 It was unanimously agreed ^(Prop IS, 2nd JS) to approve Cllr Joslin’s request to attend two

courses, Introduction to Public Rights of Way legislation and Fundraising for local community groups, at a cost of £35 per course.

- 7.2 Cllr Manning agreed to chase up an enquiry sent to the SCDC Planning Department concerning Newton House at the corner of Cambridge Road. A copy of the email is also to be sent to the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Nick Wright.
- 7.3 Cllr Gill will attend the Tree Wardens' meeting at Eltisley and follow up the enquiry about trees on Limes Road.
- 7.4 It was noted that an application for a street trading licence from Mr Joly had been received by SCDC.
- 7.5 Stud marks on the football pitch were thought to have been made by children at half term. The drainage system was felt to have worked superbly.
- 7.6 Cllr Manning was invited to give his comments. He complimented the Parish Council on keeping the precept stable and below the average for its size. SCDC's precept will increase by just under 3% and is now the eighth lowest in the UK. A discussion took place covering County and District Council funding and budget shortfalls, capping, the possible effects of a change of government at the General Election, quangos, and growth in the region. Cllr Manning was thanked for attending and contributing to the meeting.
- 7.7 Cllr Cripps was thanked for all her hard work on the Parish Council and members wished her well for the future.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)