

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 April 2017
in the School at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: S Rose (Chairman), J Humphries, B Skingle, P Joslin, A Gill, C Cracknell, D Wellbelove and T Bhachu.

In attendance: 11 members of the public including District Cllr G Chamberlain, Mrs Anne Jones, Ms Clare McGowan (Hardwick Play Parks), and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Chamberlain reported on:

- His meeting with the Scouts and Guides and the County Commissioners, who are keen to enter into dialogue regarding the proposed building.
- The Girton interchange. Heidi Allen MP is supporting the campaign and attending meetings to move this forward. There are concerns about villages becoming rat runs.
- The fire damaged building – nothing to report. The owner of the neighbouring building would welcome a Parish Council member to attend a meeting. Cllr Cracknell offered to attend.
- Complaints have been received about dog fouling at the southern end of the village. It was suggested that the existing bin in this area could be moved to a better location.
- The St Neots Road Development – Cllr Chamberlain and the Chairman had met last week regarding the S106 agreement. The Chairman will report to the meeting.
- Forthcoming elections.

Ashley Shepherd, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, explained that he wished to recruit more members and an open meeting would be held at the Pavilion on 2 May at 2 pm. The commitment required was described, involving communication and attending regular meetings. Mr Shepherd will attend the Annual Parish Meeting. Operation Hunter will be held at the School on 27 September and will be advertised in Hardwick Happenings.

Claire Arber asked for permission for the netball equipment to be left outside all the time on one of the courts, so that it could be used by a group she runs for children at the School.

Clare McGowan of Hardwick Play Parks explained that Kompan wished to install the fence at the end of the week, and asked that a Parish Council member be present. Cllrs Humphries, Cracknell and Bhachu offered their support. Ian Giddings offered assistance with removal of the wooden fence on Thursday. A padlock and keyholder are required for the locking gate. The grant application is to be completed in the name of the Parish Council as the Council owns the land.

Martin Cassey spoke to his emails sent to the Chairman. He outlined the progress with responses on the village plan.

Tim Tack on behalf of Hardwick Scouts and Guides asked about a rumour that the Parish Council did not support the Scouts and Guides going into a new building. The Chairman confirmed that the matter had not been discussed and the rumour was unfounded.

Fiona Coulson of Clarion Housing Group (formerly Circle Housing) reported that they had received positive feedback from the suppliers. David Thompson had issued a report. The planning meeting would take place on 10 May. The Parish Council asked, given that there was not much provision for housing for the elderly in the village, causing them to move out, whether Clarion had given consideration to a flat type development. Ms Coulson replied that

these were mainly in larger areas where a large number of flats were needed. The development would have bungalows, ground floor bedroom homes, one or two bedroom flats and larger homes. It was observed that the housing should be located near a bus stop.

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from David Thompson (Planning Officer, SCDC).

2. To consider any applications to fill the casual vacancy

None.

3. Declaration of interests

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

Cllr Humphries declared an interest as Scout Leader in any item involving the Scouts and Guides, and also the existence of her dispensation.

Cllrs Rose, Cracknell, Skingle and Wellbelove declared an interest in item 5.6 and 6.1 as members of Hardwick Sports and Social Club, and the existence of their dispensations enabling them to speak and vote.

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

None.

4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 28 March 2017

RESOLVED that the following amendments be made: agenda item 2, amend “two casual vacancies” to read “casual vacancy;” under item 5.2, line 2, add “for the Grace Crescent development;” under item 5.3, paragraph 2, delete the wording “that the preferred site of the new community centre should be the skate park site;” and under item 5.4, change “tables” to “areas.”

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 28 March be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after the above amendments. (Prop DW, 2nd JH, unanimous)

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

5.1 (Open) Hardwick Play Parks – to consider submitting the application to Awards for All in the Parish Council’s name

RESOLVED that the Parish Council Clerk should liaise with Ms McGowan and Cllr Cracknell to complete and return the application form. (Prop SR, 2nd BS, unanimous)

5.2 (5.2) Community Bus – to consider report and recommendation

Cllr Cracknell reported on a meeting with the Head Teacher regarding the existing minibus owned by the School. The following points were noted:

A report was read from The Planning Officer who had felt that a community bus would be an interesting idea and that the Parish Council would need to set out a case for a vehicle that fulfils the S106 requirements.

Cllr Cracknell was trying to contact the organisers of the Histon and Impington Scheme for information on its operation.

5.3 (5.3) St Neots Road development application

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council’s objection to the planning application should be discussed again.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the meeting was closed at 8.23 pm to enable clarification on the affordable housing aspect of the application. The meeting reopened at 8.24 pm.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to engage with the senior partner of Bourn Surgery who wished to meet with Martin Cassey and a Parish Council member on

Friday 28 April and the Planning Officer and progress matters as best as can be done with respect to healthcare and to grant Cllr Rose the authority to recommend that the application be supported on 10 May, subject to the outcome of discussions about healthcare in the village. (Prop BS, 2nd JH, unanimous)

5.4 (5.3) New community centre – to consider the ownership and operation of the proposed Community Centre in the light of the prior meeting of the Trustees

RESOLVED that the setting up of a working group, with which the Scouts and Guides wished to be involved, will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

5.5 (6.2) Madingley Parish Council use of Speedwatch equipment

Cllr Gill reported on the outcome of the Speedwatch sessions carried out in the village.

RESOLVED to defer consideration of the request for the use of the equipment for 6 months while the Parish Council accustoms itself to using it in Hardwick, and that Cllr Gill will convey this to Madingley Parish Council. (Prop SR, 2nd JH, unanimous)

5.6 (6.9) HSSC Guttering – to consider report and recommendation

RESOLVED to receive the report from Ian Giddings and to obtain quotations for the work required, plus the fascias. (Prop SR, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

5.7 (9.3) Refurbishment of benches – to consider breakdown of costs and whether payment can be released

RESOLVED, having considered the breakdown of costs provided, to release the cheque for £1,420.00 plus VAT. (Prop BS, 2nd JH, carried with 6 in favour and 2 against)

5.8 (10) Arrangements and format of the Annual Parish Meeting and to consider proposal for expenditure of up to £50.00 for the refreshments

The format of the meeting was approved and the agendas signed by the Chairman. (Prop PJ, 2nd JH,)

RESOLVED that expenditure of up to £50.00 be approved for refreshments. (Prop PJ, 2nd TB, unanimous) Cllr Humphries will assist with the refreshments.

6. Correspondence/communications received

6.1 HSSC request that fencing around the paved area is repaired

RESOLVED to respond to HSSC that the fencing is theirs and they can repair it. Cllr Cracknell is to convey this to HSSC. (Prop SR, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

6.2 Resident – use of hard courts and equipment by School Club and children for practice

RESOLVED that the Parish Council does not wish to buy tennis nets in the absence of evidence that there is a demand and that they will be properly used.

RESOLVED, given that the netball posts were purchased and owned by a resident, whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the netball posts being left out at the owner's risk, that Cllr Humphries should seek the resident's confirmation that they are happy for the netball equipment to be left out at their own risk, together with their advice on how to prevent the posts falling over, and report back to the next meeting.

6.3 To consider alternative venue for the 22 August meeting

RESOLVED that the meeting on 22 August should be held at the Pavilion. (Prop SR, 2nd AG, unanimous)

6.4 Resident – dog fouling

RESOLVED to look into moving the dog bin from Grace Crescent to the corner of Wimpole Way, and that Cllrs Humphries and Cracknell should confirm the position. (Prop SR, 2nd JH, unanimous)

- 6.5 CCC consultation on revision of Local Validation Guidance List and Local Validation Check List for planning applications for the County Council's own development and for waste development
RESOLVED that the Parish Council does not need to consider this. (Prop BS, 2nd SR, unanimous)
- 6.6 East Anglian Air Ambulance and Salvation Army – request for sites for clothing banks
RESOLVED to decline the request as the village already has a clothing bank. (Prop SR, 2nd PJ, unanimous)
- 6.7 Village of the Year competition
Noted.
- 6.8 Carbon Smart – Community Energy funding for Parish Councils
RESOLVED to include this in the planning considerations for the Community Centre. (Prop BS, 2nd DW, unanimous)
- 5.1 Hardwick Play Park (continued)
RESOLVED, given the RoSPA advice that the gate should be locked, and a key holder was required for the double gate, that Ian Giddings should purchase a heavy duty combination lock on the Council's Ridgeon's account at a cost of up to £25.00.
- 7. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications**
- 7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 7.1.1 S/1088/17/PN – The Hey, Main Street – Prior notification for proposed grain store
Noted for information only.
- 7.1.2 S/1042/17/FL – 11 Pershore Road – Proposed side two storey extension with internal renovations
RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop AG, 2nd DW, unanimous)
- 7.1.3 S/0979/17/FL – 52 Main Street – Proposed timber frame double garage
RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop AG, 2nd DW, unanimous)
- 7.1.4 S/1039/17/FL – 125 Limes Road – Extend the entrance hall, extend the kitchen/dining area, remove the wall between sitting room and kitchen/dining room. Reposition gate in the garden wall from the drive, insert a door in the garage in the NE elevation
Noted for information only.
- 7.2 SCDC Decision Notices
Details of planning permissions granted by SCDC or refusal notices since the last meeting can be viewed on the SCDC Planning Portal at <http://plan.scams.gov.uk/>.
- 7.2.1 S/0360/17/FL – 7 Merton Walk – Single storey front extension to house – Permission granted.
- 7.2.2 S/0410/17/FL – 321 St Neots Road – Loft conversion and replacement roof, increasing in ridge height by 1.7m – Permission granted.
- 7.2.3 S/3418/16/DC – Land behind Meridian Close – application for approval of details reserved by Condition 3 (Foul and surface water drainage details) and 4 (External lighting) of S/2222/15/FL
- 7.2.0 S/2943/16/OL – Land at 41 St Neots Road – Outline planning permission for one dwelling with all matters reserved except access – Permission refused, appeal lodged.
- 7.3 Tree Works
None.
- 8. Members reports and items for information only**
None.

9. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

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

None.

9.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports

RESOLVED to receive the reports. Soft surfaces may need repairing. The RoSPA reports are awaited.

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

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid, plus Ridgeons (bench) £118.81 and AH Callus £1704.00. (Prop SR, 2nd JH, unanimous)

Town & Country Tree Surgery (Tree works Sudeley Grove)	£960.00
CAPALC (Affiliation fee)	£465.67
Grounds by Rounds (Grass cutting)	£309.07
Herts and Cambs Grounds Maintenance (Grass cutting)	£336.00
Community Association (Affiliation fee)	£45.00
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R Cassey (Webmaster)	£40.00
Salary	£90.56
Salary	£104.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1285.37
NEST (Pension) (DD)	£162.23

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

The Chairman indicated his intention to stand down as Chairman at the Annual meeting, and expressed the hope that the Parish Council would appoint him to continue working with the major developers to secure S106 benefits for the village, as a member.

Cllr Skingle conveyed his apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

SignedChairmandate.