

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2017
in the School at 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: 5 members of the public, District Cllr G Chamberlain, County Cllr L Joseph and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. To approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Helen Taylor (Development Officer, Environment Commissioning, SCDC). On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take item 6.4 earlier in the meeting.

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

District Cllr Chamberlain reported that paper could now be put in the blue bins and there was no need for the paper caddies.

Cllr Chamberlain distributed copies of Helen Taylor's report regarding the proposed upgrade of the SCDC owned street lights in Hardwick from sodium to LED lamps, and outlined the features of the scheme.

6.4 Cllr Chamberlain – SCDC street lighting

RESOLVED that in principle the Parish Council is in favour of the scheme and to accept the offer, subject to clarification as to how the costs would be split; how much, if any, would be taken from the S106 money; and whether the infill lights would still be received. Cllr Chamberlain undertook to check on these aspects and inform the Council tomorrow. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

The public session was resumed.

Martin Cassey reported on:

- the Village Plan Group's continuing work on the responses received and producing the report. He thanked the Parish Council for the additional funds provided.
- ongoing discussions relating to the campaign for primary health care provision in Hardwick.
- an event on future transport in Cambridge where the feasibility of an Affordable Very Rapid Transit system, possibly including an underground section, was discussed.
- a meeting with the manager of the Royston and District Community Transport Scheme.

County Cllr Lina Joseph reported on: a SCDC conference on ending loneliness; an Amnesty International event on fighting for residents' human rights; her involvement with the steering group to accelerate the achievement of vulnerable groups of children and young people; her membership of a culture steering group and an initiative for an art competition to help children's well being; and her involvement with mental health issues and the promotion of ideas and initiatives in this area. Cllr Joseph undertook to keep the Parish Council informed.

In response to the Parish Council's query regarding a wall adjacent to the footpath in Bramley Way, Cllr Joseph reported that the officer had confirmed it was the owner's responsibility.

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 Joslin declared an interest in items 5.2 and 6.2 as a resident of St Neots Road and a bus user.
 Cllr Gill declared an interest in item 8.1 as a member of the Trustees of the Community Hall and the existence of his dispensation, and also in item 6.2 as a user of St Neots Road.
 Cllrs Wellbelove and Skingle declared an interest in item 5.1 as members of HSSC.
 Cllr Skingle declared an interest in item 5.2 as a regular user of the bus/Park and Ride and in 6.2 as a regular user of St Neots Road.
 Cllr Rose declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.1 as a member of HSSC and a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.2 as a user of St Neots Road.
- 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 November 2017**
 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 28 November be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after the following amendments:
 Open session – line 1, add “outline” before “planning permission;” line 5, amend to read “The landscape master plan needs to be adjusted to accommodate construction traffic, to move bridleway 3-4 metres south then reinstate it when the build has been completed” and add “This has been proposed to the planners.”
 Open session, paragraph 3 line 5 to insert “year”
 Open session, final paragraph – delete “asked.”
 Item 6.2, paragraph 3, line 3 to insert “the.”
 Item 6.3, line 3, delete “for.”
 Item 9.1, bullet point 3 – replace “Worcester Avenue” with “Grenadier Walk.”
 (Prop PJ, 2nd BS, unanimous)
5. **Matters arising and carried forward from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decisions**
- 5.1 (5.1) Pavilion downpipes and soakaways – to consider quotations received
 RESOLVED given that the quotations received were not like for like, to defer this item to the next meeting, to seek another quotation, and to return to Carters requesting a quotation for two downpipes with soakaways and seeking a recommendation from them as to the optimum number required.
 RESOLVED also to ask the manager of HSSC to report on the current situation and how long the excess water takes to drain away/how long it is lying for.
- 5.2 (6.2) Greater Cambridge Partnership Cambourne to Cambridge Phase One consultation
 At 8.22 pm the meeting was suspended briefly to enable District Cllr Chamberlain to speak.
 RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports Scotland Farm for the Park and Ride site. (Prop BS, 2nd SR, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)
 RESOLVED following a show of hands for each option, as follows:
 Route A – none in favour; Route B – 3 in favour; Route C – 4 in favour
 To support Route C. (Prop BS, 2nd SR, carried with 4 in favour and 3 against)
 RESOLVED to add a comment that the Parish Council endorses the continued investigation into improving the Girton interchange in order to provide an all-way interchange/additional Park and Ride site and hub for improving transport into the

city, which would prevent rat-running and parking on verges, and reduce safety hazards and queuing on the M11 junction 13 slip road.

5.3 Millers Way update and to consider any action required

RESOLVED to note James Stringer's report that CCC intends to seek clarification on some of the evidence, and to await developments.

6. Correspondence/communications received

6.1 Resident – maintenance of fencing 99 Bramley Way

RESOLVED, given that a study of the plans had indicated that the maintenance responsibilities belonged to the residents, to note that the wall was not the Parish Council's responsibility and to inform the resident accordingly. (Prop BS, 2nd JH, unanimous)

6.2 Resident – request for speed limit reduction in St Neots Road

RESOLVED, given that a reduction in the speed limit would not necessarily prevent the use of the road as a rat run, and given the expense of any interim change to the speed limit when the long-term use of the road is yet to be decided by the County Council, that the Parish Council should monitor the situation and not seek any changes to the existing speed limit for the time being. (Prop SR, 2nd AG, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)

6.3 SCDC Taxi consultation – Licensing policy and conditions

RESOLVED that Cllr Humphries should draw residents' attention to the consultation via Hardwick Happenings so that they may reply individually if they wish. (Prop BS, 2nd AG, unanimous)

6.4 Cllr Chamberlain – SCDC street lighting

Taken earlier.

7. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications

7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

7.1.1 S/3911/17/FL – 59 Ellison Lane – Two storey extension to the side of dwelling

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

7.2 SCDC Decision Notices

7.2.1 S/1694/16/OL – Agricultural field west of Grace Crescent – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 98 dwellings (use Class C3) and associated works, including access, car and cycle parking, open space and landscaping – Permission granted.

7.2.2 S/1945/17/FL – Old Victoria Farmhouse, 26 Main Street – New rear extension and work around existing bread oven – Permission granted.
Noted.

7.2.3 S/1946/17/LB – As above, listed building permission – Permission granted.

7.2.4 S/2342/17/FL – Workshop rear of 303 St Neots Road – To convert the existing commercial unit to a two bed bungalow – Withdrawn.

7.2.5 S/2665/17/FL – 339 St Neots Road – Erection of two family dwellings – Permission granted.

7.2.6 S/2895/17/FL – 3 Worcester Avenue – New detached dwelling – Permission granted.

7.2.7 S/3490/17/FL – 68 Limes Road – Erection of two storey dwelling and associated works to vehicular access – Permission refused.

7.2.8 S/3492/17/FL – 52 Main Street – Resubmission or previously approved timber frame double garage with minor alteration – Permission granted.

7.2.9 S/3677/17/LB – The Old Victoria Farmhouse, 26 Main Street – Works to reinstate inglenook fireplace (current dining room) and installation of a wood burner. Installation of chimney liner and wood burning stove (study) – Permission granted.

7.3 Tree Works Applications

None.

8. **Members reports and items for information only**8.1 New Housing Developments and Planning Obligations including Hill's public exhibition for detailed proposals in relation to the outline permission for the development at Grace Crescent

Cllr Rose reported that Hill was still preparing the Reserved Matters planning application. Clarion, (previously Circle) were in the process of agreeing the S106 obligations and would then look at the reserved matters. It was proposed that work would start in the middle of next year. It was suggested that the map shown at the exhibition should be placed on the website.

8.2 Webmaster

Cllr Rose confirmed that he was willing to accept his appointment as interim webmaster in his absence at the last meeting.

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

RESOLVED to note that:

- the Clerk had used her delegated powers to contract SCDC to clear up the area behind the Scout Hut at an approximate cost of £60.00.
- the sum of £500.00 had been received from Hardwick Harriers but following a request from the Club for a further reduction, they were informed that £250.00 remained outstanding for the last season. A response was awaited.
- A loan repayment was expected from the Cricket Club.

9.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports

RESOLVED to receive the reports for the skate park, Grenadier Walk and Worcester Avenue play areas. The moss at Grenadier Walk has returned, and this is believed to be due to overhanging branches from an adjacent resident's property.

RESOLVED that Cllr Bhachu will provide the Clerk with a resident's details and that the Parish Council should write to the resident asking them to remove the branches.

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 (Salary – replacement cheque) £121.33 and Cambridgeshire Cricket (Fertiliser) £150.00. (Prop PJ, 2nd SR, unanimous)

LGS Services (Admin support)	£1309.15
Salary	£90.36
Salary	£112.00
HMRC (PAYE/NIC)	£165.60
NEST (Pension)	£166.75

Credits, including investment interest and pitch fees, were noted.

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

RESOLVED that the budget setting meeting should be held on 6 February 2018.

RESOLVED to note the request from Martin Cassey that the Parish Council consider whether to make budget provision for any recommendations from the Village Plan; however, in the absence of specific project proposals, the Parish Council could only note at this stage that costs may arise and this will be discussed at the budget meeting.

Cllr Joslin reported briefly on her attendance at the Local Liaison Forum meeting on 29 November.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

APPROVED