

Hardwick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7.00 pm
Held remotely via Zoom due to the current pandemic

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

In attendance: 17 members of the public, including Clare McGowan (Hardwick Play Parks), and Shaun Hughes (Hardwick Climate Action Group); Chloe Huston (Development Manager, Hill), District Cllr Grenville Chamberlain, County Cllr L Nieto and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors

A resident asked the Parish Council to consider updating the skate park, which would attract more people to use the facilities. The resident was asked whether a group of interested residents would be prepared to seek information and bring back prices and costs of new equipment for the Council to consider at a future meeting.

Ms McGowan as Chair of the Hardwick Play Parks Group indicated her willingness to assist with grant applications and fundraising if a Skatepark group could be formed. She also indicated her willingness to look at revamping the play area near the Church if the Parish Council wished.

Cllr Wellbelove undertook to liaise with Clare McGowan to work on a price for the area where the skate park is currently situated.

Another resident commented on the poor state of the footpaths around the village, although Cambridge Road was a vast improvement. She had spoken to Cllr Everitt and put a request in Hardwick Happenings for support and representatives to log any issues that arose regarding the pavements, and provide photographs, so as to build up a portfolio. This will be an agenda item for later in the meeting.

County Cllr Joseph said that she would be looking at the footpaths and speaking to the officer as a priority review.

District Cllr Chamberlain reported on:

- The Oxford–Cambridge A428 improvements had been cancelled by the Government.
- The Cambourne to Cambridge Busway offered a poor rate of return on investment and Cllr Chamberlain would be asking how secure the funding was.
- The Black Cat roundabout to Caxton section of the A428 was going ahead.
- Street names – Cllr Chamberlain hoped that the Parish Council would honour those who had served the village in order to recognise their contribution, and suggested former councillor Jim Stewart. The Parish Council explained that the advice from SCDC stated that a street could not be named after people who were still living.

Chloe Huston, Development Manager for Hill, introduced herself and Hill, and spoke on the application for 23 additional houses on the St Neots Road development. She outlined the work carried out so far and their intentions for the next phase. An additional 23 homes will be built in the area covered by Phase 1, the remainder of which had already been given consent. Access will be via St Neots Road. The developers have been in consultation with the District Council. The new dwellings will be a mixture of 1-4 bed houses and maisonettes.

Ms Houston was thanked for her presentation and left the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest

- 2.1 To receive declarations of interests from Cllrs on items on the agenda and details of dispensations held
Cllr Rose declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4.4 as a founder member and life member of HSSC.
Cllrs Giddings, Wellbelove and Everitt declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4.4 as HSSC members.
- 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensation and grant any as appropriate for items on this agenda
None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the February meeting and the meeting on 9 March 2021**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 23 February be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Prop IG, 2nd DW, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 9 March be deferred to the next meeting as they were not yet available.
4. **Matters arising or deferred from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decision**
- 4.1 (4.2) Millers Way improvements and to consider response from MS Ford
RESOLVED to note correspondence from MS Ford which suggested that the specification be amended to a heavy duty surface and that consideration would need to be given to underground services and might have planning implications and implications for connecting to the CCC highway.
RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting pending receipt of further information from MS Ford.
- 4.2 (4.9) Defibrillator proposal
RESOLVED, as no further information had been received, that Cllr Joslin should obtain quotations and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.
- 4.3 (3.3 of 9.3.21) To consider the renewal of the admin support contract
On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to defer this item to the end of the meeting.
- 4.4 (4.10) Pavilion ceiling – to consider correspondence from HSSC
RESOLVED, given that the roof had now been tiled and should dry out, to inform HSSC that the Parish Council will look at the situation later in the year and consider the matter when HSSC is open and running again.
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 the Clerk used delegated powers to order a new toddler swing seat for Egremont Road Play Park at a cost of £240.00 plus VAT.
- 5.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports and consider if any work is required
RESOLVED noting that there was litter in the skate park area, to ask the litter picker to clear the skate park.
There is a bin next to the park which is unused.
RESOLVED noting that the home made skate ramp was still in place, although small parts had been removed, that Cllr Wellbelove should remind the residents when contacting them tomorrow.

- 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 PJ, 2nd IG, unanimous)

Salaries and pensions	£539.27
AMA (Architects fee)	£5664.00
RPM (Cradle seat)	£288.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1450.27

Credits, including £17311.30 from Persimmon Homes for the Miller's Way transfer and a resident's contribution towards trees, were noted.

6. Correspondence/communications received

- 6.1 Resident – request to use wood from the spinney between Ashmead Drive and Sudeley Grove

RESOLVED, noting that the Council had always wished the area to be left for wildlife and the environment, and that it had carried out bramble clearance, that the Council wishes to keep the area as a wild area as it is now and just keep the path clear. (Prop IG, 2nd AE, unanimous)

RESOLVED to respond that if residents wished to get together to clear the brambles on the path, the Council would be willing for them to do so subject to their contacting Cllr Giddings to arrange to meet beforehand and discuss what work needed to be carried out. (Prop AG, 2nd AJ, unanimous)

- 6.2 Resident request for a lamp post to be placed near the Bramley Way end of Grenadier Walk

RESOLVED noting that the problem lay with the trees, to ask the residents to cut back the trees so that the light could shine through.

- 6.3 Resident request to replace fence on boundary with Parish Council owned land at Sudeley Grove and clear vegetation from the Council's land adjacent to the fence

RESOLVED to respond that the resident should not remove Parish Council owned trees to put the fence in but that they may remove any adjacent scrub or weeds. (Prop AG, 2nd SR, unanimous)

- 6.4 SCDC Grace Crescent S106 Agreement (Community Transport) – to appoint two members to sign the indemnity agreement

RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Gill and Joslin to sign the agreement, witnessed by Cllr Giddings. (Prop AG, 2nd SR, unanimous)

- 6.5 SCDC – Road naming for St Neots Road development

RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council does not support the name "Newman" but wishes to use a theme for the naming of roads after past residents of Hardwick who have contributed greatly to the community.

A proposal ^(PJ) to defer submitting names and consult the village was not seconded.

A proposal ^(AG) to respond submitting the theme without names was not seconded.

RESOLVED to submit the list of names suggested by Cllr Rose when responding. (Prop AE, 2nd IG, carried with 6 in favour and 1 abstention)

7. Planning Applications and Decision notices and tree works applications

- 7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

None.

- 7.2 SCDC and appeal decision notices - to note

- 7.2.1 21/00128/HFUL – 3 Manor Crescent – Single storey front extension – Permission granted.

- 7.2.2 21/00074/S73 – 45 Meridian Close – S73 to vary Condition 2 of planning permission S/3541/19/FL (single storey rear side and front extension) to change of roof to front/side extension from flat roof to pitched roof – Permission granted.
- 7.2.3 S/3064/16/COND21 – Land South of 279 Neots Road – Submission of details required by Condition 21 (Cycle storage) of planning permission S/3064/16/OL – Condition discharged in full.
- 7.2.4 20/02728/COND5 – Land south of 279 St Neots Road – Submission of details required by Condition 5 (Cycle storage) of reserved matters approval 20/02728/REM – Condition discharged in full
- 7.2.5 20/02728/COND2 – As above, Condition 2 (Materials) – Condition discharged in full
- 7.2.6 20/02728/COND4 – As above, Condition 4 (Substation) – Condition discharged in full
- 7.2.7 20/02568/FUL – Former Gestamp Factory, Bourn Airfield - Hybrid planning application consisting of full planning permission for Phase 1 and outline planning permission with all matters reserved except access for Phase 2 of the redevelopment of the former Gestamp Factory site at Bourn Airfield for up to 26,757sqm/288,000sqft of commercial floorspace purposes (use class B1c light industry, B1b research and development and B8 warehouse and distribution with supplementary use classes A3 restaurant and cafe, D1 day nursery/creche, D2 gym), associated car parking and service yards, external earthworks, attenuation basins and landscaping. This application is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment – Permission granted.

- 7.3 Tree works applications
None.

8. Members reports and items for information only

8.1 New Housing Developments and Planning Obligations

Cllr Wellbelove left the meeting at 8.59 pm and returned a few moments later.

Cllr Giddings left the meeting at 9.00 pm and returned a few moments later.

RESOLVED to defer discussion of the pre-application for 23 dwellings at St Neots Road and prioritising the S106 contributions until a formal application is received, noting that CCC requirements will be separate to the S106.

RESOLVED to comment at the planning stage and make a list of spends outstanding on S106 from former developments and what monies might be forthcoming from any approvals and defer discussion to the next meeting.

8.2 Proposal that the Council replaces the Parish Council notice board with a 3-door modern board using the centre panel for putting the Map of the Village

RESOLVED to order a new notice board at an approximate cost of £1413.98.

RESOLVED, given that the footpath renovations are taking place in the vicinity, that Cllr Everitt should ask that the installation be co-ordinated with the footpath works.

(Prop AJ, 2nd AG, unanimous)

8.3 Main Street Kiosk – Proposal that the Council replaces some panes, clear the area around the kiosk, replace the transom sign which says Hardwick and get the bulb fixed/looked into

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 21.38 pm and that items 3.4 to 8.7 inclusive be deferred to an additional meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 March at 7.00 pm.

(Prop AE 2nd PJ unopposed)

4.5 (3.3 of 9.3.21) To consider the renewal of the admin support contract

The Minutes Secretary left the meeting and did not return

The Council asked the Chairman to send a copy of the renewal terms of the LGS-Services contract to each Councillor.

The Council asked that the Chairman contact Ben at LGS-Services, and say they would like a 3 month rolling contract with a 3 month notice period for either party in writing.

9. Closure of meeting and items for the next agenda

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

SignedChairmandate

APPROVED