

**Hardwick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 7.00 pm**  
**Held at The Cabin at St Mary's, Hardwick**

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

In attendance: 6 members of the public and Mr Ben Stoehr (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

**Open public session including reports from the County and District Councillors**  
None.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Everitt (unwell).

**2. Declarations of interest**

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

Cllr Joslin declared an interest in item 6.3 as a member of the Climate Action group.

**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 previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 27 July be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after an amendment under item 8.1, paragraph 2, line 3, to insert the word "maintained". (Prop PJ, 2nd DW, carried with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions)

**4. Matters arising or deferred from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decision**

**4.1 (4.2) To review play areas in the light of ongoing maintenance and consider what if anything should be done**

RESOLVED, given the increasing maintenance costs for the play equipment, that a working group consisting of Cllrs Wellbelove and Joolia be appointed to review the play areas to determine which equipment could be replaced with more cost effective items or relocated, and bring a report and recommendation to a future meeting. (Prop SR, 2nd AG, unanimous)

**4.2 (5.2) Grenadier Walk play area brambles and request from resident for a dropped kerb**

RESOLVED having considered correspondence from the resident, to ask RH Landscapes to clear the bramble growth on the Parish Council's side of the wall.

RESOLVED with regard to the resident's request for a dropped kerb at the end of the footpath, that the Parish Council does not propose to take any action as vehicles are not supposed to use the footpath.

**4.3 (5.2) Pigeon mess at Egremont Road play area – to consider responses received**

RESOLVED, having considered the response from SCDC, the cost of hawking and noting that the problem seems to have stopped, to take no action at present.

**4.4 (8.2) C2C busway – dates for meeting of working group with Jo Baker and Cllr Atkins**

RESOLVED to receive the Chairman's report that he had been in contact with Jo Baker who was happy to speak to the working group. A list of questions had been forwarded and would form part of the discussion.

RESOLVED that the Chairman should arrange a meeting on a mutually convenient date.

4.5 (8.7) Proposal whether the PC would consider a bench or similar to mark the passing of Tejinder

RESOLVED having considered whether a bench or tree would be more appropriate, and possible locations including replacing the bench at Grenadier Walk, to obtain quotations for a recycled plastic or metal bench to reduce maintenance and increase longevity, for consideration at the next meeting.

(Prop DW, 2nd AJ, carried with 5 in favour and 1 abstention)

4.6 (9) Village pond and issues with smells – to consider any action necessary

RESOLVED, given that the issues with smells were still continuing, and having considered the guidance from the Wildlife Trust, to contact the Freshwater Habitats Trust for further advice, and consider any additional guidance at the next meeting, although there was little that could be done at present until the potential issue with newts was resolved.

4.7 (6.2) Encroachment by 17 Ashmead Drive onto the Public Open Space

RESOLVED, given that the undertakings given by the developer had not been followed up, and many of the items had not been removed, to write to the resident requiring removal of the remaining items within two weeks, and asking for their plans as to how they propose to reinstate the hedging and trees which have been removed from Parish Council land.

**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

None.

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

RESOLVED, noting that the climbing apparatus at Worcester Avenue is in need of cleaning down and repainting, that Cllrs Wellbelove and Giddings should obtain costs for the paint.

RESOLVED to seek a quotation regarding the damage to the basket swing at Egremont Road, caused by a number of older children climbing on it and bending the frame and that Cllrs Wellbelove and Joolia should consider whether like for like replacement for this item is appropriate when reviewing the other areas.

RESOLVED to note that Cllr Wellbelove had cut back the brambles at the Church play area and Cllr Giddings had repaired the slats on the bench near the Church.

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

RESOLVED to note that the grant of £3500.00 for the Hardwick Party had been paid between meetings.

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

Salaries and pensions	£542.96
Huws Gray Ridgeons (Building materials)	£72.71
I Giddings (Expenses)	£15.45
LGS Services (Admin support July 21)	£1398.86
RH Landscapes (Grass cutting)	£936.00

Credits, including the remaining funds from the play parks project; pitch hire fees; the S106 contributions for Grace Crescent (CCC, traffic calming and SCDC, community facilities); and a resident's contribution towards trees, were noted.

## **6. Correspondence/communications received**

### **6.1 Cambridge Past Present and Future - proposal for alternative C2C route**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the CPPF proposal regarding the realignment of the route. (Prop AG, 2nd DW, carried with 5 in favour and 1 abstention)

RESOLVED that the Chairman should reply to CPPF.

### **6.2 Resident – Request to purchase half of Grenadier Walk Play Area**

RESOLVED to decline the request as the Parish Council is not amenable to selling its land, and to notify the resident that the Council is reviewing the condition of its play areas. (Prop SR, 2nd IG, unanimous)

### **6.3 Climate Action Group – Request to plant trees on Parish Council land**

RESOLVED, having considered the report of the Climate Action Group, and noting that the Chairman and Cllr Joslin had looked at the sites, that they should meet with the Climate Action Group to consider the locations, as the Parish Council has had numerous issues in the past with overhanging branches, loss of light and fallen leaves causing slippery surfaces.

RESOLVED to send a copy of the Council's Tree Policy to the Climate Action Group to ensure that the proposal is in accordance with the policy.

RESOLVED to review the proposal at the next meeting as the funding has a time limit and how the Council will ensure that the neighbours are aware of the plans

RESOLVED to note the comments of the Climate Action Group that the plans did not include additional trees in the spinney but many of the trees there (ash, elm and sycamore) are susceptible to disease and could need pre-emptive replacement. (Prop AG, 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 21/03598/HFUL – 293 St Neots Road – Demolition of existing rear garden room and front porch. Single storey front and rear extensions and front and rear roof extension**

RESOLVED to support the application as it is not unlike other local applications. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)

#### **7.1.2 21/00869/CONDA – 37 Cambridge Road – Submission of details required by conditions 5 (Biodiversity enhancements) and 11 (Construction environmental management plan) of planning permission 21/00869/FUL**

Noted.

#### **7.1.3 21/03438/FUL – Land at 147 St Neots Road – Erection of 9 self-contained residential flats and associated infrastructure and works**

RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds that a three storey building with a flat roof is too high and out of keeping with other buildings and plans. The building should be a maximum of two storeys with an apex roof. The access is too close to the Cambridge Road junction and the building is too close to Cambridge Road. (Prop AG, 2nd IG, carried with 5 in favour and 1 against)

#### **7.1.4 S/1204/04/CONDA – 3 - 25 (odd) Meridian Close – Confirmation that all conditions have been complied with of planning permission S/1204/04/O**

Noted.

#### **7.1.5 21/03244/S73 – Land South of 279 St Neots Road – S73 to vary condition 1 (Approved drawings) of 20/02728/REM (Approval of matters reserved for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning permission S/3064/16/OL for 155 dwellings) to rotate plots 46 and 48**

Noted.

- 7.1.6 21/03058/FUL – 339 St Neots Road – Erection of 2 no. 3 bed dwellings (further variation to S/2665/17/FL, S/0884/19/VC and S/3206/19/VC)  
RESOLVED to make no comment. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)
- 7.1.7 21/03012/FUL – 32 Meridian Close – Change of use from agricultural to garden use  
RESOLVED to make no comment, noting that the application is retrospective and has already taken the land into the garden. (Prop AG, 2nd PJ, unanimous)
- 7.2 SCDC and appeal decision notices - to note
- 7.2.1 21/03028/PRI01A – 38 Ellison Lane – Ground floor rear extension – Prior approval not required
- 7.2.2 20/02728/CONDB – Land south of 279 St Neots Road – Submission of details required by Condition 3 (Details of trees with strimmer guard stakes) of planning permission 20/02728/REM – Condition discharged in full
- 7.2.3 S/3064/16/CONDD – Land south of 279 St Neots Road – Submission of details required by Condition 11 (Energy statement) of planning permission S/3064/16/OL – Condition discharged in full
- 7.2.4 21/02303/HFUL – 25 Ashmead Drive – Demolition of existing wall and rebuild to the same height, using materials to match and move the existing northern garden wall to the boundary line – Permission granted.
- 7.2.5 20/02728/NMA1 – Land south of 279 St Neots Road – Non-material amendment to 20/02728/REM to allow alterations: Bay window added to Plot 75 Type A, plots handed to Types C, H and K, internal amendments to Type L with window adjustments and addition of porch canopy. Plots 1, 6, 19, 22, 28 adjusted to suit adopted footpath, Plots 28/29 garages combined to make semi-detached garage rather than two singles, turning head adjacent to 57/58 adjusted and parking arrangement for Plots 53-56 amended to suit, Plots 74/75 rotated to face south, Plots 107-110 garages attached to plots – Permission granted.
- 7.2.6 20/01630/CLUED – 159 Limes Road – Certificate of Lawful Development for a garage conversion – Certificate granted.
- 7.2.7 21/00869/NMA1 – 37 Cambridge Road – Non-material amendment on application 21/00869/FUL for changes to fenestration of the facility – Permission granted.
- 7.3 Tree works applications  
None.
- 8. Members reports and items for information only**
- 8.1 New Housing Developments and Planning Obligations  
RESOLVED to receive Cllr Rose's verbal report that there was little news and nothing further had been heard about the pre-planning advice on the Community Hall. On a proposition by the Chairman, items 8.2 and 8.3 were taken together.
- 8.2 Proposal that the Council considers repair or replacement of fence posts along NE corner of recreation ground and if replacing suggest concrete spurs be used
- 8.3 Proposal that the Council considers if this is a good opportunity for clearing away brambles which prevent access for litter picking and are causing danger to passing pedestrians  
RESOLVED having noted that there is also a dense bramble patch which collects litter and in addition approximately six posts need replacement, that Cllr Giddings should remove the fence posts and cut back the brambles.
- 8.4 Report/update on tree planting undertaken over previous 9 months  
RESOLVED to receive Cllr Giddings's report and that the planted trees had had a success rate of approximately 30-40%. There had been a great deal of strimmer

damage possibly due to grass cutting. Some residents had been supporting the planted trees by watering. Future trees would need additional protection.

8.5 Proposal that the Parish Council continues to meet in the Cabin and has the Community Room/Pavilion as back ups

The proposal <sup>(AG)</sup> was not seconded.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should meet in the Cabin at St Mary’s for the forthcoming seven months until the end of the financial year, and review the arrangements at the March meeting. (Prop SR, 2nd DW, unanimous)

9. Closure of meeting and items for the next agenda

RESOLVED that the lighting on the St Mary’s public open space and access road should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

RESOLVED to ask for the Wifi password.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed .....Chairman .....date

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