

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday September 2nd 2024

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Denise Powell

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Hannah Day

Cllr Graham Brearley

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Ian Butler

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, County Councillor Stephen Davies, two members of the public and Kevin Lee, Clerk

62/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andrew James

63/24 Declarations of Interest

There were none

64/24 Questions from Members of the Public

County Councillor Stephen Davies responded to questions about the clearing of drains and ditches on the B4008 near to the junction with Green Lane

65/24 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on July 1st were approved as a correct record and signed by The Chair

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

66/24 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies informed members that the County Council had introduced a 'thriving communities grant' with a budget of £400,000. Details were available on the County Council website.

Other initiatives from the County Council included; establishment of a flood forum, a £2m budget for repairs to pavements, and the launch of two Family Hubs, one in Stonehouse and one in Gloucester.

The County Council had approved the construction of a roundabout from Hunts Grove on to the A38.

In response to questions from Parish Councillors Cllr Stephen Davies advised that he had asked the County Council's Area Highways Manager to identify and prioritise the footways that required resurfacing.

District Councillor Gill Oxley was pleased to see that the gate leading to the footpath from Pound Lane had been installed; the footpath sign however, needed to be increased in height.

Cllr Oxley reported that the District Council's officers had investigated the source of the smell in the ditch along Sellars Road and had approached the landowner.

Parish Councillor Fran Welbourne noted that weed clearance had been actioned in parts of Stroud yet other parts of the district had not been treated. Members wondered if the areas in Stroud had been dealt with by the Town Council.

Cllr Denise Powell reported that new shared office space for the Parish Council and Village Hall had been completed and available for use. Members agreed to the proposal for a monthly rental of £20. Members thanked Denise and her colleagues for the work to the office and to the lounge.

Cllr Peter Rotherham the next meeting of the Police Liaison Group would be held on September 25th. The Chair, Cllr John Perkin noted the increase in E Scooters and the road safety issues. Cllr Rotherham agreed to raise the issue at the meeting.

The Chair, gave a report on the recent meeting of the Severn Voice Group of Parishes; the issues discussed included; Care Line, Verge Cutting Contract, Parish Council Insurance and an update on Stroud's Local Plan.

The Chair gave an update on the progress of the TRO with the initial consultation having been conducted. The wider consultation would shortly commence. The Chair had received comments from a representative of the Sellars Bridge Management Company which had suggested that double yellow lines be put on both sides of the entrance road.

Cllr Denise Powell proposed that Cllr Hannah Day be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Ian Butler had resigned as representative. Members agreed for Cllr Hannah Day to be the Council's representative.

Resolved; to note the reports and to follow up actions

67/24 Planning Applications

- S24/1251/HHOLD 16 Orchard Close. erection of first floor extension, integral garage
Members noted that there were comments on the district councils planning portal in respect of the application. These were noted by the Parish Council. Members acknowledged that there no specific planning criteria with which to oppose the application.
Resolved; to raise no objections
- S.24/1286/HHOLD Elmgrove Road East, erection of single storey extension
Resolved; to raise no objections

- S.24/1235/HHOLD 21 Elmgrove Road East Single Storey Extension
Resolved; to raise no objections

67/24 Finance Report

1. The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending August 31st 2024 and the list of monthly payments.

Resolved; to approve the report and payments

2. Grant Application. 2419 (Quedgeley) Air Cadets – Modernisation of Sqn Flight Simulator

Resolved; to approve a grant of £400

Meeting Closed at 21.20

Signed

Chair

Date