

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday January 6th 2025

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Jill Brearley

Cllr Hannah Day

Cllr Graham Brearley

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, and Kevin Lee, Clerk

01/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Stephen Davies, and Parish Councillors, Denise Powell and Andrew James.

01/25 Declarations of Interest

There no declarations

02/25 Public Questions

None Received

03/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved; to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 2nd 2024

04/25 Councillor Reports

Members received the written report submitted by County Councillor Stephen; the report outlined the discussions taking place in respect of creating a Unitary Council for Gloucestershire. This would result in the existing six district councils and the County Council ceasing to exist in their current form and being replaced by a single unitary authority.

District Councillor Gill Oxley reported that there were still continuing problems with the Severn Trent Pumping Station in Pound Lane. The Clerk agreed to seek an on-site meeting with Severn Trent. Cllr. Oxley gave an update on a meeting with a resident in respect of the reinstatement of the grass verges. The Clerk confirmed that the verges would be repaired after the planned resurfacing works to Sellars Road and Church Lane.

Cllr Peter Rotherham gave an update from the Local Police Team on E Scooters and anti-social behaviour. The advice is to report incidents via 101.

Cllr Graham Brearley reported that some trees had fallen across the Shorn Brook just in front of the bridge. The Clerk agreed to arrange a site meeting with a representative from the land owner. It was also reported that there was large amount of vegetation overgrowing by the measuring station.

Cllr Jill Brearley noted that there appeared to be fly-tipping on the verge in Pound Lane near to the Junction with the A38.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that there were two overhanging trees in Green Lane, just below Sticky Lane. The Clerk agreed to arrange for these to be cut back. There is also a street lamp at the bottom of the field that is not working.

The Clerk agreed to follow up the identified Actions.

05/25 Parish Council Vacancies

The Chair reported that there were two vacancies for Parish Councillors, it was agreed to advertise the vacancies. Local Residents interested in becoming a Paris Councillor were invited to contact the Clerk at Clerk@hardwickepc.gov.uk

6/25 Planning Applications

S.24/2230/P3Q - Church Farm Pound Lane Hardwicke Change of use of agricultural barn to one dwelling house Members discussed at length the current application and also referred to the previous submissions to which the Parish Council had made comments.

Resolved; to make no further comments

7/25 Finance Report

- The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending December 31st 2024

Resolved; to approve the report and list of payments

- The clerk presented a draft budget for the next financial year 2025/2026. Members discussed the individual budget headings and the respective impact on the level of precept. The clerk was asked to take account of the comments made and to produce a revised budget/precept for the next meeting of the Council.

Resolved to agree the budget and precept at the February meeting

Meeting Closed at 20.50

Signed

Chair

Date