

Hardwicke Parish Council

Minutes of A Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hardwicke Village Hall on Monday February 3rd 2025

Present

Cllr John Perkin (Chair)

Cllr Peter Rotherham

Cllr Fran Welbourne

Cllr Ian Butler

Cllr Hannah Day

Cllr Andrew James

In attendance

District Councillor Gill Oxley, County Councillor Stephen Davies and Kevin Lee, Clerk

The Chair of Quedgeley Town Council, Steve Wilcox was also in attendance to address the Council

08/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors, Denise Powell, Jill Brearley and Graham Brearley.

09/25 Declarations of Interest

There no declarations

10/25 Public Questions

None Received

11/25 Address by Steve Wilcox, Chair of Quedgeley Town Council

Town Councillor Steve Wilcox attended the meeting to discuss concerns about the increased levels of traffic in Quedgeley and Hardwicke. The congestion around Naas Lane, Kingsway and Hunts Grove were a particular concern. Cllr Wilcox invited representatives from Hardwicke to a joint meeting to consider what actions could be taken.

Resolved; The Chair and Clerk would attend an initial meeting and report back to the Parish Council

12/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved; The Minutes of the meeting held on January 6th 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

13/25 Councillor Reports

County Councillor Stephen Davies gave an update on the discussions about whether Gloucestershire should be a single unitary authority or be split into two authorities.

In respect of the County Council's budget, Cllr Stephen reported that; Javelin Park had contributed £8m towards the council's budget, £10m had been allocated to additional highways works and the County Council had agreed to provide a new school for pupils with Educational Needs (SEN)

District Councillor Gill Oxley gave an update on the continuing issues with the Severn Trent Pumping Station in Pound Lane. Severn Trent had noted that the problems appeared to originate further upstream within the Hunts Grove Area. Further investigations were planned.

Temporary road barriers had been erected on the corner of Church Lane/Pound Lane following an accident.

Parish Councillor Hannah Day had received an approach from Hardwicke School PTA for a grant funding application form. The Clerk agreed to forward a form. The Coffee Shop at the Village Hall was proving very popular and the Village Hall kitchen and Coffee Shop had been awarded five stars following an inspection by the district council's inspection team.

The Chair, Cllr John Perkin reported that an initial meeting (held on-line) had been held with the district council's new planning officer who had responsibility for the planning lead on the Redrow development. This had been an introductory meeting and the Planning Officer informed The Chair that she planned to hold a workshop with the Parish Council, District Council and Redrow. The Council would be consulted on possible dates. One point of interest was that the County Council had advised the planning officer that it now only require one form of entry for the primary school.

The Chair gave an update on the recent discussions with Hardwicke Rangers Football Club and representatives from Hardwicke Estate. The meeting further explored the long term lease of The Close to secure tenancy for the club and also the replacement of the existing changing room facilities.

Resolved; to accept the reports and to approve the follow up actions

14/25 Finance Report and Budget/Precept for 2025/2026

- (1) The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending January 31st 2025 and the list of payments.

Resolved to approve the report and payments

(2) The Clerk presented the budget proposals for 2025/2026 and the options for the 'precept' as requested at the previous meeting. The Council considered the options and agreed to not increase the precept and set it at £38.00

Resolved to approve the budget for 2025/2026 and set the Precept at £38.00

15/25 Traffic Orders Yellow Lines. – (TROs)

The Clerk reported that he had received a few comments from residents about the proposed TROs. These had been forwarded to the Highways Contractors. The contractors confirmed. The formal consultation was completed in October/November, and the decision had been made based on the responses that were received during the consultation periods, as outlined in the Decision Report on the County Council's Website

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros/stroud-traffic-regulation-orders-tro-and-traffic-schemes/various-waiting-restrictions-hardwicke-and-quedgeley/>

Meeting Closed at 21.15

Signed

Chair

Date