

**HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL**  
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall**

**Present:** Chairman Richard Blacklock  
Councillor Carol Wright  
Councillor Trevor Bowman-Shaw

County Councillor Netta Glover  
District Councillor Ashley Bond  
Plus 1 Resident

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Councillor Amanda Tofield and Councillor Garth Bickerton.
2. **Declaration of interest** in items on the agenda: to declare any interests and agree any dispensation requests – None received.
3. **Open Forum:** The resident in attendance asked why it appeared that grass cuttings were only removed by the greens. The Chairman stated that this was because it was in the terms of the contract. Both this matter and the date of the present cut, which was on a Monday and would ideally be best changed to a Thursday or a Friday, would be discussed on renewal of the current contract.

The resident also mentioned that several hedges had overgrown onto the footways.

District Councillor Ashley Bond updated the group with the progress of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. It was expected to pass through full council in October 2017. He also mentioned the new appointments of Parish Liaison Officers which had been specifically recruited to assist Parish Councils with their enquiries. Councillor Wright asked why AVDC would take such action given that there was still no decision on the Unitary debate and recruitment at this point did not seem a good business decision. District Councillor Ashley Bond said AVDC were hopeful that the unitary decision would go their way and result in a 'two council' structure (north and south) for Bucks going forward.

4. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 – The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
5. **To update on matters arising** – The Chairman acknowledged that the noticeboard still needed to be moved and wind stops also needed to be fitted. He would deal with this matter as soon as he could, work permitting. **ACTION: RB**
6. **To receive updates** from Bucks County Council and AVDC Councillors – County Councillor Netta Glover gave a verbal update to the group. She highlighted that she had £4k but it was to be spent across all of her parishes. If Hardwick had any project around a few hundred pounds they needed assistance for she urged them to consider applying to her. **ACTION: ALL CLLRS**
7. **To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
  - a) To receive an update on the Parish Plan Questionnaire – 38 responses had been received. Councillor Garth Bickerton would prepare a spreadsheet for discussion at the next meeting. In the meantime residents would still be encouraged to respond if they had not already.
  - b) To sign off the AVDC feedback sheet for the new play area – The Clerk asked the Chairman to sign off the feedback sheet that she had prepared following receipt of the £6000 in funding from the Community Chest Grant. The form was counter signed by Councillor Carol Wright. The Clerk would return the sheet to the team at AVDC.

**ACTION: AMD**

- c) To discuss the Mursley Parish Neighbourhood Plan – The Chairman had asked for this item to be placed onto the agenda as he was interested in the kind of plan they had put together. The Clerk was asked to further investigate and feedback to the next meeting.

**ACTION: AMD**

8. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent: None received.

**9. Highways, Footpaths and Footways**

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The footway along the A413, Aylesbury to Whitchurch was once again badly overgrown. The Clerk would contact the Local Area Technician (LAT) for an update.

**ACTION: AMD**

The footway that runs from The Close to Rose Cottage was in need of clearing. There was also a tree down and another that needed pollarding. The Clerk was asked to contact Terry Lynch to ask him to deal.

**ACTION: AMD**

Also, the footway that runs to the outside of Number 4, Number 1, Moor House and Burnham is now badly overgrown due to hedges that need cutting back. The Clerk was asked to write to all four householders to ask for their help in making the footway passable.

**ACTION: AMD**

The Clerk was also asked to contact the LAT regarding a water leak that was travelling down past the pub to Hardwick Place.

**ACTION: AMD**

- b) To receive an update on the walkround with the Local Area Technician – The Chairman, Councillor Carol Wright and the Clerk had all attended a positive walk round the village with the LAT. Since that time potholes in the village had been marked up for repair. The Clerk was asked to contact the LAT to find out a date in which the repairs would take place.

**ACTION: AMD**

The Chairman asked if Councillor Bowman-Shaw would please see to the pruning of the trees by Hardwick Place as it was contributing to a vision display problem. Councillor Bowman-Shaw was happy to deal.

**ACTION: TBS**

The Chairman updated the group that despite letters being sent to the householders on the green asking them to be mindful of buses and large vehicles trying to pass through the village, sadly no improvement to the inconsiderate parking had been made.

The group discussed the overgrown garden at 5 North View and the Clerk was asked to write to the resident asking for their help in keeping the village tidy.

**ACTION: AMD**

**10. Street lighting.**

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – None to report.

**11. Finance**

- a) To agree the accounts for the month ending May 2017 – The accounts were agreed and signed as a correct record.

- b) To draw cheques

The Council resolved to draw the following cheques:-

Amanda Tofield	chq 599	£99.99
LA Orchard	chq 600	£60.00
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 601	£507.18
GM Outdoor Services Ltd	chq 602	£1015.00

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J & S Contractors	chq 603	£3000.00
GM Outdoor Services Ltd	chq 604	£220.00

**12. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council**

- a) To update on the Planning Liaison Meeting attended by Councillor Amanda Tofield – The Clerk gave a verbal update to the group on this item.

The Chairman had received an approach from Chris Wilkie on behalf of Ecom asking to discuss the issue of bringing broadband into the village. The Clerk was asked to invite Chris to a future meeting.

**ACTION: AMD**

Upon confirmation of his ability to attend, the Clerk was asked to notify specific residents who had contacted her on the subject of broadband.

**AMD**

**ACTION:**

**13. Website Updates**

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum

- 14. To agree the date of the next meeting** – The meeting date was agreed as Tuesday 12 September at 7pm in the St John Bridles Hall. Councillor Carol Wright offered her apologies for the next meeting.

**Signed:**

**Date**