

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

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall

Present: Chairman Richard Blacklock
Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton
Councillor Trevor Bowman-Shaw
Councillor Carol Wright
Councillor Garth Bickerton

Plus 2 residents

1. **To note apologies for absence:** Apologies received from County Councillor Netta Glover and Councillor Amanda Tofield.
2. **Declaration of interest** in items on the agenda: None.
3. **Open Forum:** A resident in attendance addressed Councillors to voice his concerns over the planning application numbered 18/04066/APP for the change of use from telephone exchange to dwelling house and enlargement of existing building to the Land Adj to The Lodge, Buckingham Road, Weedon, Buckinghamshire, HP22 4DR. Councillors thanked him for his input and would take them into consideration when making their own comments.
4. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018. The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.
5. **To update on matters arising** – The Clerk updated the group on items outstanding since the last meeting.
6. **To receive updates** from Bucks County Council and AVDC Councillors. A written report had been received from County Councillor Netta Glover. The Chairman read the report to the group and the Clerk updated Councillors on the written statement received today on the unitary position.
7. **To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
The Chairman advised the group that Thames Water had been in touch to advise that they would be returning towards the end of January to connect their services which would involve working on some of The Green (from Corner Cottage to Lound Cottage). As they knew Councillors would carry questions and queries they offered the opportunity to meet up on the morning of the 18th January. The Chairman asked the Clerk to respond and ask for an early time. **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:

Councillors discussed the planning application for The Old Telephone Exchange. Whilst this application was not in the Hardwick Parish, Councillors had been monitoring activity at this site due to highway safety concerns on the A413. Weedon Parish Council are the consultee Parish and would be focusing on the material considerations to form their response. Councillors agreed for the Chairman and the Clerk to compose a letter to **OPPOSE** this application on the grounds of highway safety. **ACTION:**

RB/AMD

9. Highways, Footpaths and Footways

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Chairman stated that he believed gully and kerb clearance works were required in the village. Areas highlighted for works at this time were from Manor House Farm all the way round to the Maltings. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from GM Outdoor Services. **ACTION: AMD**

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The Chairman referred to the donation of £500 received from a resident in the village towards a new bench. Following the assembly of it he realised it was relatively light in weight. He suggested it should be secured in place for security reasons. Following discussion it was also agreed to resite the existing bench on the small green with this new one as it was considered far more comfortable. The existing bench on the small green would be moved to the bottom of Lower Road by Burston View. The Clerk was asked to contact GM Outdoor Services to arrange both the securing of the new bench and the installation of slabs to the base. **ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Wright asked for an update on the culling of the trees by Parrish's Piece. The Chairman said he had been in touch with Steve Hayward in the village and would chase again. **ACTION: RB**

Bids to County Councillor Netta Glovers Community Leaders Fund was discussed. The Clerk was asked to put 'Purchase of bulbs' onto the March agenda for consideration. **ACTION: AMD**

b) To consider obtaining quotes for kissing gates in the village – The Clerk had contacted the Rights of Way Team at Bucks County Council for information on prices and procedure on how to install. The Chairman offered to speak to a local landowner to try and progress this project. He would report back at the next meeting. **ACTION: RB**

c) To consider obtaining quotes to reinstate damaged verges in the village – See item 9.a above. The Clerk was asked to contact J & S Contractors to ask for a walk around the village to seek their advice on new kerbing. The Clerk would make contact. **ACTION: AMD**

10. Street lighting

a) To report and update on issues and repairs - A resident in attendance reported a streetlight out opposite the entrance to the Maltings and 3 North View. The Clerk would report. **ACTION: AMD**

The Chairman reported that a bulb that had been replaced by the lighting Contractor was not fit for purpose. It was far too dim and Councillors agreed to request this bulb was replaced with a 150 watt bulb. Only then would the current charge be paid. If the Contractor had any issue with this the Chairman invited them to contact him. **ACTION: AMD**

11. Finance

a) To draw cheques

The Council resolved to drawer the following cheques:

Graham Lee Ltd	chq 641	£488.00 (raised between meetings)
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	chq 642	£68.88
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 643	£493.35
AVDC	chq 644	£148.01
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	chq 645	£97.80
SLCC	chq 646	£76.00
Playforce Ltd	chq 647	£180.00

With regard to Playforce and the annual inspection for the play area, the Clerk was asked to arrange their inspection for when the Chairman was available. **ACTION: AMD**

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

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum – Not attended
- b) Parish Liaison Group – Notes had been previously circulated.

13. **Website** updates – The Chairman suggested the Clerk write to thank both Richard Dewick and Graham Lee for their effort in transferring the old website to the new domain and for setting up

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the new website. The Clerk was also asked to send through the draft minutes for loading onto the website with a note to confirm their correct record at the following meeting.

ACTION: AMD

14. **To agree the date of the next meeting** – The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 5 March 2019.

Signed:

Date