

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

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall

Present: Chairman Richard Blacklock
Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton
Councillor Amanda Tofield
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 Carol Wright.
2. **Declaration of interest** in items on the agenda: to declare any interests and agree any dispensation requests – None received.
3. **Open Forum: (adjournment)** – There was no questions raised.
4. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 – The minutes were agreed as signed as a correct record.
5. **To update on matters arising** – The Clerk advised the group that since the last meeting Aylesbury Vale Broadband had been sold to Gigaclear.
6. **To receive updates** from Bucks County Council and AVDC Councillors – County Councillor Netta Glover gave a verbal report – it is attached to these minutes for reference.
7. **To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
 - a) To consider request to nominate Chairman to attend the Royal Garden Party in 2018 – Councillors were unanimous in their support for the Clerk to send in an application for the Chairman Richard Blacklock to be considered to attend the Royal Garden Party.
ACTION: AMD
 - b) To discuss invite to attend the Town & Parish Conference on 1 February 2018 – This was discussed and the Chairman and the Clerk hoped to attend. The Clerk would advise Bucks County Council.
ACTION: AMD

The Chairman advised the group that the nomination for a position on the John Bridles Committee was up for renewal. Councillors discussed this proposal and agreed to nominate Debbie Mitchell as she had indicated she was willing to do another year as a Member. The Clerk was asked to advise the Committee.
ACTION: AMD

Councillor Amanda Tofield updated the group on the plans Rapid Rural have for the village. She had spoken to the lead for Rapid Rural and he had advised her that they were due to install a mast in the church tower in January and they would be getting in contact to book installs as soon as the service was 'live' on the church. They reported this would get it sorted for the last areas of the village they were currently unable to reach.

8. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

17/04614/APP – Folly Farm, Folly Farm Road, Hardwick, Bucks, HP22 4EE – Extension to existing bungalow – This planning application was considered by Councillors and they resolved to offer **NO OBJECTION**. The Clerk would advise AVDC of their decision. **ACTION: AMD**

9. Highways, Footpaths and Footways

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- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Chairman told the group that one village sign had been cleaned by Councillor Amanda Tofield. He had been unable to clean the sign nearest to him as he had been convalescing after an operation. He planned to clean the sign sometime over the next few weeks. He told the group that the noticeboard had not been moved as to do so would mean it would not be facing the sun at any time and would suffer from moist and condensation. He also had a proposal to extend the road close to the sign so this decision would be set aside for now.

Councillors reported several potholes near to The Slip. The Clerk would report them to Transport for Buckinghamshire. **ACTION: AMD**

The Chairman asked the group whether they agreed that kerbs in the village were in need of clearing of dirt and debris which had accumulated over the past few months. Councillors agreed and Councillor Tofield also suggested the footways in the village could also do with tidying up. The Clerk was asked to seek quotes from both the grass cutting contractor, the local handyman and also AVDC. **ACTION: AMD**

The Chairman also reported that the bus is still experiencing issues trying to travel through the village due to parked cars. Verges are also being driven over due to the lack of space. Councillors agreed that this problem did still exist. The Chairman suggested one project for 2018/19 may be to slightly widen the road by Rectory Cottage. Councillors agreed this in principle and, subject to precept and funding, a further proposal would be brought back to a future meeting.

Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton asked the Clerk to contact TFB for an update on the recently fatality on the A413. **ACTION: AMD**

10. Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – No issues received

11. Finance

- a) To agree the accounts for the month ending October & November 2017 – The accounts were agreed as a correct record.
- b) To draw cheques – The Council resolved to draw the following cheques:-

Whitchurch Parish Council	chq 611	£40.00
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 612	£484.95
AVDC	chq 613	£627.04
GM Outdoor Services Ltd	chq 614	£440.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	chq 615	£45.24

- c) To agree precept amount for 2018/19 – Councillors discussed this issue at length. With the probable lack of funding towards our devolved services from Bucks County Council post 2018 it was felt that a moderate increase in the budget was necessary which would cover the shortfall and allow further projects in the village. No increase to the precept had been made in several years. Councillors agreed to increase the precept from £11275 to £12275. In real terms this would mean an increase to each household of £6.87 per year. The Clerk was asked to advise AVDC. **ACTION:**

AMD

- d) To consider purchase of a bench for the small green – The Chairman reported that Sarah Shaw had approached him asking to donate a bench to Hardwick in memory of her family. Councillors agreed this as a lovely gesture and the Chairman would thank Ms Shaw and let her know that she could purchase a bench to replace the one on the big village green which was in a bad state of repair.

ACTION: RB

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It was also noted that County Councillor Netta Glover has also applied on behalf of the PC for funding for a bench on the small green.

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

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum – next meeting planned for 6 March 2018. The Clerk would make every effort to attend.

13. Website Updates

- a) To consider next steps in managing the PC website – following the sad loss of Steve Murray, the administration of the village website had to be discussed. The Chairman advised the group that Ant Mitchell had volunteered to take over the running of the website. In the meantime, Councillor Tofield agreed to send out the minutes, together with the update from County Councillor Netta Glover on the village email. **ACTION: AT**

Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton advised the group that he and the chairman had been actively working to revise figures and to draft a structure for the new Parish Plan. There was still a lot of work to do before completion. The Clerk was asked to place this on the agenda for the March meeting. **ACTION: AMD**

The Clerk was asked to follow up the lack of response from Bucks County Council the Old GPO Exchange entrance on the main A413 between Cooks Hill and New Road where the property has been sold and there are now vehicles exiting regularly onto the main road when there never was a road crossing. There are unbroken white lines to the entrance to the property as it was never meant to be used as an access to a dwelling. **ACTION: AMD**

- 14. **To agree the date of the next meeting** – The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 13 March 2018 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall.

Signed:

Date