

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

**Minutes of the meeting of Hardwick Parish Council on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall**

**Present:** Chairman Richard Blacklock  
Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton  
Councillor Carol Wright  
Councillor Amanda Tofield  
Councillor Trevor Bowman-Shaw  
  
District Councillor Ashley Bond  
  
Plus 1 resident

1. **To note apologies for absence:** None received, however County Councillor Netta Glover had previously advised that due to her new role of Chairman of BCC her time to attend meetings would be limited going forward.
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 advised that nasty potholes had appeared in the Close Road. The Clerk would report to TFB. **ACTION: AMD**
4. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 – The minutes were agreed and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.
5. **To update on matters arising** – All matters were covered within the agenda.
6. **To receive updates** from District Councillor Ashley Bond. He spoke about the decision from the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government to create a single unitary council for Buckinghamshire and said the District Councils were due to meet the following evening to consider their position. It was also most likely that District Council elections would now be put off till 2020.
7. **To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
  - a) To note decision from MHCLG to create a single unitary council for Buckinghamshire – discussed under Agenda item 6.
  - b) To consider whether to apply for electric car charging points in the village – Correspondence was received from BCC to say they had limited funding to install electric car charging points across the County at sites where it was felt the most benefit would be received. This was following the government initiative to reduce petrol and diesel cars. The Chairman asked if Councillors were interested in putting forward a bid for the village. Following discussion Councillors resolved to not bid for funding at this time but agreed to be kept up to date with any further proposals.

The Chairman drew Councillors attention to the notification that Thames Water will be returning to the village to complete repairs outstanding from last winter. They have a road closure in place for 66 days from 29 November 2018. Councillor Amanda Tofield agreed to take photographs of the damaged areas believed to be the responsibility of Thames Water before their arrival in the village so it was clear what damage occurred under their tenancy. **ACTION: AT**

The Chairman reported that, in light of the unitary decision, BCC had contacted us to advise that all Devolved Services contracts had been reduced from the four years previously offered to only one year to run from April 2019.

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8. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:
- a) To discuss Planning enforcement 18/00323/CON3 at the Land adjacent to The Lodge Weedon – Councillors were advised that following our longstanding enquiry over this issue, AVDC had contacted us to say they were seeking advice from their legal department to see whether this access had been abandoned as believed and/or whether the works carried out compromise development for planning purposes. Once this advice had been obtained, AVDC would take a decision as to whether they could take, and defend enforcement action. The Clerk would update Councillors on any further correspondence.

## 9. Highways, Footpaths and Greens

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – See Open Forum for pothole report. Councillor Tofield agreed to photograph and send through to Clerk to assist the report to TFB.

**ACTION: AT**

Councillor Tofield also reported a kerbstone which had come loose at the Green. Councillors agreed to pick this up after Thames Water had completed their works in the village.

Councillor Wright reported that it was badly overgrown near to Yards End, and also further up the hill on the A413 towards Whitchurch on both sides. The Clerk would report.

**ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Wright reported the village phone box had now been removed. BT had sown grass seed in an effort to reinstate that area.

The Chairman told the group that permission had just been given to pollard the trees by Parrish Piece and North View. The Chairman would obtain quotes for the works and send across to Councillors via email for consideration.

- b) To consider setting up an annual inspection for the play area – The Clerk had obtained a quote from Playforce. Councillors authorised the Clerk to instruct them to carry out an inspection on an annual basis. **ACTION: AMD**
- c) To consider obtaining quotes for kissing gates in the village – The Clerk was still working to obtain quotes and would update at a future meeting. Councillor Tofield asked the Clerk to also find out the cost of kissing gates. **ACTION: AMD**
- d) To consider obtaining quotes to reinstate damaged verges in the village – Councillors agreed to reconsider this at a later date and after Thames Water had completed works in the village. The Clerk would place onto the January agenda. **ACTION: AMD**

## 10. Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Clerk advised Councillors that UKPN would be revisiting the village to attend to lights by the small village green on 16 November. The resident in attendance reported a light out on the The Green, opposite the Maltings. The Clerk would report. **ACTION: AMD**

## 11. Finance

- a) To draw cheques.  
The Council resolved to draw the following cheques:-

|                         |         |          |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Ann-Marie Davies        | chq 636 | £493.35  |
| Aylesbury Mains Ltd     | chq 637 | £38.76   |
| Hayes Garden World      | chq 638 | £499.00  |
| GM Outdoor Services Ltd | chq 639 | £1250.00 |
| AVALC                   | chq 640 | £25.00   |

- b) To agree precept amount for 2019/20 – The Chairman took Councillors through the proposed budget for 2019/20. Councillor Bickerton asked for the revised figures as discussed could be sent through.

**ACTION: AMD**

Councillors unanimously agreed to keep the precept at the same figure. The Clerk would advise AVDC. **ACTION: AMD**

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- c) To consider annual subscription of £25 to support AVALC – Councillors agreed to support this group. A cheque was raised and details are shown under item 11 a.

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

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum – The next meeting was planned for 3 December 2018 at 6.30pm in Winslow School.

- 13. **Website updates – The Chairman reported that he had spoken to** Graham Lee in the village. Graham had advised the domain host was not particularly user friendly and asked for permission to use his own hosting system. This would be done at nil cost to the Council. Graham was in attendance for this item and offered to design a new website at a cost of £250 with the Council retaining the same website address. Councillors agreed.

- 14. **To agree the date of the next meeting** – Date of next meeting 8 January 2019 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall.

**Signed:**

**Date**