

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

Minutes of the meeting of Hardwick Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 7.00pm in the St John Bridles Hall.

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton
Councillor Amanda Tofield
Councillor Tim Hannon

Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Cooper

21/66 – Apologies were received from Chairman Richard Blacklock, Councillor Carol Wright and Buckinghamshire Councillor Ashley Bond.

21/67 - Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None received.

21/68 - Open Forum: Buckinghamshire Cllr Peter Cooper was invited to speak during this item as there were no residents present. He provided the following update: -

- Due to Local Community Board boundaries now aligning with Thames Valley Police boundaries, we would now have a new Local Area Technician (LAT) covering Hardwick, Paul Foot. A new system for reporting issues was to be installed following complaints that 'older' issues were being lost. Parishes would now be asked to compile a list of outstanding issues for each LAT to review. The Clerk advised that contact had already been made with the new LAT to invite him on a walk around the village.
- He reported the Wing & Ivinghoe Local Community Board (LCB) had been working very well and had a healthy budget available for Parishes to bid for suitable projects.
- The cycleway on the A413 whilst wasn't going to be built by the end of the financial year, did have support for it and the LCB intended to use funding to carry out investigative works and would also seek funding opportunities elsewhere as the project would no doubt attract interest.
- The guidance from the Department for Transport had now changed with regard to speed limits. For schemes such as 20mph zones it no longer required for example the installation of expensive street furniture to now be in place, therefore drastically now reducing the cost to introduce such measures. Members would now look to persuade the Leader of the Council and his Cabinet to look again at supporting this initiative. Vice Chairman Bickerton asked if highway speed limits would also be reviewed. Cllr Cooper said that this was not the intention at this particular time.
- His role at the new Buckinghamshire Council included places on the Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee, Communities and Localism Select Committee, North Bucks Area Planning Committee, Strategic Sites Committee and of course the Wing & Ivinghoe Local Community Board.
- Cllr Cooper advised the group that he would make every effort to attend future meetings but would also liaise with the other County Members to provide some kind of report/attendance at each meeting going forward.

21/69 - To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021 – the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

21/70 - To receive Clerk's report – the Clerk had distributed a report of outstanding matters prior to the meeting. All items were on the agenda for discussion.

21/71 - To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors – see Open Forum.

21/72 - Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

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- a) **21/02514/ALB** – Poplars Farm, Lower Road, Hardwick, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 4DZ – External works for the subdivision of an existing house to two residential dwellings. Cycle shed, new access, gates parking area and garage – Councillors considered this planning application and resolved to offer **NO OBJECTIONS**. The Clerk would place our decision on the Buckinghamshire Council planning portal. **ACTION: AMD**

21/73 - Highways, Footpaths and Footways

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Clerk invited Cllrs to accompany her and the Chairman on the walk around with the LAT. Vice Chairman Bickerton and Cllr Hannon would attend if the chosen date and time was convenient. Cllr Tofield reiterated the poor condition of the roads in the village. This would be relayed to the LAT. Cllr Tofield asked if a copy of the Fixmystreet poster currently displayed on the noticeboard could be emailed to her so she could disseminate more widely via the village group email group. **ACTION: AMD**
Cllr Tofield also reported the noticeboard had now been varnished.
- b) To consider works around the bus stop to tidy it up – Cllr Tofield told the group that Vic Chainey had very kindly mowed the area surrounding the bus stop as children were alighting from the bus and falling into the overgrowing vegetation! Cllr Tofield suggested the Parish Council write to Mr Chainey to thank him. Cllrs unanimously agreed. Cllr Tofield also asked that this was brought up with the LAT on his walkaround as it would continue to happen if it was not on a planned maintenance programme. **ACTION: AMD**
- c) To consider works for the pathway between Primrose Cottage and Church View – a quote had been received to clear two fallen trees and an elm (which is dangerous and likely to fall). They would be chopped, cut into corded lengths and left in the wilding area to provide future shelter for small animals and bugs etc. Ivy on the tree would also be ringed at a cost of £190. To cut the hedge along the top of Parishes Piece (top and one side) and clear away debris £500 was quoted. Cllrs agreed this quote. Vice Chairman asked the Clerk to look into the ownership of the hedge. **ACTION: AMD**

21/74 - Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – Cllr Tofield reported a light out by Burston View. The Clerk would report to our contractor. **ACTION: AMD**

21/75 - Finance

- a) To agree accounts for May & June 2021 – The accounts were agreed as a correct record.
b) To draw cheques – The Council resolved to draw the following cheques: -

Mr R Henry	chq 707	£130.00
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 708	£497.30 (two months' salary)
GM Outdoor Services Ltd	chq 709	£520.00
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 710	£574.97 *
*(purchase of new laptop – grant funding of £451.94 received towards cost)		
St Marys Hardwick PCC	chq 711	£150.00

- c) **To consider a donation** to the Church for the upkeep of the footpath – Cllrs agreed to donate £150. A cheque was raised at the meeting (see above) and would be forwarded. **ACTION: AMD**

21/76 - To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- a) Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board – The next meeting was scheduled for 20 July 2021. The Clerk had previously distributed joining instructions to the group. The decision on our bid for funding towards a parking scheme in the village was expected to be considered at that meeting.
- b) Parish Liaison Group – The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 6.30pm. Joining details had been shared with Cllr Tofield who intended to join.

21/77 - Website updates

- a) To note draft minutes are forwarded to the website administrator – Cllrs asked that once the final minutes had been agreed with the Chairman, they are sent a copy. **ACTION: AMD**

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Cllr Tofield offered to take photographs of improvements in the village and the Clerk would add the associated spend and forward them to be uploaded onto the website. This was agreed. **ACTION: AT/AMD**

21/78 - To receive the health & safety risk assessment for the play area – Cllr Hannon had kindly carried out a health and safety inspection to the play area. Whilst not dangerous, he did spot an ongoing issue with a sharp ‘square’ of metal to the underside of the tyre swing. He agreed to file the sharp part down with a file. Cllrs thanked him for his efforts. **ACTION: TH**

21/79 - To agree the date of the next meeting - The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 7pm.

Signed:

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