

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

Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council on Tuesday 13 September at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall.

**Present:** Chairman Richard Blacklock  
Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton  
Councillor Carol Wright  
Councillor Amanda Tofield  
Councillor Tim Hannon

7 residents in attendance

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton and Councillor Amanda Tofield.
2. **To receive official reports from County and District Council Members** – None present.
3. **Declaration of interest** in items on the agenda: The Chairman noted his interest in the Planning application listed in 8b.
4. **Open Forum:** Residents who live directly on the Green addressed Councillors to let them know of their concerns regarding goalposts on the large village green. They had experienced several episodes of damage costing £600 to their property from footballs and urged the Council to only install one goalpost rather than two, as two would be considered a football match as opposed one, being perceived as ball practice. The Chairman confirmed their views would be taken into account once the item was on the November agenda for consideration.

A further resident reported that recently laid kerbstones were all breaking up and he questioned the quality of the work by the contractors. He reiterated the concerns over the football goals, and also reminded the group that holes from the Thames Water works were still in existence on the green and needed filling in at some point as children could be injured.

A further discussion ensued regarding the damaged salt bin (which the Parish Council were able to confirm would be installed before winter), plus the works to the road at the bottom of the village. The Chairman told the group that Transport for Buckinghamshire had completed what they set out to do and we were quite sure no further works would be taking place. A relatively new resident in the village introduced herself and said the works were just not good enough and urged the Parish Council to complain that the standard was unacceptable. The Chairman explained we were in constant dialogue with Buckinghamshire Councillors and would relay these opinions of residents directly to them.

The new resident then referred to the development at Poplars Farm and noted the Fire Service may have an opinion on the hose connection at the entrance of the road. The Chairman noted this issue and would include in his response to the Planning Department.

Proposed parking arrangements to the new development was then discussed and agreed as 'inadequate' – The Chairman agreed with these matters highlighted and would once again be including in his response.

5. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **To update on matters arising** – To keep this extra Parish Council meeting as short and focussed as possible, all matters arising from the August meeting would be brought to the November meeting.

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## 7. To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.

- a) Neighbourhood Plan meeting – The Chairman spoke about how he had brought the proposal of the village writing a Neighbourhood Plan to the to the last meeting to gauge if there was any interest. He provided some background to the group as to why having a Neighbourhood Plan could prove useful to the village. It was agreed in the first instance to present this idea, by means of a flyer on the internet to the village email group to see if villagers would be interested in attending a meeting to find out more.

**ACTION: AMD**

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

- a) **Poplars Farm applications 22/01472/APP and 22/01434/ALB** – The Chairman addressed the group with diagrams of the development which showed considerably different plans to those previously discussed. He read from documents across various teams at Buckinghamshire Council. Ecology Officer – had issued a holding objection and had asked for a biodiversity net gain. Heritage Officer – had asked for action prior to determination. Whilst they did not object to the planning in principle, they would have preferred to see parking to the rear of the properties. They had raised fairly significant objections. Highways Officer – had approved subject to one or two small conditions in relation to parking. Councillor Wright commented that half of the whole site was not being used at all and that the flower meadow could be used. Councillor Hannon agreed that the proposed parking arrangements were far too tight for visitor space and delivery vehicles. The Chairman thanked all present for their comments and proposed to the group that the Parish Council oppose the development as it stands and he would put together a letter to explain our objection which included the inadequacy of the parking scheme and our support for the Officers comments. Councillors voted unanimously to OPPOSE this development.

**ACTION: RB/AMD**

- b) **1 North View application 22/02864/APP** – Due to the declaration of interest by the Chairman the group was not quorate so unable to make a decision for the minutes at this time. It would be included on the November meeting for noting as the decision had already been made to offer **NO OBJECTIONS**.

**ACTION: AMD**

## 9. **To agree the date of the next meeting** – The next meeting was scheduled for 1 November 2022 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall.

Signed:

Date