

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

Minutes of the meeting of Hardwick Parish Council which took place on Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall.

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

Buckinghamshire Cllr Ashley Bond
Buckinghamshire Cllr Diana Blamires

2 residents

22/51 To receive apologies for absence – Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Amanda Tofield.

22/52 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None received.

22/53 Open Forum: One resident reported the overgrown vegetation in the alleyway leading from Coronation Bungalows to Redwell, which was full of brambles. The Chairman responded that a contractor had been appointed and works should be carried out shortly. The Clerk was asked to chase for a date. **ACTION: AMD**

A further resident told of the concrete retainers at Chetwin and his concerns that they could swing out in high winds. He further reported that the kissing gate on Church Path to the church field by Ford cottages was in need of vegetation cutback. The Chairman agreed he would take a look himself at both issues. **ACTION: RB**

22/54 To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2022 – The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22/55 To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors – Cllr Blamires told of the next Local Community Board meeting which was to be held face to face in the Wing Village Hall. The Chairman asked whether the meeting would also be available to join online. Cllr Blamires said that it was not. The Chairman asked that it be fed back that he believed this to be a retrograde step to not provide the opportunity to join online, particularly for those members who had a medical vulnerability. Both Buckinghamshire Cllrs agreed to take this view back to the Board organisers.

Cllr Blamires reminded the group that the Electoral committee had put forward the proposal to go down to one Buckinghamshire Councillor for our area. There are currently 147 Cllrs which would be reduced to 98. Size of areas would be determined by population size. The consultation would run till the 10 October. Cllrs urged the group to please take the opportunity to comment if they had a strong view on this proposal. Under the current iterations Hardwick will go back into the Quainton ward.

Cllr Blamires agreed to send the link to the Clerk who would forward to PC Members.

22/56 To note the Clerks Report/Correspondence – previously circulated – The Clerk delivered a verbal update to the group present.

22/57 Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

- a) To provide update on The Poplars – Cllr Wright updated the group on the comments from the Listed Building Officer. Subject to certain conditions being met, listed building consent would be permitted.

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- b) To consider the suitability and cost of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village – The Chairman led on this item. He told the group he and the Clerk had joined a Zoom meeting with a Neighbourhood Planning Consultant to investigate approximate costs of writing a plan and to find out a bit more about what was involved. After a lengthy discussion which included all present, he proposed taking this item to residents in the village to ask them if this is something they are interested in taking forward by means of setting up a steering group. Cllrs agreed to this proposal. The Clerk was asked to approach the Consultant to see if she would be willing to attend a public meeting to do a mini presentation and answer questions.

ACTION: AMD

22/58 Highways, Footpaths and Footways

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Clerk was asked to check the status of the repair to the road by Manor House Farm and then report it to the Buckinghamshire Cllrs for them to take up at their meeting with the Local Area Technician.

ACTION: AMD

The Chairman reported the paving sheets to the car park had moved. There could be a slight issue in the way they were laid, but no grass had been growing in the summer to tie them into the ground. He agreed to investigate.

ACTION: RB

As Autumn/Winter was fast approaching the Clerk was asked to find out when the new salt bin could be expected to be delivered.

ACTION: AMD

22/59 Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – No new issues reported.
b) To update on order to replace two lights - at the corner of Lower Road and the A413 and by the garages – The Clerk reported that the lights were expected to be delivered the first week in October and fitted shortly afterwards.

22/60 Finance

- a) To agree accounts for June and July 2022 – the accounts were agreed as a correct record.
b) To authorise cheques/note BACS payments -

Councillors agreed the one BACS payment to the Clerk, Ann-Marie Davies for £537.80

- c) To consider the quotes to replace the football goalposts on the large village green – The Clerk was asked to place this as an agenda item for the next meeting and to highlight the item in red so that local residents noted the item if they wanted an opportunity to comment. In the meantime, £200 would be set aside to purchase goals if approved.

ACTION: AMD

22/61 To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- a) Winslow & District LCB – Next meeting planned for 20 September in the Wing Village Hall at 7pm.
b) Parish Liaison Group – July meeting was cancelled. No further update.

22/62 To receive the health & safety risk assessment for the play area – Cllr Hannon handed the assessment to the Clerk. No cause for concern on inspection of equipment.

22/63 Website updates – The Clerk was asked to ensure draft minutes were posted onto the website as soon as they were available.

ACTION: AMD

22/64 To agree the date of the next meeting – Date of next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1 November 2022.

Signed:

Date