

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council on Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 7pm in the John Bridles Hall.

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor Ashley Bond

23/56 To receive apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Hannon and Buckinghamshire Councillors Peter Cooper and Diana Blamires.

23/57 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None received.

23/58 Open Forum: No residents were in attendance so no matters were raised.

23/59 To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2023 – the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

23/60 To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors – Buckinghamshire Councillor Ashley Bond reported that the new Highways contract was going very well. A new app showing real time information on repairs was also promised for the future. At the Whitchurch Parish Council meeting the issue of accidents on the A413 was raised. Buckinghamshire Council decided the safety sign on the Buckingham Park roundabout was being removed as it was felt it could be seen as challenging to some drivers and this action may help. Finally, he told the group that a new environmental statement on all planning applications was about to be introduced. Going forward it meant that if trees for example were removed to make way for development they would have to be replaced or offset on the site being developed rather than planted elsewhere. This will be implemented in smaller sites in October and larger ones in the Spring.

23/61 To note the Clerks Report – previously circulated. One item on the report, the trees cut back by Councillor Wrights house had not yet been actioned. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor. **ACTION: AMD**

23/62 Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

The Clerk gave an update on the planning application to the Land at Poplars Farm, Lower Road, Hardwick, Bucks - 23/01288/APP and told the group the application for an erection of one and a half storey dwelling had been refused.

23/63 Highways, Footpaths and Footways

a) To report and update on issues and repairs – Cllr Wright reported she had filed a report on Fixmystreet about the overgrown vegetation by Long Meadow. She was happy to report works had taken place to make it safer within two weeks but only to one side. Cllr Tofield asked if the Clerk could ask for the path to be sided out from the bottom of Whitchurch hill up to Hardwick as the path is only 12 inches wide at points.

ACTION: AMD

Cllr Wright asked if there had been any further progress on the bid for a new Cycle path. Buckinghamshire Councillor told the group he had put in a bid to the Government for funding today for a Cycle scheme on the A413 and A418. But as its government money and there will be other calls for this fund and maintenance costs would have to be picked up by a named body if successful, he was sceptical if it would be agreed.

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Cllr Wright also reported that she had cutback as best she could at the start of the footpath at Millpeace which was covered in brambles. It was agreed that footpaths should be accessible and maintained by the landowner. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Jackman.

ACTION: AMD

Finally, Cllr Wright told the group that just up from the waterworks, on the second gate, someone has put a notice on saying 'please don't double padlock this.' All present had no idea who had written this.

- b) To consider the proposal for a new bridleway sign – Cllr Tofield suggested that a bid for a Community Grant could be for new benches, bulbs and a bridleway sign. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Tofield to put a bid together. **ACTION: AMD/AT**
- c) To agree the price to install new signs to the play area –The Clerk told the group the two quotes for the sign to the play area warning users the equipment could become hot in warm weather. Cllrs voted to opt for just the sign so that it could be added to the current sign already in situ at the play area. The Clerk was asked to advise Sign Wizzard.

ACTION: AMD

23/64 Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Chairman told the group that seven new traditional style LED streetlights had now been replaced in the village. We hoped residents had noticed them and were pleased with the look.

23/65 Finance

- a) To agree accounts for April and May 2023 – The accounts were accepted and agreed as a correct record.

23/66 To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- a) Wing & Ivinghoe LCB – Councillors were asked to note the scheduled next meeting of the Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board had been postponed from 26 July to 5 September 2023.
- b) Parish Liaison Group – held on 28 June – no attendance from us. Notes will be distributed to Cllrs.

23/67 To receive the health & safety risk assessment for the play area – Cllr Hannon was not in attendance but emailed to say he would send his report across to the Clerk for dissemination to Cllrs.

23/68 Website updates – The Clerk would forward items across to the website administrator.

23/69 To agree the date of the next meeting – The date of the next meeting would have clashed with the Wing & Ivinghoe Meeting so the Parish Council meeting was moved to **Tuesday 12 September 2023.**

Signed:

Date