

**MINUTES OF**  
**AN ORDINARY MEETING**  
**OF**  
**HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

Held in the Village Hall, Rooms, Harbury on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 Page 646

Present: Cllrs Lockley (Chairman), Thompson, Patrick, Mancell, Knowles, Thornley, Hancock, Grey, Darlison and Lewis

In Attendance: Mrs N Thompson (Clerk to the Council), District Cllr Mann, District Cllr Patrick, County Cllr Stevens, Mr J Stokes, Mrs L Ridgley (Harbury News)

**09/132 APOLOGIES: No apologies had been received.**

**09/133 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The following interests were declared by members:-

Cllr Grey declared an interest in item 7i as he is a member of the Deppers Bridge Residents Association.

Cllr Hancock declared an interest in item 6iv Twinning Association as she is a member of the Association.

Cllr Thompson declared an interest in item 6v, Village Hall – member of the Management Committee.

Cllr Thornley declared an interest in item 6v, Village Hall – member of the Management Committee.

Cllr Patrick declared an interest in item 6v, Village Hall, -member of the Village Hall Management Committee and in item 6iv – member of the Twinning Association.

**09/134 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr Stokes explained that he had an interest in buying the former Post Office in Church Street and applying for change of use for the property into residential premises. His purpose in attending the meeting was to listen to the Parish Council's probable views on any such application. Prior to this he had also spoken to SDC who are broadly happy with the proposals and had checked the Parish Plan. Members felt that they would be broadly supportive of these proposals if this brought the property back into use although further comments may be made at the planning application stage. It was noted that the proposal is to keep the property as one address only, not to split it into apartments.

**09/135 MINUTES - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of 24th September 2009 having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a true record.

**09/136 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

i Harbury School Governors (AW)

The Council had received a written report from Mrs Winchester. Mr McBride has been re-elected as Chairman of the Governors and the planning application for the swimming pool has now been sent to SDC for consultation and approval. The recent SATS results showed that the children are still working to a very high standard and the school has recently been awarded the Green Flag for Eco-Schools. The school has also had some very good results at Cross Country.

- ii Public Safety  
There was no police report. The clerk was instructed to ask the police to attend the meeting if at all possible in the future.
- iii Southam College (SH) – nothing to report.  
Cllr Hancock reported that the new senior management team at the College appeared to be working very well and the recent exam results had been very good.
- iv Twinning Association (SH)  
The Association's AGM will be held on the 13.11.09 at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Rooms and will be followed by French wine tasting.
- v Village Hall (JP)  
Cllr Thornley reported that the proposed work on refurbishing the toilets will start in January. The committee is now concentrating on fund raising and it was noted that a recent golf day raised over £1000.
- vi WALC/ NALC  
The clerk reminded members of the forthcoming WALC AGM and also of the WRCC event "Future Proofing your Community" which will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Cllrs Patrick and Thornley will attend this event on behalf of the Parish Council.
- vii SDC & WCC Reports  
**SDC:** The District Council had recently debated the proposals for fire stations in Warwickshire and had voted that there should be no closures. The Planning Committee will meet on 29<sup>th</sup> October in order to decide the Tesco's application for a new store on the perimeter of Southam and a community meeting is planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> November for residents to have their say on the Council's budget for next year. District Cllr Patrick and Cllr Lockley have placed an article in the Harbury News urging residents to sign up to the 10/10 challenge on climate change.  
**WCC:** Cllr Stevens reported that the next Community Forum meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> November at Southam Primary School; Cllr Thornley will attend this on behalf of the Council. The hearing into the possible siting of a new Cemex plant at either Long Itchington, Rugby or at neither of these sites will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November and the Library review has been referred back to council officers for more options to be explored.

### **09\137 DEPPERS BRIDGE**

#### **A. Matters Arising – nothing to report.**

- i British Telecom – Adoption of Telephone Kiosk  
The clerk has contacted BT regarding the adoption of the telephone kiosk in Deppers Bridge and had been initially advised that the Council would need to apply for a new MPAN no (which identifies unmetered supply). However the Council has now been advised by central networks that this is not the case and that it should be possible to add the kiosk onto the existing unmetered supply using the existing unmetered number. The clerk will now get back in touch with BT in order to complete this process and has been assured that, in the meantime, the kiosk will not be removed.

**B Correspondence - none**

**C Members Items – none.**

**09\138 PLANNING**

A Decisions on Planning Applications

- i Permission Granted with conditions by SDC:
  - Stickle Rise, Temple End:** Proposed two storey side extension.
  - 11 Penelope Close:** Single storey rear and side kitchen extension.
  - 5 Pirie Close:** Single storey pitched roof side/rear extension and boundary wall.
  - The Courtyard House, Harbury Hall, Bull Ring Farm Road:** T1 holly – fell.
  - Hill Cottage, Farm Street:** 3no beech: 20% crown reduction, 1no damson – 20% crown reduction, 1no apple – 20% crown reduction, 1no – maple – 20% crown reduction.
- ii Area Planning Committee: nothing to report.
- iii Parish Council Made No Representation on The Following:
  - 18 Pineham Avenue:** Erection of single storey side and rear extensions.
  - The Byre, 7 Greenhill Farm:** Erection of single storey extension to rear.
  - The Courtyard House, Harbury Hall, Bull Ring Farm Road:** T1 holly – fell.
  - Hill Cottage, Farm Street:** 3no. beech – 20% crown reduction, 1no. damson – 20% crown reduction, 1no. apple – 20% crown reduction, 1no. maple – 20% crown reduction.
  - Hazebrook, The Pound:** Erection of single storey rear extension.
- iv The PC Made Representations on the Following :
  - Lower Westfields Farm, Middle Road:** Change of use of outbuildings from tack room and store to office for building contractor and store: COMMENT: The Parish Council does have some concerns about the possible quantity of delivery vehicles visiting the site. The track to the farm is not suitable for any degree of heavy traffic and neither is the entranceway onto Middle Road. The applicants should give a more precise estimate of the number of vehicles likely to visit the site.
- v Permission Refused by SDC: nothing to report
- vi Applications Withdrawn:
- vii Enforcement notices issued - none
- viii Appeals: none.
- ix Tree Preservation Order: none.

B Other Planning Matters

C Correspondence

- i Proposed Development at Bush Heath Lane  
The Council has received an e-mail from Linfoot Homes advising that the planning application for the development has now been submitted to Stratford District Council.

- ii WRHA – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
An invitation has been received from WRHA to its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at The Granville Arms in Barford. Any members wishing to attend this should contact the clerk as soon as possible.
- iii Tesco's Planning Application  
Further to District Cllr Patrick's report, the planning application for a new food store on the outskirts of Southam will be decided by the SDC Planning Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

#### D Members Items

- i Sheltered Housing Conference  
Members of the Village with a Vision group will attend a conference on sheltered and supported housing to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November; cllrs Patrick and Grey and District Cllr Patrick will also attend.

### **09/139 PROPERTIES**

#### A Arising from the Minutes

- i BMX Project  
Cllr Thornley has been advised by WCC that the Council may make an application to the Community Development Fund for a grant of up to £10,000 to fund the proposed track. Applications must be received by 30.11.09 and work on approved projects must commence by 31.3.10. It was agreed that Cllr Thornley and the clerk would work together to complete the application form.
- ii Playground Reports  
The playground reports for October had not yet been received.
- iii Cemetery Risk Assessment  
The clerk had made a number of enquiries into the possibility of obtaining a faculty from the Diocese in order to lay down some of the unsafe memorials. Whilst this may be possible, it was agreed that Properties should meet with the clerk in order to discuss the best way forward with the assessment before the Council decides on any further action.

#### B Correspondence

- i Village Hall Car Park  
The clerk had received some reports of vehicles gaining access to the car park after the barrier has been closed. It was agreed that Properties would consider how best to prevent this and report back to the Council. It was noted that the signs for the barrier system have been spray painted and the clerk will arrange to have these cleaned.

#### C Members Items - none

### **09\140 ENVIRONMENT**

#### A Arising from the Minutes

- i Street Lighting – nothing to report.
- ii Traffic Management  
Cllrs Lockley and Lewis had met with Graham Stanley (WCC) in order to decide the position of a temporary speed sign. It had been decided that this will

be adjacent the petrol station in Mill Street but the sign will need to face the direction of Binswood End for technical reasons. The sign will be in position for 6 months. WCC anticipate that they will be on site in the village in order to install the remainder of the traffic calming before Christmas.

iii Village Improvements – nothing to report.

## B Correspondence

i Proposed Alteration to Footpath SM59  
Proposals had been received from WCC to divert the course of part of the footpath SM59 which runs from South Parade through to Bush Heath Road. The proposals would extinguish that section of the right of way which passes by Pineham Farm and would create a new section to link up with SM227 coming out onto Bush Heath Road. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Council has no objections to these proposals and the clerk was instructed to respond to WCC accordingly.

## C Members Items

- i Proposed Wind Farm at Bishops Itchington  
Cllr Thompson reported that he had attended on behalf of the Council, a presentation held on the proposed wind farm at Bishops Itchington. The presentation had been very professional but it was noted that there will be a visual impact on Burton Dassett Country Park. The current application is to install a mast to measure wind speeds on the site; assuming the application is granted these speeds will be measured for approximately one year before a full planning application is submitted.
- ii Water Leak – Mill Street  
It was noted that Severn Trent are currently on site in Mill Street repairing the water leak which has been there for several months.

## **09\141 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

### A Arising from the Minutes

- i Grants to Outside Bodies: Royal British Legion  
**It was resolved:** that the grant for this year to the Royal British Legion should be £75 to include purchase of the wreath in the usual way. Members were advised that the Remembrance Service will take place at 10.15am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- ii Budget Monitoring  
The budget monitoring report had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. Cllr Mancell commented that several budget areas appeared to be under spent, notably play equipment, street lighting, BMX track and traffic calming. It was noted that the budget for traffic calming had been included as a contingency and that it was now unlikely that this would need to be spent. The original intent had been to transfer this to S137.
- ii Power of Well Being  
The clerk has re-submitted the CiLCA portfolio S7 and will check when the results of this will be available.

iii Quality Parish Status

The draft Statement of Intent on Training had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. Following discussion, **it was resolved:** that this should be adopted by the Council. The clerk has compiled quite a lot of the large number of copy documents needed for QPS and Cllr Lockley has drafted a response to the democracy section of the submission.

iv Update of Parish Plan

It was agreed that the forthcoming update of the Parish Plan will be discussed at the Environment meeting to be held on 13.11.09.

v Book Exchange

Cllr Grey apologized for the delay in making the bookshelves for the book exchange as he has been away on holiday.

vi Emergency Plan 2009/10

Cllr Hancock and the clerk have met to update the plan and, as a result of this, the revised plan has now been completed and published. An electronic copy has been forwarded to all members and hard copies are available for those requiring this.

B Correspondence

i Village with a Vision

It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received from the Village with a Vision group for the grant awarded to it by the Parish Council.

C Members Items

**09/142 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT As per Appendix B – full details on request from the clerk.**

**09/143 ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - none**

**09/144 ANY OTHER BUSINES**

i Leicester House Farm Barn

Following a query from Mrs Ridgley, it was noted that this application has been dealt with under delegated powers by the clerk in consultation with the Planning Working Party and that the Council had no further comments to make on it.

**09/145 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 26th November 2009** at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Rooms.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed.....Date.....