

MINUTES OF
AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF
HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury Church, Harbury on Thursday 28th October 2010 Page 725

Present: Cllrs Lockley (Chairman), Thompson, Hancock, Patrick, Thornley, Knowles, Mancell, Lewis, Ekins & Summers

In Attendance: Mrs N Thompson (Clerk to the Council), Mrs L Ridgley (Harbury News), District Cllr Mann, County Cllr Stevens and six members of the public.

10/117 APOLOGIES

The Council had received and accepted apologies from District Cllr Tonge and Mrs C Finch.

010/118 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The following interests were declared by members:-

Cllr Thornley declared interests in item 6v, Village Hall as she is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Thompson declared an interest in item 6v, Tennis Club as he is a member of the club.

Cllr Hancock declared an interest in item 6v, Village Hall as her husband is Chairman of the Fundraising Committee.

Cllr Patrick declared an interest in item 6v, Village Hall as she is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

010/119 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms D Hartshorne said that she wished to bring to the Council's attention the increasing amounts of vandalism and disruption caused by young people meeting on scooters and in cars at the car park at the back of the Village Hall. It was pointed out that the lights in the car park are currently on very late and this serves as an encouragement for young people to stay for longer. The clerk explained that there are currently light sensitive cells on each individual light but that this has not been working as well as hoped. The Council is very aware of problems in the car park and around the village in general with anti-social behavior and Cllr Thompson had attended the last meeting of the Southam Community Forum in order to bring these issues to the attention of the police. This had been successful as Harbury had been made one of the priorities for policing over the next few weeks. It was further pointed out that there were issues with scooters riding on the field but members felt that a balance had to be struck between preventing access and what can be reasonably done without possible issues with emergency vehicle access. It was agreed that the possibility of installing a timer switch to the lights would be discussed later in the meeting.

010/120 MINUTES - 23rd September 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council of 23rd September 2010 having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a true record.

010/121 HARBURY CEMETERY

The Council resolved to exclude the public from the discussion of this item. Minutes of this item are appended for members.

010/122 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

- i Harbury School Governors (AW)
Cllr Lockley reminded members that there are currently two vacancies on the Governing Body of the school; members were requested to mention this to any suitable people that they may know.
- ii Public Safety
Cllr Thompson and a resident living close to the car park had attended the Community Forum meeting and had been successful in making policing of the car park a priority with the police.
- iii Southam College (SH)
Cllr Stevens has retired as Chairman of the Board of Governors and has been replaced by Mrs L Dennish. Governors have now formulated a rolling programme of work to be carried out on the building. The recent Open Evening for prospective new parents had been very successful and well attended.
- iv Twinning Association (SH)
The AGM will be held on 12.11.10. The Association recently contributed to the Victorian Street Fayre and has finalized the date for next year's visit to Harbury from representatives from Samoia – this will take place on the first weekend in June.
- v Village Hall (JP)
The fundraising committee is continuing to receive donations via the "Buy a Brick" campaign. Quotations have been received for the necessary work on the internal roof structure and the replacement of the fire doors but a decision has not yet been made on these.
- vi WALC/ NALC
The Clerk had sent out details of forthcoming training events to all members. The clerk will attend the seminar on Accounts Practice to be held on the 18.1.11.
- vii SDC & WCC Reports
SDC: Cllr Mann reported that the District Council is currently carrying out a review of senior management. The Local Development Framework Group will meet shortly and will work towards revising the housing figures based on revised and reduced quotas for new housing within the District. There will be a Councillors' Corner on Saturday 27th November and members of the Parish Council are invited to attend this.
WCC: Cllr Stevens apologized for missing several parish council meetings due to ill health. He reported that WCC is facing a 25% overall reduction in funding

with a number of centrally awarded grant sources which had previously been ring fenced being merged into one. It is expected that there will need to be about 1000 redundancies out of a total workforce of approximately 18,000. Discussions regarding the future of the library are ongoing and it is hoped that some of the funding withdrawn from the Pre-School may be salvaged to allow some parts of the project to go ahead.

On a positive note, both the Parish Council and the Rugby Club have been successful in being allocated grant funding from the Community Fund with grants of £5000 and £6000 respectively.

WCC have yet to decide whether to turn off speed cameras as part of a cost cutting exercise. Tesco has allocated £750,000 to be spent in the centre of Southam as their S106 contribution. Warwickshire CC has entered into a Local Enterprise Partnership Business Initiative with Coventry.

010\123 DEPPERS BRIDGE

A. Matters Arising – nothing to report

B Correspondence - none

C Members Items - none

010\124 PLANNING

A Decisions on Planning Applications

i Permission Granted with conditions by SDC:

11 The Beeches: Relocation of stables

65 Mill Street: Single storey side extension

5 Ivy Lane: Rear extension to kitchen and dining area. New roof over existing garage

19 Deppers Bridge: Replace an existing flat roof with a pitched roof

ii Parish Council Made No Representation on The Following:

19 Deppers Bridge: Replace an existing flat roof with a pitched roof

5 Ivy Lane: Rear extension to kitchen and dining area. New roof over existing garage

Walnut Court, Manor Court, Wagstaffe Close: T1 walnut: reduce crown by 20% and remove southern bough overhanging neighbouring garden

The Cottage, High Street: re-roofing of main cottage including disposal of existing “diamond” shaped asbestos roof slate and replacing with natural slate

Tichsa, 10 Greenhill Farm: Retrospective permission sought for the construction of a pond.

iii The PC Made Representations on the Following : Nothing to report

iv Permission Refused by SDC: Nothing to report.

v Applications Withdrawn: none

vi Enforcement notices issued - none

vii Appeals: none.

viii Tree Preservation Order: none.

B Other Planning Matters

- i Bush Heath Lane Development – Consideration of Road Name
It was agreed that the Council's preferred road name for the new development should be "Hereburgh Way".
- ii High Speed Rail Link
It was noted that a new map had been released showing a slightly amended route. Cllr Stevens said that the formal full consultation will start in the New Year, however there seems to be considerable Government backing for the scheme.

C Correspondence – none

D Members Items - none

010/125 PROPERTIES

A Arising from the Minutes

- i BMX Project
Since the September meeting, a quotation (£770 plus VAT) had been received from Sutherpark to carry out drainage work on the site in order to improve the areas of lying water which are forming. **It was resolved:** that this quotation be accepted to be paid from the BMX grant funding. Unfortunately due to other work pressures, the contractor is unlikely to be able to carry out this work before the beginning of November.
- ii Car Park & Playing Field – Security & Access
The clerk has had additional keys cut for both the barrier gate and central post and also for the bollards at the end of the car park and given copies of these to Geoff Thorpe for the Village Hall and to Cllr Lockley and Thompson as Parish Council keyholders. The names of the key holders has also been registered with the Ambulance Service. A sign has been ordered for the car park directing people to the notice at the front of the Hall and this should be installed in the next 2 weeks.
It was noted that, as pointed out during the Public Participation session of the meeting, there is a problem with the lights in the car park going off too late. The clerk had been given a provisional price of approximately £350 to fit a timer switch to the central control in the car park which would allow for variable programming to suit both week day and weekend evenings. It was agreed that the best solution would be if the Village Hall could have an override switch so that the lights could be manually changed if necessary and the clerk was instructed to research this.
- iii Playground Reports
The clerk had circulated a list of proposed changes to the bin positions on the playing fields which had been suggested by SDC following the vandalism to two dog bins. Following discussion, the ideal positions were agreed and the clerk was instructed to inform SDC of these. It was noted that the wooden surround of the small slide has collapsed and is in need of repair, that the play equipment

could benefit from painting in the spring and that there is evidence of mole activity at the top end of the playing field.

- iv Cemetery Risk Assessment
The clerk has given a list of the outstanding staked memorials to Cllr Summers and to Mrs Barratt who may be able to provide information on any existing relatives who can be contacted.
- v Christmas Lights 2010
Correspondence had been received from Mr G Bennett regarding the possibility of using the tree outside the Library as the “John Ridgley Tree of Light” to commemorate Mr Ridgley and raise money for local charities. **It was resolved:** that the Council was fully supportive of this idea.

B Correspondence - none

C Members Items - none

010\126 ENVIRONMENT

A Arising from the Minutes

- i Street Lighting
Cllr Lewis reported that contact had been re-established with E-on and that a quotation is being prepared based on the existing inventory to replace the current lights with LEDs. It was noted that the Council had been informed of a large increase in electricity charges from E-on; the Clerk will ask for a breakdown of these charges.
- ii Village Improvements – nothing to report.
- iii Traffic Management
The bollards for Binswood End have still not been installed. Both the clerk and Cllr Lewis have contacted Graham Stanley at WCC regarding this. It is understood that the speed camera in Mill Street will be turned in order to monitor cars approaching from the centre of the village.
- iv Update of Parish Plan
Cllr Lockley explained that, due to work pressures, he would like to appoint new volunteers to this project. There is the possibility that Harbury may be able to take advantage of an online survey offered by SDC although the completion rates of online surveys carried out by other parishes to date has not been very high. Cllrs Patrick, Summers and Thornley offered to help with this along with Mrs Ridgley. It was agreed that the group would meet in the Parish office during the next month.
- v Energy Group – nothing to report

B Correspondence

- i Access to Trice’s Farm, Mill Street
Cllr Patrick reported that the milk tanker visiting Trice’s Farm on a daily basis was still experiencing difficulty in gaining access due to parked cars on the opposite side of the road. It was agreed that photos taken of this would be forwarded to Cllr Stevens.

C Members Items**010\127 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**A Arising from the Minutes

- i Grants to Outside Bodies: Royal British Legion
Cllr Hancock reported that the Harbury branch of the Royal British Legion will unfortunately close this year. **It was resolved:** that the Council's annual donation should be £80. Cllrs Lockley and Hancock gave their apologies for the Remembrance Service which will be held on 14.11.10.
- ii Budget Setting – Finance & General Purposes
Cllr Mancell said that the first meeting to consider the budget for 2011/12 will be held in the Parish Office on 6th December. A further meeting will be held in January to allow the budget to be ready for approval by the Council at the January meeting.

B Correspondence

- i Harbury Village Hall (Moving Pictures)
It was noted that a letter had been received from Harbury Village Hall on behalf of the Moving Pictures project thanking the Council for their grant funding which will allow the group to buy its own cinema screen.

C Members Items

- i Disposal of Parish Council Laptop
Cllr Mancell said that the old laptop used by the clerk was now obsolete but that the Clerk had offered to buy it for £50. **This was resolved** and it was agreed that the laptop should be removed from the Council's asset register.

010\128 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Thompson. Details as per Appendix B – full details are available on request from the clerk.

010/129 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i Playground Inspections
Cllr Thompson pointed out that, as the Council's insurers had insisted that play inspections should continue to be carried out on a weekly basis throughout the winter, two more volunteers were needed for this to share the workload. Cllrs Hancock and Ekins volunteered for this; Cllr Thompson will arrange for them to be instructed on how to carry out the inspections.
- ii Meeting – July 2011
Cllr Lockley pointed out that the meeting scheduled for the last week of July may pose a problem for some councillors as it is in the first week of the summer holidays. He proposed changing the date of this meeting to 21st July. **This was resolved.**

010\130 ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**010\131 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 23rd November in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury Church

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The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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