

MINUTES OF
AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF
HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury Church, Harbury on Thursday 23rd
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Present: Cllrs Lockley (Chairman), Thompson, Ekins, Hancock, Knowles,
Lewis, Mancell, Patrick, & Summers

In Attendance: Mrs N Thompson (Clerk to the Council), Mrs L Ridgley (Harbury
News), District Cllr Mann, County Cllr Stevens, PC Rod Joy and
approximately 15 members of the public.

10/132 APOLOGIES

The Council had received and accepted apologies from Cllr Thornley and
District Cllr Tonge.

010/133 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The following interests were declared by members:-

Cllr Lockley declared an interest in the Tennis Club as he is a member of the
Club.

Cllr Thompson declared an interest in item 6v, Tennis Club as he is a member
of the Club and in item 5vii, Village Hall as he is a member of the
Management Committee.

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.

010/134 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Harbury School Swimming Pool: Appeal

Mr D Edwards read out a statement on behalf of a number of residents
expressing their opposition to the proposed swimming pool at Harbury School.
The planning application for the pool had been refused by Stratford District
Council but the School is now appealing against this decision. Mr Edwards
highlighted a number of areas of concern including the adverse visual impact,
problems with traffic and parking and hours of operation. A representative of
the School then spoke in favour of the appeal; the Swimming Pool Committee
feels that it is justified as the application had been given officer approval at
District level but was rejected by the committee. Hours of opening could be
addressed as part of the conditions attached to the application. It was noted
that this item would be considered by the Council under the Planning section
of the agenda.

Housing Tenancy

Several residents had attended the meeting to voice their concerns about new
tenants in an Orbit Housing property in the village. The tenants concerned
have a large number of visitors to the property, some of whom have engaged
in behavior such as knocking on residents' doors throughout the village asking
for money, lights for cigarettes etc. There have also been reports of disruptive

behavior in village shops and pubs. PC Rod Joy emphasized that all incidents should be reported to the police as they cannot take action on unreported incidents. The Chairman reinforced this view by saying that all incidents should also be reported to Orbit Housing. Following discussion, it was agreed that members of the Council would meet with Orbit Housing in order to discuss how to move this issue forward in a positive manner.

Street Light in Chapel Street

Mrs Pratt reported that lighting column no.2 in Chapel Street is not working; the Clerk will report this to WCC Streetlighting.

010/135 MINUTES - 28th October 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council of 28th October 2010 having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a true record.

010/136 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

- i Harbury School Governors (AW) – nothing to report.
- ii Southam College (SH) – nothing to report.
- iii Twinning Association (SH)
The Association had held its AGM which was well attended. The existing committee had been re-elected for the forthcoming year.
- iv Village Hall (JP)
Mr Thorpe praised police for their prompt action in resolving the recent break in at the Village Hall. A large amount of damage was caused, some of which will be paid for by the parents of those responsible. Mr Thorpe also thanked the Council for the grant funding which had enabled them to buy the cinema screen for the Hall. Cllr Thompson raised the issue of trees within the Hall's boundary and requested that they be included in future tree assessments carried out by the Council. This was agreed. It was also reported that a fundraising event for the summer will be "Harbury Olympics", further details and a request to use the playing fields for this event will presented to the January meeting.
- v WALC/ NALC – nothing to report.
- vi Public Safety
PC Rod Joy reported on the arrests made of 11 young people involved in breaking in to the Village Hall. The Hall and car park is currently a priority for police following the Community Forum and since the Forum, 9 incidents in that area have been reported; most have been attended by the police. The Clerk raised the issue of vandalism to a number of cars in the village over the past few weeks. The Police are aware of this and again, all incidents should be reported and evidence in the form of footprints should be preserved if possible.
- vii SDC & WCC Reports
WCC: Cllr Stevens reported that the final confirmed route for HS2 will be published next month with the full consultation taking place in the New Year. WCC's comprehensive Budget Review will be announced on 3rd December. Discussions regarding the future of Harbury Library are continuing. Regarding this, Cllr Lockley asked why the Parish Council could not be included in these

discussions as it is possible they may be able to provide a positive input. He will contact the Head of Library Services in order to reiterate this.

SDC: Cllr Mann reported that a recent public consultation had shown that residents would like the District to remain in control of a number of key areas of service including responsibility for homeless people, fly tipping, grass verge cutting etc. The planning application for a wind farm on the outskirts of Bishops Itchington and Knighton has once again been refused permission by SDC.

010\137 DEPPERS BRIDGE

A. Matters Arising – nothing to report

B Correspondence - none

C Members Items - none

010\138 PLANNING

A Decisions on Planning Applications

i Permission Granted with conditions by SDC:

Fairview, Dovehouse Lane: Single storey rear extension

Walnut Cottage, Manor Court: T1 walnut – remove one large limb and reduce and reshape by 20%

The Cottage, High Street: reroofing of main cottage including disposal of existing “diamond” shaped asbestos roof slate and replacement with natural slates

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

ii Parish Council Made No Representation on The Following:

Fairview, Dovehouse Lane: Single storey rear extension

40 Farley Avenue: Conversion of roof space to living accommodation including the provision of dormer windows

Lullington Lodge, 1 Dovehouse Lane: T1 yew – reduce crown by 30%

Harbury House, Butt Lane: 2no. cedar – thin crowns by 10%. Reduce three branches on the larger cedar by approx. 1.5m, prune out all damaged branches

iii The PC Made Representations on the Following:

7 Farm Street: Two storey pitched roof extension to side elevation of property: COMMENT: The proposed extension may be quite overbearing on the neighbouring property, no. 5 Farm Street. For this reason, the PC would suggest that the proposed circular window in the upper storey has glazed glass as a minimum.

Ufton Hill Farm, Ufton Road: Retrospective change of use of agricultural storage yard to commercial vehicle storage area for up to 7 HGV wagons and 7 flatbed trailers and 10 “35 yard” skips: COMMENT: The Parish Council would wish to see a condition attached to this application limiting the number of vehicles that can be stored on the site to the number contained within the present application. The Council would be likely to oppose any growth in the facility beyond its present levels.

B Other Planning Matters

i Bush Heath Lane Development – Consideration of Street Lighting and Information on Other Progress

The specification for the proposed three street lights at the Bush Heath Lane development had been circulated in advance to the Council. It was noted that Linfoot Homes intend to fit Marlin LEDs to the lights with a 60w bulb but Cllr Lewis pointed out that this would be quite bright and it was agreed that the Clerk should request that a 30 or 35w be used instead. The lights will be fitted to standard 5m hockey stick steel columns, painted black.

Following consultation with Warwickshire Housing Association, the Clerk has submitted an article to the Harbury News informing residents about the rented homes and the procedures for applying for them. These thirteen houses will become available from the 17.1.11. Cllr Lockley and Patrick will attend a meeting organized by Warwickshire Housing on 6.12.10 to share information and experiences with the Royal Town Planning Institute of getting the development to its current stage.

ii Harbury C of E Combined School – Swimming Pool

It was noted that the appeal is to be heard by way of written representations to the Planning Inspector and that the Council is invited to make further comments as it sees appropriate in addition to the previous representation made to SDC. It was also noted that further written correspondence from Mr Edwards had been received and circulated to the full Council. **It was resolved:** that no further representation be made.

iii High Speed Rail Link – nothing further to report.

C Correspondence – none

D Members Items - none

010/139 PROPERTIES

A Arising from the Minutes

i BMX Project

It was noted that the drainage work on the BMX track has not yet been carried out. The Clerk had been in contact with the contractor on a number of occasions and has been advised that this work needs to be undertaken during a period of cold weather. It was agreed that Cllr Knowles would contact the contractor in advance of him carrying out the work in order to check what methods will be used and their likelihood of success.

ii Car Park & Playing Field – Security & Access

It was noted that the sign advising of emergency access to the field has been installed. The Clerk had circulated details of a timer to be fitted to the control box of the car park lights which would allow them to be turned off at an earlier time. Following discussion, **it was resolved:** that the timer should be ordered at a cost of £350, the switch off times being initially set for 10.00pm Sun – Thurs and midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. These times will be trialed for two months and may be adjusted if necessary.

Members considered a quotation for two “Edgeliner” bollards for either side of the retractable posts; these are £30.04 each and are made from a material called Durapol which is fire resistant up to very high temperatures. Cllr Knowles queried what would happen if these were hit by a car; the clerk agreed to ask the supplier about this. **It was resolved:** that two of the bollards should be purchased to prevent cars from accessing the playing fields.

iii Playground Reports

Since the last meeting, the following items of work had been carried out:

- The wooden surround on the small slide has been repaired
- The bark around all the equipment has been topped up
- The basketball post which was loose in the ground has been repaired and the missing slat on the aerial runway replaced

It was noted that one of the seats on the large swings is in need of repair. A new rota for the playground inspections has been drawn up in order for them to continue on a weekly basis throughout the summer.

iv Cemetery Risk Assessment – nothing to report.

v Christmas Lights 2010

Cllr Mancell reported that one string of the lights had been found to be missing by the volunteer group. It is probable that this has been borrowed without permission and has not been returned. Following discussion, **it was resolved:** that the Council should authorize up to £600 to be spent on the lights this year to include replacing the missing light, electricity and maintenance. It was also agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the padlock to be changed on the chapel door to limit access to items inside.

vi Easement for Supply of Water to Tennis Club

A new legal document had been required by WCC to replace the one previously used. Cllr Mancell and the Clerk had both read this and had raised points regarding the Parish Council's right to terminate the agreement should this be required. **It was resolved:** that Colin Mercer, Harbury Tennis Club should also look at the agreement and, following agreement on the points raised, it should be signed and returned to WCC.

B Correspondence

i Grass Mowing 2011 Season

A quotation for grass mowing for the 2011 season from the current contractor had been circulated to the Council in advance of the meeting. **It was resolved:** that this should be accepted.

ii Recycling Bin

Details of possible free recycling bins had been circulated by the clerk. It was agreed that the most appropriate place for one of these would be next to the children's play area and that the joint waste and recycling bin would be the most appropriate for that location.

C Members Items - none**010\140 ENVIRONMENT**A Arising from the Minutes

i Street Lighting

Cllr Lewis has forwarded details of the dimensions of the existing lanterns to E-on who will quote for replacement with LED lanterns.

ii Village Improvements – nothing to report.

iii Traffic Management

It was noted that one of the bollards installed in Binswood End appears to not be in the expected place; it was anticipated that this would be outside house no. 22. The Clerk will query this with Graham Stanley at WCC. It was also requested that the Clerk query when the speed sensor in Mill Street will be turned round.

iv Update of Parish Plan

Cllr Lockley thanked Cllrs Patrick, Summers, Mrs Ridgley and the clerk who had done further work on the update. Following last month's meeting, the Parish Plan Group had met to discuss the next stages of updating the plan. The relevant section headings were agreed along with a number of other action items: inserting an article in the Harbury News for this month and sending a letter to all groups in the village asking for feedback on whether there are any other issues they would like to see addressed. The possibility of using an online survey supplied by Stratford District Council had been discussed and it was agreed that this should be researched further although it was agreed that online surveys do not yield such a high return rate and will need to be backed up by extensive advertising in the village plus paper copies where necessary.

v Energy Group

Children at Harbury School have written their own energy survey which will be delivered to households by the children next year. It is hoped that the survey will be completed and the results available by September 2011. The Group has also agreed to write a monthly article for the Harbury News featuring an energy "tip" of the month.

B Correspondence - none

C Members Items

i Bush Heath Lane

The Clerk was requested to ask Highways about moving the 30mph sign to the other side of the new development.

ii Ufton Road

It was noted that all the Highways signs along this road are covered in mud from lorries travelling to and from the recycling facility. The Clerk will speak to the Area Surveyor and Biffa about getting them cleaned.

010\141 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

A Arising from the Minutes

i Grants to Outside Bodies: nothing to report

ii Budget Setting – Finance & General Purposes

The preliminary meeting to discuss the budget for 2011/12 will be held on 6/12/10 in the Parish Office.

B Correspondence

i Harbury Theatre Group

It was noted that a letter had been received from Harbury Theatre Group thanking the Council for their recent grant.

C Members Items - none

010\142 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Hancock. Details are available on request from the Clerk.

010/143 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i Councillors' Corner
A "Councillors' Corner" will be held on Saturday 27th November outside Harbury Supermarket; Cllrs Hancock and Summers will attend this on behalf of the Parish Council.

- ii Quarterly Report
Cllr Lockley had compiled the following items for the quarterly report: award of grants to Moving Pictures and the Theatre Group, addressing anti-social behavior, investigating energy saving street lighting and attending briefings on the Bush Heath Lane development and HS2. It was agreed that details of the next Community Forum meeting on 15th December should also be included.

- iii Valentine DuBuisson
Cllr Hancock informed members that Valentine DuBuisson, a former resident of the village and initiator of a number of village organisations and events such as the Carnival and the Harbury News, has sadly died.

010\144 ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - none

010\145 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 27th January 2011 in the Farley Room, Harbury Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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