

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

23 October 2014 at 7.30pm

The Farley Room, Harbury Village Hall

Present

Cllr Lockley (Chairman)	Cllr Mancell	Cllr Summers	Cllr Hancock
Cllr Lewis	Cllr Knowles	Cllr Allen	Cllr Ekins
Cllr Thompson	Cllr Thornley		

Absent: None

In Attendance

Mrs Alison Biddle, Clerk to the Council
County Cllr Stevens
District Cllr Kettle
Members of the public: Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News

14/148 Apologies: None

14/149 Declarations of Interest: None

14/150 Dispensations: None

14/151 Public Participation: None

14/152 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 25 September 2014 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

14/153 Library

1 Lease

Cllrs Thompson and Mancell and the clerk had scrutinised the lease documents and were satisfied that everything is in order. The council **RESOLVED** to complete the lease which was duly signed by Cllrs Thompson and Mancell.

2 Update from Cllr Lockley

The recent Y5 visit to the library was very successful.

14/154 Reports from Other Organisations

1 Harbury School Governors

Ann Winchester is standing down from the board of governors. She has represented the parish council on this body for many years. However, under new regulations which are to be introduced soon, there will no longer be any requirement for the board to include a representative from the community although the governors have confirmed that they are happy to continue sending a report to the parish council. Councillors were concerned that the school, which is at the heart of the community, will no longer have any input from the community on its governing body. It was agreed that Cllr Hancock should draft a letter expressing these concerns to be sent to the Secretary of State, the local MP and the head teacher.

2 Public Safety

A car has collided with the street light opposite the Manor House in Park Lane. The lantern has been dislodged and the light is on. The clerk will contact the police and insurance company.

3 Southam College

The next project will be a new arts and drama centre.

4 Twinning Association

The recent jazz night raised approx. £930 towards the Samoia visit next year. The AGM takes place on 21 November 2014.

5 Village Hall

The grant application to Veolia has made it to the final round. A presentation will be made to the awarding body next week. The next film to be shown will be "Belle" on 15th November. It is the 7th anniversary of the cinema.

6 Harbury Energy Initiative

Following a recent request from HEI, it was agreed that the parish council send a letter of support for the electric car scheme.

7 WALC/NALC – None

8 SDC & WCC

SDC

- SDC has approved the draft submission core strategy which has now been sent to the inspector for examination. A public inquiry will take place in January 2015 and the document could be finally approved by July 2015. It includes the GLH proposal. Harbury residents should be aware that if this proposal goes ahead, it is estimated that there will be an extra 1500 vehicles per day using local roads.
- The proposed wind farm between Bishop's Itchington and Knightcote has been turned down by the Secretary of State following an appeal by Broadview Energy Ltd.
- Cllr Kettle has asked SDC to listen to the views of Harbury residents as they consider suitable sites for gypsies and travellers, taking into account the close proximity of WDC's preferred site in Harbury Lane.
- Cllr Kettle supports the view of Harbury PC and has objected to the planning application for Springfield Farm.
- Harbury and Bishop's Itchington will no longer be part of the same ward with effect from next May.

WCC

- The new Southam police officer attended the recent community forum.
- The HS2 Select Committee has visited Warwickshire.

14/155 Deppers Bridge

- 1 Update** - The clerk is about to order the replacement swing seats for the play area.
- 2 Correspondence** – None
- 3 Members' Items** - None.

14/156 Planning

- 1 Planning Application 14/02564/FUL
First floor side extension
47, Mill Street
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.

- 2 Planning Application 14/02715/TREE
T1 – Yew – Crown lift to 6m on side of garage which it overhangs
T2 – Conifer – Reduce by 50%
T3 – Conifer – Reduce by 50%
Wissett Lodge, 10 Church Street
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.

- 3 Planning Application 14/02713/TREE
T1- Red Oak – crown lift to height of 6.5m over the highway with compensatory pruning over the drive and garden to a lesser height to avoid creating an excessively imbalanced crown
T2 – Laurel – fell to ground
T3 – Holly – crown lift to height of 2m, reduce crown by 25% and balance
T4 – Conifer (Lawsons Spruce) – reduce 50%
T5 – Hazel – re-coppice
The Lymes, Church Street
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.

- 4 **Bush Heath Lane Proposed Residential Development**
There was nothing new to report.

- 5 **WDC Local Plan – Gypsies & Travellers Sites Allocations**
WDC's planning officer has advised that the next consultation will begin at the end of October and will run for 6 weeks. This matter can therefore be discussed at the November meeting.

- 6 **Harbury Cement Works Development**
D Cllr Kettle reported that Jeremy Wright MP had spoken to the NHS but the situation regarding the provision of funding for a new surgery in Bishop's Itchington remains challenging. An advertising board has been erected on site.

- 7 **Other Decisions** – Noted as per appendix A.

- 8 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
The next meeting is on 4 November. The group consists of just 6 to 8 people which aren't enough. They are trying to meet with different groups in the village as part of their consultation but they need to make faster progress. They are investigating possible sources of funding.

- 9 **Correspondence** - none

- 10 **Members' Items** – none

14/157 Properties

- 1 **Play Areas**
 - i Replacement of bark pits
The clerk is still trying to obtain a 3rd quote.

ii Aerial runway

The remedial works identified by the post installation inspection have yet to be completed.

2 Playing Fields

i Drainage on paddock

The clerk has arranged for a drainage contractor to meet Cllr Knowles and the owner of the neighbouring paddock on site this week.

3 Car Park

The clerk has asked the grounds maintenance contractor to replace the missing wooden bollard.

4 Cemetery

The clerk has provided a copy of the cemetery rules at Bishop's Itchington and Cllr Thompson is using them to draft a new version for Harbury which he will circulate to members in due course.

5 Allotments

i Renting to non-parishioners

An application has been received from a resident of Bishop's Itchington whose parents live in Harbury. It was agreed that the tenancy should be offered to the parents. The council was not against renting to non-parishioners if there were vacant plots and no waiting list but agreed that each application should be considered on its own individual merit. There are a couple of vacant plots at the moment. A notice has already been placed in the Harbury News but notices could also be put on the village notice boards.

6 Correspondence – none received.

7 Members' Items - none

14/158 Environment

1 Street Lighting

Cllr Lewis and the clerk had recently met E.ON on site to discuss the replacement of the pole mounted mercury lanterns and the problems encountered so far. Cllr Lewis suggested that the lights at Deppers Bridge and the one at Temple End should remain on wooden poles while those in South Parade should be replaced with new lighting columns. The clerk is still waiting for some further prices from WCC. When these have been obtained she will provide councillors with the full costs for each option.

2 Village Improvements – nothing to discuss

3 Traffic Calming - nothing to discuss

4 Correspondence - none received.

5 Members' Items

Has there been any response from the Price Trust about the paddock wall? The clerk has passed the message on to them via their architect and she has also contacted building control at SDC. She has also reported the wall in Hall Lane near the junction with Church Terrace and Bull Ring Farm Road but has not received any response from SDC. D Cllr Kettle offered to follow this up.

14/159 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

It was noted that the car park budget was overspent owing to the emergency repair works to the drainage channel. There has been no expenditure at all under the grants budget. It is nearly time to begin the budget process for next year.

2 Conclusion of Audit

This item was on the agenda in error and had already been dealt with last month.

3 WW1 Centenary

i Commemorative Booklet

Cllr Hancock has visited the regimental museum and is making progress.

4 Disciplinary & Grievance Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the final draft disciplinary and grievance policy without amendment.

5 Correspondence - none

6 Members' Items – none

14/160 Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Summers, seconded Cllr Thornley) to approve the accounts payable as per appendix B.

14/161 Reports & Questions

- The Remembrance Day service will take place on Sunday, 9 November 2014. The wreath needs to be ordered.
- Cllr Hancock has started to attend school assemblies with Nigel Chapman. They are telling the story of each fallen soldier on the war memorial.

14/162 Exclusion of Public & Press

- 1 It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press under Sec 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed which relates to staff matters.
- 2 Termination of Allotment Tenancy
An appeal against the termination of a tenancy had been received. Councillors felt that there were special circumstances and agreed to extend the tenancy in respect of one single plot only until the end of the current allotment year. If the plot is not properly cultivated to the satisfaction of the parish council, the tenancy will be terminated at the end of this period. The rent is now due and should be paid within 7 days.
- 3 Memorial Bench in Cemetery
It was agreed not to take any action regarding flower tubs placed alongside the bench. However, this space may be required for burials in the future and if this happens, it was agreed that the family should be contacted in person and not by letter.

14/163 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room, All Saints Church, Harbury.

Cllr Thornley gave her apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

APPENDIX A

Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 23 October 2014

Parish Council Responses (made since last parish council meeting using officer's delegated powers)

- 1 14/02341/FUL
Construction and 25 year operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure
The Elms Farm, Plough Lane, Bishop's Itchington
Harbury PC was consulted as a neighbouring parish. It was agreed at the PC meeting on 25 September 2014 to support Bishop's Itchington PC in its response to this application and the clerk was delegated to respond accordingly as follows:

Support on the following grounds:

- The development is appropriately sited
- Proper consideration has been given to the visual impact on the landscape and local amenity by the provision of adequate screening with trees and hedges
- The proposal supports and seeks to enhance to ecology and biodiversity of the site
- This is sustainable development which meets the criteria of the NPPF.

- 2 14/02437/FUL
First floor extension to side; single storey extension to rear
5 Honiwell Close
No representation

SDC Decisions

- 1 14/00781/VARY
Amendments to planning conditions 11, 12 and 13 of planning permission 13/02372/FUL
The Dog Inn, The Bull Ring
PERMISSION
- 2 14/02105/FUL
Single and two storey extension to frontage of property to provide enlarged garage, utility, porch, snug/study and 1st floor en-suite.
11 Neales Close
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 3 14/01713/LBC
External walls re-pointing
Wissett Lodge, 10 Church Street
CONSENT GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 4 14/002016/HHPA
Application for prior approval for a single storey extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.8m, for which the maximum height would be 4m and for which the height to the eaves would be 2.2m
3 The Beeches
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Appeals

- 1 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/A/14/2217844
Proposed solar farm on land at Deppers Bridge
This appeal will be dealt with by way of written representations. In progress.

- 2 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/A/13/2193579/NWF
Proposed wind farm on land between Knightcote and Bishop's Itchington
Local Inquiry took place in September 2013.
APPEAL DISMISSED by Secretary of State on 1 October 2014.

- 3 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/E/14/2215154
Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge
Proposed linking of construction housing an indoor swimming pool to dwelling
This appeal will be dealt with by way of written representations. In progress.

- 4 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/A/14/2224287
Land adjacent car park at Old New Inn
Construction of two semi-detached cottages and conversion of existing public house to A2 Use (Permitted Change).
This appeal will be dealt with by way of written representations. In progress.

APPENDIX B

Accounts for payment 23 October 2014				
Urgent accounts paid since the last meeting and requiring formal approval of the council				
Payee	Cheque no	Net	Vat	Gross
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Sub-totals	-	-	-
Accounts for payment this week				
Payee	Cheque no	Net	Vat	Gross
Staff costs	101931 - 933	1,066.61		1,066.61
Information Commissioner (data reg renewal)	101934	35.00		35.00
Bull Ring Garage (office electricity)	101935	41.37	8.28	49.65
Harbury & Ladbroke News (annual subs)	101936	6.00	-	6.00
S Dorgan (bus shelter cleaning)	101937	90.00	-	90.00
MFM Services (field mow Sept & other works)	101938	331.00	-	331.00
E.ON (s/lights electricity)	101939	320.34	64.07	384.41
Play Inspection Company (zip wire inspection)	101940	250.00	50.00	300.00
G Robbins (rent refund)	101941	12.50		12.50
Fields in Trust (annual subs)	101942	50.00		50.00
Colourcourt Ltd (courts cleaning)	101943	540.00	108.00	648.00
Adams & Munson (office rent payable 01.10.14)	s/order	305.00	-	305.00
MFM Services (Grds m'nance payable 31.10.14)	s/order	772.34	-	772.34
		-	-	-
	Sub-totals	3,820.16	230.35	4,050.51
	TOTALS	3,820.16	230.35	4,050.51