

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 23 July 2015 at 7.30pm Harbury Village Hall

Present

Cllr Thompson (Vice-chair)	Cllr Summers	Cllr Gibb
Cllr Thornley	Cllr Mancell	Cllr Knowles

Absent: Cllr Lockley; Cllr Lewis; Cllr Ekins; Cllr Allen

In Attendance

Mrs Alison Biddle, Clerk to the Council
County Cllr Stevens
District Cllr Harris

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
25 Members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Thompson in the absence of Cllr Lockley. Before the meeting began, Cllr Thompson explained to members of the public that the planning applications for the Old New Inn and land off Bull Ring Farm Road would not now be discussed this evening despite being on the agenda. Instead, it has been agreed to call an extraordinary meeting to deal with those applications because of the significant public interest in them and to allow more time for discussion. This meeting will take place Tuesday, 4 August 2015.

15/128 Apologies: Cllr Lockley; Cllr Lewis; Cllr Ekins; Cllr Allen

15/129 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Gibb declared a personal interest in Item 11.1 'Street Lighting' on account of the fact that his brother is employed by Urbis.

15/130 Dispensations: None

15/131 Public Participation

Police Matters

The police were not present. The clerk reported that a police officer had called at the parish office recently but there was nothing specific to report. It was noted that there has recently been some vandalism to cars.

Planning Matters

The proposed extraordinary meeting was welcomed. Concern was expressed about the number of planning applications which seem to come through at holiday periods. The parish council needs to have a plan in place to deal with this situation.

One Way System

Residents had recently experienced a near head on collision with a car turning the wrong way out of the club car park. They have emailed the club to ask if they would consider installing signage at the exit from their car park. The parish council agreed to contact WCC Highways to ask for better signage.

15/132 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 25 June 2015 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

15/133 Library

1 **Lease**

The lease has now been completed.

2 **Update from Cllr Lockley**

Cllr Lockley was not present and had not sent a report.

3 **Solar Panels**

HEI's proposal to install solar panels on the library roof using grant funding was considered. Concerns were raised about installing panels on a listed building in a conservation area, possible damage to the roof and the cost benefits. It was **RESOLVED** not to support the proposal.

15/134 Reports from Other Organisations

1 **Harbury School Governors**

The new governors will be announced before the start of next term.

2 **Public Safety**

The next community forum takes place in September. Councillors were encouraged to attend. It would be good to see the police in attendance at PC meetings more often. This is difficult because there are so few of them.

3 **Southam College** – nothing to report.

4 **Twinning Association**

A 'Bastille Night' was held on 14 July 2015. A petanque game is planned for September.

5 **Village Hall**

The building work should be completed by mid-September. The committee is hoping to make a video of the work in progress. Wifi is now available to hirers.

6 **Harbury Energy Initiative**

Please see 15/133.3

7 **WALC/NALC** – nothing to report.

8 **SDC & WCC**

WCC

- Southam College has been allocated an extra £1 million to cover the extra number of students.
- The debate on a greater Birmingham authority is continuing.
- Cllr Stevens had recently visited the library and Biblio's Café and was very impressed.
- The B4452 from the bridge to the Biffa site is being inspected regularly for defects.
- Cllr Stevens is still pressing hard for improvements to the Fosse Way/Harbury Lane junction.

SDC

- The core strategy is now going through to consultation. It will probably be February 2017 before it is in place.
- The GLH development would have a major impact on traffic in the area.

15/135 Deppers Bridge

- 1 **Update** – The clerk reported that yet more books had been dumped in the phone box. She will place a sign there to discourage people from doing this.
- 2 **Correspondence** – None
- 3 **Members' Items** – None

15/136 Planning

- 1 15/01130/FUL (Amendment)
To consider amendments to the plans for the erection of 7 dwellings with access road, detached garages with associated works (amended red line/ site location plan)
Land at Hillside
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation in respect of the amendment to the red line. The council's previous objections to the application remain.
- 2 15/02290/ELEC
Proposed switchgear building
Electricity sub-station, Station Road, Bishop's Itchington
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.
- 3 15/01654/OUT
Outline application for the demolition of the public house and erection of 6 no. semi-detached cottages (3 bed) and 3 no. flats (2 bed) (matters of landscaping and appearance are reserved for subsequent approval)
Old New Inn, Farm Street
This item was deferred to the meeting on 4 August 2015.
- 4 15/02255/HRN
Removal of Hedgerow H1 (approx.312m) and H2 (approx.330m) south east of Model Farm, Bush Heath Rd, Harbury Approx. Grid ref SP 3859.
Land south east of Model Farm, Bush Heath Road
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.
- 5 15/02254/FUL
Erection of 32 apartment extra care units (Use Class C2), 21 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), formation of a new highway entrance and change of use from equestrian to residential use.
Land at Bull Ring Farm, Bull Ring Farm Road
This item was deferred to the meeting on 4 August 2015.
- 6 **Proposed Solar Farm, Fosse Way**
Some councillors, but not all, had attended the pre-application consultation. There were some concerns about access off the busy Fosse Way during the construction period and also the visual impact on the view from Ufton Hill. The council had no comments to make to the developer at this stage but the clerk will ask for the results of the public consultation.
- 7 **Solar Farm, Long Itchington/Bascote – planning application ref 15/01740/FUL**
It was agreed not to express any formal view on this application which is several miles from Harbury.

8 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**

i WDC – No official notification has been received yet about the next stage of the process.

ii SDC – No official notification has been received yet about the next round of consultation.

9 **Harbury Cement Works Development**

The clerk has requested an update but no reply has been received yet.

10 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The grant award of £7000 has come through. The draft document was discussed this week and is now being revised. The consultant needs to address the whole PC as there are some decisions to be made.

11 **Other Decisions** – Noted as per appendix A.

12 **Members' Items**

Cllr Thornley reported that the Three Arch Bridge is to be closed for 3 months. Residents are concerned about this as an alternative access is being proposed from Ufton Fields. It was agreed to include this on the agenda for 4 August 2015.

15/137 Properties

1 Play Areas

The wet pour resurfacing is on order. No date for installation has been received yet.

2 Playing Fields

Repairs to the skate park are still outstanding. The quarterly inspector will do this next time he visits.

3 Car Park

The white lines are breaking up again which is very disappointing. Perhaps Cllr Lockley will be able to follow this up with Murphy's. The lamp posts are still leaning. The clerk has placed the order with WCC and will follow it up.

4 Cemetery

Cemetery Rules

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft document without amendment.

Beech Tree at rear of South Parade

The clerk is still waiting to hear from the tree surgeon.

Soil Removal Quotes

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Titan Landscaping & Maintenance.

Chapel Tidy Up

The clerk has already contacted those groups who are known to have equipment stored in the chapel and they are all willing to help. It was suggested that a Saturday in September would be a good time to do this. Cllr Lockley is to be asked to organise a date so a skip can be ordered.

5 Allotments

Hosepipes

A tenant has enquired about the use of hosepipes to fill watering cans. There is nothing in the tenancy agreement to prohibit this practice. The council was not aware of any other requirement. The clerk will advise the tenant accordingly.

Unoccupied Plots

There are a couple of unoccupied plots next to the field boundary and the weeds are causing a problem for the farmer. It was agreed to defer the discussion about how to manage this until Cllr Ekins was present.

6 Correspondence – none received

7 Members' Items - none received

15/138 Environment

1 Street Lighting

i New Lights

The new lights have been installed except for one at Deppers Bridge which appears to have been missed. There is also one in South Parade which is not working. The clerk has reported this to EON.

ii Replacement, Constance Drive

A request has been received from a resident for the column to be moved to the rear of the pavement. The clerk is still waiting for WCC to say how much this would cost the PC. The cost of reinstalling the column in its original position would be covered by Biffa's insurance but relocating it would incur an extra charge to be covered by the PC. It was agreed that if the cost to the PC was more than £200, the column should be reinstalled in its original position.

2 Village Improvements

i Bus Routes

It was agreed that the clerk should contact WCC to ask for a review of the bus routes and stops in the village in view of the new housing in Bush Heath Lane. Cllr Gibb volunteered to help with this.

3 Traffic Calming - none

4 Correspondence - none

5 Members' Items - none

15/139 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

There were no questions.

2 New Bank Mandate

This item was deferred to the next ordinary meeting.

3 Draft Financial Regulations

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft document subject to the amendment proposed by Cllr Lewis.

4 WW1 Centenary

i WW1 Commemoration

The project is going well. Blue plaques will be installed on various village houses.

Sharon Hancock's research will be written up. There are some matters to discuss re the HLF grant. It was agreed to include this on the agenda for 4 August 2015.

- ii War Memorial Cleaning
Cllr Gibb is aiming to submit the grant application by the end of August.

5 Correspondence – none

6 Members Items – none

15/140 Accounts for Payment

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

15/141 Reports & Questions

- Items noted for the agenda on 4 August 2015 included the closure of the three arch bridge, and the WW1 HLF grant
- All councillors need to carefully examine the planning applications for the Old New Inn and Bull Ring Farm Road before the PC meeting on 4 August 2015.

15/142 Confidential Matters - None

15/143 Date of Next Meeting

There will be an extraordinary meeting of Harbury Parish Council on Tuesday, 4 August 2015 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall. The next ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2015 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Cllr Mancell gave his apologies for 4 August 2015 and 24 September 2015.
Cllr Knowles gave his apologies for 4 August 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

APPENDIX A

Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 23 July 2015

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

- 1 15/02265/TREE
T1: Norwegian Spruce: fell and grind
All Saints Church, Church Street
No representation

- 2 15/02162/FUL
Proposed extension to existing attached garage to provide enlarged ground floor accommodation and increase ridge height by additional 3.1m to provide additional first floor accommodation.
17, Hereburgh Way
No representation

SDC Decisions

- 1 15/01502/FUL
Single and two storey extension to frontage of property providing porch, snug/study and 1st floor en-suite
11 Neales Close
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

- 2 15/01575/FUL
Single storey rear extension
15 Honiwell Close
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

- 3 15/00767/FUL
Installation of up to 27,480 solar panels and associated equipment
Fields Farm, Kineton Road, Southam
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

- 4 15/01547/FUL
Erection of a replacement dwelling
Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

- 5 15/01189/FUL
Construction of a new dwelling house
The Barn, Spiers Farm, Chesterton Road
REFUSAL

- 6 15/01797/FUL
Proposed 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of existing outbuilding to rear to form utility and WC
25 Pineham Avenue
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

- 7 15/01724/FUL
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations
16 Pineham Avenue
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 8 15/01725/FUL
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations
17 Pineham Avenue
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 9 15/01725/FUL
Installation of external wall insulation to all external elevations
14 Pineham Avenue
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 10 15/01859/FUL
First floor extension to side over existing garage to add bedroom and en-suite bathroom
12 Ridgley Way
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

Appeals

- 1 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/W/15/3017345
Demolition of two garages and erection of one detached dwelling to include garage and car port
The Old Orchard, Mill Street
Appeal in progress

