

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 26 February 2015 at 7.30pm The Farley Room, Harbury Village Hall

Present

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

Absent: Cllr Hancock

In Attendance

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

Members of the Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
9 members of the public

15/26 Apologies: Cllr Hancock; District Cllr Kettle would be late as he has another meeting to attend first.

15/27 Declarations of Interest: None

15/28 Dispensations: None

15/29 Public Participation

Police Matters

PC Cramp had sent his apologies. There was nothing to report.

Spiers Farm Planning Application

The agent explained that after taking advice from the planning officer, the application had been withdrawn. A new application will be submitted in due course. Parish councillors will be invited to make a site visit.

Network Rail, Landslip at Harbury Cutting

There was a report of residents' complaints about the noise and disruption while the repair works are being carried out. Linda Ridgley has put a notice in the Harbury News giving residents the contact details for Network Rail and the parish council. Cllr Lockley replied that residents could contact him as he is already in communication with Network Rail.

15/30 Minutes

- 1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 22 January 2015 as a true and complete record of that meeting.
- 2 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

15/31 Library

- 1 **Lease**
No further news is expected before April 2015.
- 2 **Update from Cllr Lockley**
The AGM will take place on 2 March 2015.

15/32 Reports from Other Organisations

1 **Harbury School Governors**

The board of governors is in the process of being re-constituted under the new system. They will shortly be asking the PC for input as to possible nominees from the community.

2 **Public Safety** - nothing to report.

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

4 **Twinning Association**

5 **Village Hall**

Work is expected to start in April. The cinema continues to be very successful.

6 **Harbury Energy Initiative**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It is now proposed to locate one of the E-cars at the village hall and one at the library. Consideration is being given to placing solar panels on industrial buildings.

7 **WALC/NALC**

A cheque for £250 has been received from WALC for signing up to the new Local Council Awards Scheme. Alison Hodge will retire from her post as county secretary at the end of March.

8 **SDC & WCC**

District Cllr Kettle arrived at the beginning of this item.

WCC

- More money is to be spent on the children's centres and safer routes to school.
- There is a strong move for Birmingham, Coventry and Warwickshire to have an integrated NHS and social care budget.

SDC

- The planning application for 75 houses in Bush Heath Lane was approved by SDC's planning committee last night.
- The planning application to build a new dwelling at Springfield Farm was refused unanimously by the planning committee.
- The Core Strategy public examination has now ended. The inspector's interim report is expected in March. The GLH proposal will be the main impact on this parish.
- SDC's council tax is not increasing in April.
- A new dog warden has been appointed. They are the only warden for the Stratford district.
- An official response to the petition regarding the Harbury Lane/Fosse Way junction has now been received. There is no intention to make any changes. The junction is no 13 on the list of accident black spots and the cost of installing traffic lights or a roundabout would be up to £1 million.

15/33 Deppers Bridge

1 **Update**

The planning inspector is expected to make a site visit next month in connection with the solar farm appeal.

2 **Correspondence** – None

3 Members' Items - None.

15/34 Planning

1 15/00091/OUT

Outline planning application (appearance and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval) for the erection of 7 no. independent retirement dwellings with associated parking/garaging, a communal store and new access. Demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary buildings consisting of a garage and shed.

Henry's, Bush Heath Lane

As agreed at the previous meeting, the parish council reviewed its decision to object as follows:

SDC's approval of the Gladman planning application for 75 houses on land adjacent to Henry's, means that the parish council no longer considers this site to be in isolation. The parish council was also satisfied that the applicant has made a commitment to address many of the council's other concerns by way of a Sec 106 agreement. This included the extension of the footpath in Bush Heath Lane, the provision of street lighting and giving priority to people with a local connection.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Ekins) to withdraw the previous objections.

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Ekins) to make no representation but to request that the parish council is fully consulted on all reserved matters, including building design, should planning permission be granted.

2 Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations

i WDC – no further news to report

ii SDC – there is still some further work to do before the report on site allocations is ready for public consultation.

3 Harbury Cement Works Development

There was nothing new to report.

4 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The group has decided to set up its own website. People are more enthusiastic and Deppers Bridge residents are also now involved. The group is still in the process of selecting a planning consultant.

5 New Settlement at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Consultation

It was agreed to carry out further research and consult with neighbouring parishes before responding to this consultation. A draft response will be prepared for discussion at the next PC meeting. The impact on traffic will be the most significant. A very robust traffic assessment needs to be carried out and mitigation measures included.

6 Other Decisions – Noted as per appendix A.

7 Members' Items

Cllr Thompson reported that a meeting had taken place between Village with a Vision and the Price Trust's planning consultant to which members of the parish council had also been

invited. A draft layout had been provided. It is expected that a full planning application will be submitted to SDC in 4 to 6 weeks' time.

15/35 Properties

1 Play Areas

i Replacement of bark pits

A third quote for wet pour has now been obtained. Cllr Thornley has been making enquiries about grant funding.

It was agreed that in future, pending the installation of the new surfacing, any wooden surrounds to the bark pits that need repair should be removed on safety grounds.

2 Playing Fields

Broken glass had been found at the BMX track.

The moles are still active. The clerk is waiting for the mole man to report back to her.

The new basketball boards have arrived and are awaiting installation.

3 Car Park - the lines are fading again.

4 Cemetery

i Cemetery Rules – Cllr Mancell has re-drafted these for use by Harbury. He still has some questions and will meet with the clerk to discuss further.

ii Lime Tree

The tree surgeon has confirmed that the tree is structurally safe and there is no evidence of disease. He will continue to review and monitor as part of the tree survey. It was agreed to ask him to prioritise any work already identified which was due to be carried out anyway.

iii Burial Registers

It was agreed to keep the registers in the library in a locked cabinet to be provided by the parish council. This would enable the cemetery assistant to more easily arrange access by the public which would be by appointment only and always under the supervision of the cemetery assistant.

5 Allotments

A lot of rubbish has been left on the recently vacated plot, including a dismantled shed. The clerk was asked to arrange for the site to be cleared up to a maximum cost of £100 to include tip charges. The shed could perhaps be used by the next tenant.

6 Correspondence – none received.

7 Members' Items - none received

15/36 Environment

1 Street Lighting

The cost of the new maintenance contract for 2015/16 was approved. There has been no increase on last year.

The clerk reported that she had finally made contact with EON but was still waiting to receive a formal acknowledgement for the recent order.

2 Village Improvements – nothing to discuss

3 Traffic Calming

It was agreed to approach County Cllr Stevens re installing a 20mph school zone. Cllr Lewis will follow this up.

4 Correspondence - none received.

5 Members' Items - none

15/37 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report – there were no questions

2 Office Lease

The new lease was signed by the chairman and witnessed by the clerk.

3 Grant Application – Harbury Village Show

It was agreed to approve the application for a grant of £186 to cover the cost of the hire of the village hall. The grant will be paid from next year's budget.

4 Fun Fair

A request has been received from the owners of the fun fair to set up a few days before the carnival. The clerk was asked to obtain more information for further discussion at next month's PC meeting.

5 Village Hall – Short Term Loan

The clerk had obtained more information regarding loans by the parish council which had been circulated to members and was noted. There was nothing further to discuss for the moment.

Cllr Thompson reported that the village hall committee is looking into the possibility of providing wi-fi internet access.

6 Internal Audit 2014/15

The terms of reference for internal audit were approved.

7 WW1 Centenary

i Commemorative Booklet

Progress is being made. The cost is being investigated along with a possible grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The group is thinking about a heritage trail around the village with a map and plaques on houses.

8 Correspondence – none

Cllr Ekins left the room for 2 minutes during this item.

9 Members' Items - none

15/38 Accounts for Payment

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

15/39 Reports & Questions - None

15/40 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 as follows:

2 Staff Matters

The need for occasional assistance for the clerk had recently been discussed by the HR committee. The clerk had subsequently been approached by someone who is willing to help on a purely voluntary and ad hoc basis. It was agreed to try this.

15/41 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2015 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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

APPENDIX A

Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 26 February 2015

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

- 1 15/00124/TREE
G1; Leylandii (x10): remove
7 Binswood End
No representation
- 2 15/00104/FUL
Single storey orangery to rear of the property
14 Constance Drive
No representation

SDC Decisions

- 1 14/03459/FUL
Proposed two storey extension to side elevation & single storey extension to rear
15 Honiwell Close
REFUSAL
- 2 14/03313/TREE
T1: Scrub oak: Crown lift to a height of 4.5m – T2: Cedar: Fell
The Old Bakery, Chapel Street
DEEMED CONSENT
- 3 14/0341/FUL
Double storey front extension
75 Mill Street
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 4 14/03404/FUL
Alterations and extensions to existing detached property. Revision to previous application ref 14/00691/FUL granted approval 15/07/14
7 Ridgley Way
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 5 14/03244/FUL
Erection of garage
22 Dovehouse Lane
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 6 15/00104/FUL
Single storey orangery to rear of the property
14 Constance Drive
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

- 7 14/02646/OUT
Outline application for the conversion of the Old New Inn to 2 no dwellings (both 3 bedroom) and the erection of 1 no detached dwelling (4 bedroom) and 5 no terraced cottages (all 2 bedroom) (only landscaping reserved for subsequent approval).
Old New Inn, Farm Street
REFUSAL

Appeals

- 1 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/A/14/2217844
Proposed solar farm on land at Deppers Bridge
This appeal is being dealt with by way of written representations. In progress.
- 2 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/D/14/2229689
South Pines, 3 Queens Close
Proposed extension to garage and first floor extension over garage
This appeal is being dealt with by way of written representations.
APPEAL DISMISSED

APPENDIX B

Accounts for payment 26 February 2015				
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	101975	766.77		766.77
A Lewis (cldr's allowance)	101976	200.00	-	200.00
S Ekins (cldr's allowance)	101977	200.00	-	200.00
HMRC (PAYE)	101978	391.90	-	391.90
Viking (stationery)	101979	91.34	5.87	97.21
E.ON (street light electricity)	101980	320.98	64.20	385.18
Harbury School (grant)	101982	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
GASS (grant)	101983	3,000.00		3,000.00
WCC (annual maintenance contract 2014/15)	101984	941.84	188.37	1,130.21
Getmapping PLC (annual subs - digital mapping)	101985	42.00	8.40	50.40
WCC (s/light emergency repairs)	101986	131.77		131.77
Harbury & Ladbroke News (advert subs)	101987	94.00	-	94.00
NS&I (sink fund conts)	101988	5,610.00		5,610.00
Keep Britain Tidy (dog fouling posters & campaign)	101989	200.00	40.00	240.00
Melba Products Ltd (litter bin keys)	101990	4.38	0.88	5.26
Viking (NDP stationery)	101991	52.95	10.59	63.54
WCC (new s/lights)	101992	888.63		888.63
P Summers (NDP domain reg)	101993	29.68		29.68
Cartridge Save Ltd (toner)	101994	50.25	10.05	60.30
BI Parish Council (SLCC conference fee share)	101995	85.00		85.00
Mark Harrod Ltd (basketball boards & rings)	101996	462.67	92.53	555.20
Euroclay Tennis (EU) Ltd	101997	450.00	90.00	540.00
Adams & Munson (office rent payable 02.02.15)	s/order	305.00	-	305.00
MFM Services (Grds m'nance payable 27.02.15)	s/order	772.34		772.34
		-	-	-
	Sub-totals	16,291.50	510.89	16,802.39
	TOTALS	16,291.50	510.89	16,802.39
N.B.				
Cheque no 101981 spoiled				