

**Harbury Parish Council**

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

**Present**

Cllr Lockley (Chairman)	Cllr Hancock	Cllr Summers
Cllr Lewis	Cllr Allen	Cllr Thornley

**Absent:** Cllr Mancell; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Ekins; Cllr Thompson

**In Attendance**

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

**Members of the Public**

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News  
3 members of the public

**15/42 Apologies:** Cllr Mancell; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Ekins; Cllr Thompson

**15/43 Declarations of Interest:** None

**15/44 Dispensations:** None

**15/45 Public Participation**

**Police Matters**

There were no police present. There was nothing to report.

**Public**

No matters were raised.

**15/46 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 26 February 2015 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

**15/47 Library**

**1 Lease**

Nothing new to report.

**2 Update from Cllr Lockley**

The AGM took place at the beginning of March. There are some new committee members. Cllr Lockley remains the group's chairman,

**15/48 Reports from Other Organisations**

**1 Harbury School Governors**

No official report was received. Cllr Lockley reported that the new outdoor play area had been opened last week by the former head teacher.

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

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

#### **4 Twinning Association**

It was reported that Georges Guillo Lohan, a founder member of the twinning association and also a former mayor of Samoio, had recently died. The parish council and the twinning association had sent a joint letter of condolence.

Everything is almost ready for the French visit to Harbury in May.

#### **5 Village Hall**

The AGM takes place on 13 April 2015. Parish councillors have been invited to attend.

#### **6 Harbury Energy Initiative**

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The E Car Club has now reverted to its original plan that both cars will be based at the library and hopes to start running from May. The HEI Group is looking into various community energy projects.

#### **7 WALC/NALC**

Alison Hodge retires from her post as county secretary tomorrow. She will be succeeded by John Crossling.

#### **8 SDC & WCC**

##### **SDC**

- The planning inspector has issued his interim report on the Core Strategy. He has raised a number of concerns and as it stands, the Core Strategy is not sound. There is further work to do regarding housing numbers generally although the inspector feels that the current allocations for local service villages are about right. It could be another 6 months before the document can be adopted.

##### **WCC**

- The HS2 interim report is not expected until the end of May.

#### **15/49 Deppers Bridge**

##### **1 Update**

The ward councillor was not present and no report had been received.

##### **2 Correspondence – None**

##### **3 Members' Items - None.**

#### **15/50 Planning**

##### **1 15/00652/TPO**

T1: Sycamore: remove 3-4 limbs overhanging garden to lift crown to 4.5m, 25% crown thinning.

T2: Sycamore: reduce height by 2.5m and reshape.

T3: Horse Chestnut: 30% crown reduction

##### **Normandie House, 9 Pirie Close**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Summers, seconded Cllr Lockley) to make no representation.

- 2 15/00584/FUL  
Change of use of granny flat to self-contained dwelling  
**Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Allen) to make no representation.

- 3 14/03227/FUL (Amendment)

Original application: Change of use of building (previously permitted under 96/00333/FUL) from garage to care accommodation (use class C2) at ground floor and ancillary office at first floor (retrospective). Erection of new 2.5m high boundary fencing.

Amendment: Additional information submitted by applicant together with a proposed Management Plan to which SDC Environmental Health raise no objection subject to the imposition of suitable and appropriate conditions.

**Burgess Care, Fosse Way**

A letter had been received from the neighbours who felt happier now that a management plan had been prepared which included a proposal that the situation should be monitored for a temporary period of 12 months. It was therefore **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Summers) to withdraw the parish council's previous objection subject to the implementation of the proposed planning conditions.

- 4 14/03265/VARY

Variation of wording of condition 23 attached to planning reference 13/01979/FUL (erection of 31 dwellings with associated infrastructure) to require that a minimum of 50% of all new dwellings shall meet the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's "Lifetime Homes" standards.

**Land off Station Road, Bishop's Itchington**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Allen) to make no representation.

- 5 14/03419/OUT

Outline planning application for residential development of up to 105 dwellings, including means of access (from Knightcote Road), new footway on Knightcote Road, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure, with all matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved for subsequent approval.

**Land East of Knightcote Road, Bishop's Itchington**

It was **RESOLVED** to object (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Hancock) to object on the following grounds:

- Oversupply – the number of houses already under construction in Bishop's Itchington exceeds the allocation in the proposed Core Strategy
- Impact on infrastructure – there will be an adverse impact on local schools and health services
- Lack of community engagement

The clerk was asked to draft a formal response.

- 6 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**

i WDC – no further news to report

ii SDC – there will be no consultation until after the elections have taken place in May

7 **Harbury Cement Works Development**

Marketing of the residential site will begin soon. Discussions with WWT re the management of the proposed nature reserve are ongoing.

8 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

A planning consultant has now been appointed and work has started on the policies to be included. There are 15 regular members of the steering committee and the next meeting takes place on 29 April 2015. There will also be an event at the village hall in May and a stand at the carnival. The schools have also been approached so that the younger generation are included.

9 **New Settlement at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Consultation**

A draft response had been circulated and was approved subject to a small amendment to stress the lack of public consultation.

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

11 **Members' Items** - None

**15/51 Properties**

**1 Play Areas**

i Replacement of bark pits

Three quotations for wet pour had now been received. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hancock, seconded Cllr Lockley) to select the quote provided by Nova Sport. Although this was not the cheapest quote, they had provided a good level of service so far which had been very informative and helpful. There was some discussion about whether the total cost could be reduced if the bark was left on site for local people to use for their own purposes. It was agreed that this was something which could be decided at a later date. The clerk will now make an application for grant funding. She will also inform Nova Sport that they have been successful and that an order will be placed when the funding is in place.

ii Cradle swings

These are showing signs of deterioration. They cost approx. £120 each. It was agreed to replace them after the new safety surfacing has been installed.

**2 Playing Fields**

i Parking at Deppers Bridge

There are regularly cars and sometimes vans/trucks parked in the entrance to the field and damage has been caused to the dirt surface. It was agreed to install a suitable sign to make it clear that parking is only available for those using the playing field.

ii Trees at rear of Ridgley Way

A request has been received from a resident for permission to trim back the trees which are overhanging his garden fence. It was agreed to give permission for this.

**3 Car Park** - nothing to report.

**4 Cemetery**

i Cemetery Rules – This item was deferred for discussion at the next PC meeting.

ii Beech Tree at rear of South Parade

The clerk was asked the tree surgeon for advice and is awaiting his reply.

It was noted that a couple of complaints had been received about the grass cutting in the cemetery. However, this was the first cut of the season and the appearance will improve over the next few weeks.

There are a lot of mole hills at the moment. Cllr Hancock will take a look to see whether she feels any action is needed.

**5 Allotments**

There is now just one half plot vacant. Work is being carried out on the hedge along the track.

**6 Correspondence – none received.**

**7 Members' Items**

An anonymous request had been received for a dog bin in Bush Heath Lane. It was agreed not to take this further unless a specific request is received.

**15/52 Environment**

**1 Street Lighting**

i New Street Lights Order

There is still no news regarding when the new street lights will be installed. The clerk has made contact with E.ON again and will be following this up.

ii Price Increase

E.ON has increased its price for supply quite significantly with effect from May. It was agreed that the clerk should obtain quotes from other suppliers and details of a fixed term contract with E.ON.

**2 Village Improvements**

The new dog fouling posters have arrived. It was agreed to install them in various locations around the village.

**3 Traffic Calming - nothing to report**

**4 Correspondence - none received.**

**5 Members' Items - none**

**15/53 Finance & General Purposes**

**1 Monthly Financial Report – there were no questions**

**2 Amended standing order for grounds maintenance contract**

It was agreed to sign the amended order to take effect from April 2015.

**3 Playing Fields Mowing Contract 2015**

It was agreed to approve renewal of the mowing contract for the new season.

**4 Review of Financial Risk Assessment**

This document had been circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk did not propose that there should be any amendments. Members were satisfied that the risk assessment was still current and no revisions were necessary.

## 5 Standing Orders and Direct Debits

The following were reviewed and approved:

- Standing order payable to Adams & Munson at £305 per month – office rent
- Standing order payable to FM Farmers at £772.34 per month (£791 from 1/4/15) – grounds maintenance contract
- Variable direct debit – payable to BT - phone and internet services

## 6 Review of Financial Regulations

The clerk will discuss the proposed amendments with Cllr Mancell.

## 7 Review of Councillors Allowances

The clerk explained the procedure for carrying out a review and the costs involved. There was no support to take this further at the current time. The clerk will ask SDC to keep her informed regarding the next review of district councillor allowances as this would be the most appropriate time to review parish councillor allowances.

## 8 Fun Fair

The fun fair organisers would like to arrive on site on the Tuesday before the carnival and operate the fair on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings until 9.00pm. They would leave on the Sunday and have said that they would clean the site before they leave. The council agreed to this proposal subject to a fee of £250 for use of the playing field and a £250 refundable deposit. Payment is to be received in advance and the deposit will be refunded if the field is left in a clean and good condition.

## 9 Christmas Lights

Mike McBride and Gordon Bennett have decided to retire from this duty after many years. It was agreed that an advert for new volunteers should be placed in Harbury News.

## 10 WW1 Centenary

### i Commemorative Booklet

The group is almost ready to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant. They are planning a trail around the village with blue plaques to be installed on the houses where the soldiers lived. The trail will be linked to information available in the library and will have its own area of the parish council's website with print outs available to download.

### ii Memorial Cleaning

The quotes had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from the War Memorial Restoration Company. The clerk will now proceed with the application for grant funding.

## 11 Councillors' Corner

It was agreed to reinstate this event beginning with Saturday, 25 April 2015 from 10.00am to 11.30am outside the post office. County and district councillors are to be invited to attend as well.

## 12 Correspondence – none

## 13 Members Items - none

## 15/54 Accounts for Payment

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

**15/55 Reports & Questions** - None

**15/56 Confidential Matters** - None

**15/57 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

Signed.....Chairman      Date.....

## APPENDIX A

### Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 26 March 2015

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

- 1 15/00515/TREE  
T1 – T5; Ornamental conifer - fell  
**Wissett Lodge, 10 Church Street**  
No representation
- 2 15/00419/FUL  
Proposed extension to rear and timber bike shed/bin store to front  
**26 Binswood End**  
No representation

#### SDC Decisions

- 1 15/00420/LDP  
Proposed replacement single storey side extension and front porch  
**26 Binswood End**  
CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT
- 2 14/02930/FUL  
Construction of a new dwelling  
**The Barn, Spiers Farm, Chesterton Road**  
WITHDRAWN
- 3 14/03485/FUL  
Demolition of existing single-storey garage block and erection of 2 semi-detached single-storey dwellings  
**26 Frances Road**  
PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS
- 4 14/02054/FUL  
Agricultural worker's dwelling- two bedroom dormer bungalow  
**Springfield Farm, Middle Road**  
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.

#### Other

- 1 15/00541/TEL28  
Ancillary development including 4 transmission dishes, additional cabinets, swap existing antennae and attach MHAs  
**Chesterton House Farm, 8 Mill Street**  
For information only

