

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 14 May 2015 at 7.30pm (immediately following the annual meeting) Harbury Village Library

Present

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

Absent: Cllr Gibb; Cllr Thornley; Cllr Ekins

In Attendance

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

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
14 members of the public

15/85 Apologies: Cllr Gibb; Cllr Thornley; Cllr Ekins

15/86 Declarations of Interest: None

15/87 Dispensations: None

15/88 Public Participation

The following matters were raised:

Lullington Lodge – Planning Application

Members of the public were confused by the council's approach to this planning application. How can councillors decide to make no representation when they hadn't made any site visits? There was also concern that residents had not been aware that the parish council had responded to the planning application and didn't understand the process by which it had been done.

Residents appealed again to the newly elected council to reconsider its response of no representation, taking into account the long planning history of the site and the numerous objections raised by residents to the current plans which included all the concerns raised at the last parish council meeting.

Spiers Farm - Planning Application

The proposed dwelling is required as part of the project to develop a centre for the applicant's collection of traction engines. The site would be open to visits by interested parties on appointment and also for educational purposes by local schools. The adjacent land would be used to demonstrate ploughing by the engines. The project would also create jobs. The engines are very valuable and for this reason, it is necessary for someone to live on site. The revised plans have reduced the size of the dwelling.

15/89 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 23 April 2015 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

15/90 Library

1 **Lease -** Nothing new to report.

2 Update from Cllr Lockley

The committee is looking for remote storage for books. The chapel was suggested. Councillors thought this would be an unsuitable environment for storing books.

15/91 Reports from Other Organisations

1 Harbury School Governors

Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Smallwood are retiring at the end of the school year.

2 Public Safety - nothing to report.

3 Southam College - nothing to report.

4 Twinning Association

The twinning weekend at the beginning of May was very successful

5 Village Hall

The building work is on schedule. The asbestos which had been found has now been dealt with.

6 Harbury Energy Initiative

The revised agreement for the E-Car Club had not been received in time for this evening's PC meeting. It was agreed that the document should be circulated to members as soon as possible and included on the agenda for approval at the next PC meeting.

7 WALC/NALC – nothing to report.

8 SDC & WCC

SDC

Cllr Harris has only just been elected and had nothing to report.

WCC

County Cllr Stevens congratulated members on their election. He reported the following;

- A new minister for DCLG has been appointed in place of Eric Pickles.
- Greater city authorities are on the DCLG's agenda.
- There is a proposal to integrate health and social services.
- The community forum due to take place on 3 June has been cancelled. The next one is scheduled for 9 September 2015.
- Congratulations on the launch of the E-Car Club.
- Cllr Stevens has been nominated to become chairman of WCC next year.

15/92 Deppers Bridge

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

2 Correspondence – None

3 Members' Items – None

15/93 Planning

1. 15/01189/FUL
Construction of a new dwelling house
The Barn, Spiers Farm, Chesterton Road

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Summers) to support this application on the following grounds:

- It is sustainable development
- It is a sustainable business
- It will provide employment opportunities
- It is a brownfield site

2. 15/00735/FUL

Proposed construction of 1 no. four bed two storey dwelling together with creation of new vehicular access, demolition of section of boundary wall and proposed rebuilding of boundary wall 1.4m in height

Lullington Lodge, 1 Dovehouse Lane

The clerk advised that as the council had not previously passed a resolution in respect of this application, standing orders on the rescission of decisions did not apply in this case. The council was therefore free to review the response of no representation already submitted by the clerk using delegated powers. A motion (proposed Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Thompson) to object to this application on the same grounds as the parish council had objected to the previous application failed by a majority of 4 to 2 against with one abstention. No further comments will therefore be made by the council in respect of this planning application.

3. 15/00976/OUT

Outline application (all matters reserved except for principle means of access to the highway) for construction of up to 2,000 houses, village centre (including primary school, community hub, health centre, retail and other services, managed ecological reserve, public open space, play areas and associated infrastructure

Land at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath

N.B. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

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

- The application is premature and pre-empts the Core Strategy
- The impact of traffic in general and in particular on the local road network

4. Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

It was agreed to raise the issue of the Harbury Lane/Fosse Way junction.

5 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**

i WDC – no news to report

ii SDC – no news to report

6 **Harbury Cement Works Development** - No news to report.

7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The open event is on 23 May 2015. Developers have been invited to attend with displays of their proposals. Local groups will also be taking part. Draft policies will also be on display. This is a major public consultation.

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

9 **Members' Items**

Village with a Vision has met with the architect who will be attending the NDP open event with copies of the proposed plans.

15/94 Properties

1 **Play Areas** – The clerk will make the grant application for the new safety surfacing soon.

2 **Playing Fields** –nothing to report

3 **Car Park**

It was agreed that Cllr Lockley would make enquires with Network Rail to see if hard core could be provided to extend the car park.

4 **Cemetery**

Beech Tree at rear of South Parade

The resident has expressed deep dissatisfaction at the council's decision not to carry out any work on this tree at the present time. The clerk will ask the tree surgeon for the earliest date he would recommend that the tree could be pruned.

5 **Allotments**

Hedge Improvements

It was agreed that the hedge improvement works should maintain the current gaps for pedestrian access purposes. The tree surgeon would also like to know if the council would prefer to have the top end of the hedge, nearest the farm, cut and laid or just trimmed. It was agreed that councillors would inspect the hedge and this matter would be further discussed at the next PC meeting.

6 **Correspondence** – none received

7 **Members' Items**

Cllr Thompson will prepare a new rota for the play area inspections. Cllr Mancell volunteered to join the team.

15/95 Environment

1 **Street Lighting**

i New Street Lights Order

No further news to report.

ii New Contract Electricity Supply

The new contract with EON for the street lighting electricity supply had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to formally approve the contract.

2 **Traffic Calming** - nothing to report.

3 **Correspondence** - none

4 **Members' Items**

- Comments received at Councillors Corner had been sent to the clerk for action.
- The clerk will obtain a quote from the contractor to include the extra verge in Bush Heath Lane in the mowing contract. This is where the new development has extended the village boundary.

15/96 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

There were no questions.

2 Internal Auditor's Report

This had been received and had been circulated to all members. Everything had been found to be in order and there were no problems to report.

3 Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2015

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial statements for 2014/15.

4 Annual Return Year Ended 31 March 2015

The amendment to the total fixed assets figure in Section 1 was noted and initialled by the chairman and the clerk. It was also noted that this figure had been re-stated to comply with external auditor's advice on the valuation of assets.

The annual governance statement at Section 2 was completed with all answers being in the affirmative. Following this, it was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2015.

5 Assets Register Review

The clerk had circulated a report to councillors prior to the meeting which highlighted some assets for re-valuation for insurance purposes. It was agreed that Cllr Mancell and the clerk would examine these in more detail and report back at the next PC meeting.

The insurance company had raised the issue of the need to undertake an annual inspection of the play areas each year. The clerk was authorised to organise this as soon as possible.

6 WW1 Centenary

i WW1 Commemoration

There was nothing new to report

7 Correspondence – none

8 Members Items - none

15/97 Accounts for Payment

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

15/98 Reports & Questions

- The clerk will email councillors re the rota for opening the field to the funfair people.

15/99 Confidential Matters - None

15/100 Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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

APPENDIX A

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

None

SDC Decisions

- 1 15/00652/TPO
T1: Sycamore: sever ivy, remove 3-4 limbs overhanging garden to lift crown 4.5m, 25% crown thin including dead wood.
(T2: sycamore – proposed work now withdrawn)
T3: Horse Chestnut: 20% crown reduction but 30% reduction of weighty extended laterals, back to growth points
Normandie House, 9 Pirie Close
CONSENT FOR ARBORICULTURAL WORK

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

Appeals

- 1 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/D/15/3005973
Demolition of concrete garage and erection of replacement store and garden room
(retrospective)
10 Constance Drive
Appeal in progress

APPENDIX B
Accounts Payable

Accounts for payment 14 May 2015				
Urgent accounts paid since the last meeting and requiring formal approval of the council				
Payee	Cheque no	Net	Vat	Gross
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Sub-totals	-	-	-
Accounts for payment this week				
Payee	Cheque no	Net	Vat	Gross
Staff costs	102018 to 10	1,142.00		1,142.00
Colin Sheasby (Y2 tree survey & invoiced works	102020	4,200.00	840.00	5,040.00
Broker Network Ltd (insurance renewal)	102021	1,431.04	-	1,431.04
Kyles Ltd (NDP printing)	102022	20.00	4.00	24.00
SDC (1x bin collection)	102023	97.87	19.57	117.44
MFM Services (invoiced works)	102024	280.00	-	280.00
MFM Services (playing field mow April)	102025	216.00	-	216.00
E.ON (s/lights electricity)	102026	311.11	62.22	373.33
B Pratt (internal audit)	102027	400.00	-	400.00
A Biddle (expenses)	102028	49.50	8.90	58.40
Harbury Village Hall (grant)	102029	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
Adams & Munson (office rent payable 01.04.15)	s/order	305.00	-	305.00
F M Farmers (Grds m'nance payable 30.04.15)	s/order	791.00	-	791.00
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	Sub-totals	24,243.52	934.69	25,178.21
	TOTALS	24,243.52	934.69	25,178.21