

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 25 February 2016 at 7.30pm Tom Hauley Room, All Saints Church

Present

Cllr Lockley (Chairman) Cllr Summers Cllr Ekins Cllr Allen
Cllr Gibb Cllr Thompson Cllr Mancell
Cllr Christou (from 7.34pm)

Absent: Cllr Thornley; Cllr Knowles

In Attendance

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

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
2 Members of the public

16/115 Apologies: Cllr Thornley; Cllr Knowles

16/116 Declarations of Interest: None

16/117 Public Participation

Bush Heath Lane Development (David Wilson Homes)

It looks as though a hedge, which was supposed to have been retained, may have been removed. An archaeological survey is currently taking place and some prehistoric artefacts have been discovered.

16/118 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 28 January 2016 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

Cllr Christou arrived during this item.

16/119 Reports from Other Organisations

1 Harbury Library

The AGM takes place on Monday, 7 March 2016 at 7.30pm.

2 Harbury School Governors

The September 2016 admissions list is steadily increasing.

3 Public Safety - nothing to report.

4 Southam College

The large intake last September has been absorbed. The school is exploring the possibility of building a new music centre.

5 Twinning Association – nothing to report.

6 Village Hall

The official opening of the new extension is on 16 April 2016. The Lord Lieutenant will officiate but will visit the library first.

7 Harbury Energy Initiative

An update report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There are about 50 E car club members but more are still needed. The E car club has been boosted by the E wheels scheme.

8 WALC/NALC

Harbury Parish Council has been awarded the foundation level of the new Local Council Awards Scheme. The clerk and the chairman feel the council could and should apply for the quality and perhaps even the gold award.

9 SDC & WCC

WDC

- The next community forum is on 16 March 2016 at Harbury RFC.
- There is a possibility of 40 to 50 Syrian families being re-settled in Warwickshire.
- Harbury PC members were thanked for their support at Cllr Stevens' recent civic service.
- The debate about the WMCA continues. Information is still scant.
- Cllr Stevens will follow up the Sec 106 contribution to Harbury Library.

16/120 Deppers Bridge

- 1 **Update** – Nothing to report.
- 2 **Correspondence** – None
- 3 **Members' Items** – None

16/121 Planning

1 Neighbourhood Development Plan

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Gibb) to approve the draft plan for submission to SDC.

2 Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations

- i **WDC** - No news to report.
- ii **SDC** - No news to report

3 Other Decisions – Noted as per appendix A.

4 Members' Items

Cllr Thompson reported that the church needs additional space for the interment of ashes and the PCC is seeking funding for this. It was agreed that the council should discuss this further with the PCC in view of the council's own plans to provide new burial space. The parish council is the burial authority. The churchyard has been closed to full burials for some years.

16/122 Properties

1 Play Areas

Climbing Wall

Cllr Lockley reported that his grant application to Tesco had not succeeded. However, he has now applied to Awards 4 All. He has received a quote of £7,500 for a climbing wall which includes safety grass mats. It was agreed to wait until the outcome of the grant application is known before deciding on the precise location for this new piece of equipment.

2 Playing Fields

Walking Route

WCC has awarded a grant towards the cost of installing a walking route. It was agreed to set up a small working party comprising Cllrs Lockley, Ekins and Christou to move the project forward.

3 Car Park

The clerk has discussed the loose sections with the contractor. It looks as though they have been dislodged by a heavy vehicle. The contractor will fix them back in place and try to find a way of doing this more firmly. They have agreed with the clerk to share the cost of the repair.

4 Cemetery

It was agreed that the grounds maintenance contractor should go ahead and remove the stumps which have been left following the recent clearance work by the volunteers and also reduce the height of the yews along the main path to make them easier to maintain.

5 Allotments - nothing to report

6 Correspondence - none

7 Members' Items

Cllr Ekins and the clerk will meet to discuss approaching local landowners with a view to providing a new burial ground.

16/123 Environment

1 Street Lighting

Renewal of Maintenance Contract

WCC has advised that they can no longer maintain the Mercury lanterns of which there are 60 in total. Therefore it was agreed that full maintenance would be removed from the new contract but WCC will remain the contact point for reporting any problems and will attend as required for a charge. Worn out bulbs will need to be replaced with LEDs. Some of this expense will be covered by the reduction in the cost of the maintenance contract.

2 Village Improvements

Bus Routes Review

The public consultation on the proposals begins on 1 March 2016. Cllr Gibb has put a notice in Harbury News and has put up posters around the village. He will also be handing out flyers at various village meetings. He will report back in April so that the PC can make a decision. Both WCC and Stagecoach support the proposal.

3 Traffic Calming – nothing to report.

4 Correspondence - none

5 Members' Items

16/124 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

There were no questions.

2 Revised Financial Regulations

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft revised financial regulations without amendment.

3 Grant Applications

i Harbury Village Cinema

This application (for a new cinema screen) was withdrawn at the request of the village hall chairman as it had not yet been discussed by the village hall committee.

ii GASS

Two separate applications had been received. One was for various items of kit and equipment and one was in respect of improvements to the scout hut. It was **RESOLVED** to award a total of £1989 towards the cost of both these projects.

iii Harbury RFC

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £500 towards the cost of providing a defibrillator.

iv Harbury Show

As the show does not take place until September, this application was deferred until the new financial year.

4 WW1 Centenary Project

The research will be completed within the next couple of weeks. The project will then move on to the next phase which is the location and installation of the blue plaques.

5 Correspondence – none

6 Members Items - none

16/125 Accounts for Payment

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

16/126 Reports & Questions - none

16/127 Confidential Matters

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public to discuss staff matters.

16/128 Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be on Thursday, 24 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

It was agreed to change the date of the June meeting from Thursday, 23 June 2016 (Referendum Day) to Tuesday, 21 June 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

APPENDIX A

Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 25 February 2016

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

- 1 16/00169/FUL
Proposed loft conversion to include rooflights and render
The Bungalow, Chapel Street
No representation

SDC Decisions

- 1 15/04378/FUL
Proposed erection of oak framed double garage. Part demolition and refurbishment of outbuildings.
9 Church Street
Permission with conditions
- 2 15/03928/FUL
Full application for the change of use of two existing storage barns into a steam/traction engine heritage centre and the construction of a new dwelling house
The Barn Spiers Farm, Chesterton Road
Application withdrawn
- 3 15/04245/TPO
Various tree works
Harbury Depot
Consent for arboricultural work
- 4 16/00125/LBP
To carry out repairs to sitting room and bedroom fireplaces
The Manor House, Park Lane
Certificate of lawfulness of proposed works
- 5 15/03810/REM
Application for approval of reserved matters relating to appearance and landscaping for five dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission 15/00091/OUT
Henry's, Bush Heath Lane
Approval
- 6 15/03621/VARY
Variation of Condition 18 (single storey accommodation restriction) of outline planning permission 15/00091/OUT to allow for the creation of living accommodation at first floor level to 3 of the proposed units with no increase in ridge height
Henry's, Bush Heath Lane
Permission

Appeals

- 1 Appeal ref: APP/J3720/W/15/3134539
Construction of a new dwelling
The Barn Spiers Farm, Chesterton Road
Appeal in progress

APPENDIX B
Accounts Payable

Accounts for payment 25 February 2016						
Urgent accounts paid since the last meeting and requiring formal approval of the council						
Payee	Cheque no	Net	Vat	Gross	WW1	
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	Sub-totals	-	-	-		-
Accounts for payment this week						
Payee	Cheque no	Net	Vat	Gross	WW1	
Salaries & Allowances	102137 to 1	1,586.78		1,586.78		
Bishop's Itchington PC (SLCC conference)	102142	45.00	-	45.00		
EON (street lights electricity)	102143	419.52	83.90	503.42		
Harbury & Ladbroke News (annual advert)	102144	94.00	-	94.00		
WCC (leaning columns car park)	102145	289.68	-	289.68		
Glasdon UK Ltd (2 x phoenix seats)	102146	914.38	182.87	1,097.25		
Groundwork UK (NDP grant balance)	102147	1,380.00	-	1,380.00		
S Dorgan (bus shelter cleaning)	102148	90.00	-	90.00		
Kirkwells Ltd (NDP consultants)	102149	2,400.00	480.00	2,880.00		-
Getmapping PLC (digital mapping subs)	102151	42.00	8.40	50.40		
Harbury Church (room hire)	102152	25.00	-	25.00		
NS & I (Tennis Court Sink Fund - annual cont)	102153	5,610.00		5,610.00		
A Biddle (expenses)	102154	85.84		85.84		
Harbury Post Office (grant)	102155	1,700.00		1,700.00		
Adams & Munson (office rent payable 01.02.16)	s/order	305.00	-	305.00		
F M Farmers (Grds m'nance payable 29.02.16)	s/order	791.00		791.00		
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	Sub-totals	15,778.20	755.17	16,533.37		-
	TOTALS	15,778.20	755.17	16,533.37		-
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Cheque nos 102141 & 102150 spoiled						