

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

21 June 2016 at 7.45pm

The Tom Hauley Room, All Saints Church, Harbury

Present

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

Absent: None

In Attendance

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

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
3 Members of the public

16/182 Apologies: None

16/183 Declarations of Interest: None.

16/184 Dispensations – None.

16/185 Harbury Cement Works Development

Andy Wilkins, on behalf of the St Francis Group, gave an update on the development of this site. A representative from Barratt David Wilson Homes was also in attendance.

The draft layout for Phase 1 includes 183 dwellings which is a reduction on the 200 originally proposed. The level of affordable housing is also to be reviewed in consultation with the planning officer at SDC. Sale prices have not yet been agreed. There will be a mixed tenure with properties for rent and for sale. The Sec 106 agreement includes restriction to people with a local connection for an initial period. Legal discussions are ongoing with WWT who will take on the long term management of the nature reserve. Further tree clearance will be carried out when the nesting season has finished.

Phase 2 of the development includes a further 80 houses (nearer the boundary of the site with the B4451). Discussions are still taking place about the timescale for bringing this forward along with the delivery of the new surgery. Andy Wilkins reaffirmed the commitment to building the surgery.

Andy Wilkins will provide a plan next time he visits which includes the parish boundary so that councillors can see how this will impact on both Harbury and Bishop's Itchington.

It is expected that the planning application will be submitted to SDC in July.

16/185 Public Participation

Ash Tree Removal, Scout Hut, Library Car Park

There is a planning application (received within the last couple of days and after the agenda had been published) to fell the ash tree on the corner of the green area in front of the scout hut. There is a crack in the retaining wall allegedly caused by the tree's roots and this is the only reason for proposing that the tree is removed. The council was urged to object to this application.

16/186 Minutes

- 1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on Thursday, 26 May 2016 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 Thursday, 26 May 2016 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

16/187 Reports from Other Organisations

1 Harbury Library

The carnival book stall had raised nearly £50.

2 Harbury School Governors - Nothing to report.

3 Public Safety - Nothing to report.

4 Southam College

Academy status is moving forward. There was a discussion about the relationship of the Church of England with primary schools. It was thought that there is a trust deed between the Church and Harbury Primary School and this is being investigated at the moment.

5 Twinning Association

There will be a visit to Samoia this coming weekend.

6 Village Hall

The hall is being used for the drama festival this weekend.

7 Harbury Energy Initiative

The group had raised £70 at the carnival.

8 WALC/NALC - none

9 SDC & WCC

SDC

- Please remember that VASA is available to help with finding grant funding and project management.

WCC

- The EU Referendum is currently dominating everything.

16/188 Deppers Bridge

1 Update

A complaint had been received about the condition of the bollards at the chicanes. This had been reported to WCC Highways and has now been resolved.

A complaint has been received about the neglected condition of a property but there is no action which can be taken unless there is a public health risk.

WCC Highways is to carry out work to reclaim the footpath from the encroaching verge.

2 **Correspondence** – None

3 **Members' Items** - None

16/189 **Planning**

1 **16/01795/TREE**

T1: Conifer: fell; T2: Conifer: fell; T3: Robinia: fell; T4: Holly: fell

4 Church Terrace

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds that no good reason had been demonstrated for the removal of these trees and it is contrary to both the VDS and the draft NDP which seek to protect trees and hedges.

2 **16/01680/FUL**

Erection of a barn for agricultural purposes

Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge

It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.

3 **15/04316/REM (Amendment)**

Erection of 75 dwellings, together with associated internal roads, parking, landscaping, open space and play areas and all details required by Condition 1 relating to reserved matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping.

Land west of Bush Heath Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation but to request that the extra parking space for plot no 57 is moved to the rear of the property so that there would be no impact on the street scene.

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged for 11 July 2016 between the parish council working party and David Wilson Homes to discuss the proposed street lighting scheme.

4 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**

i WDC – there was nothing new to report.

ii SDC – there was nothing new to report.

5 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The final draft is nearly completed and will soon be ready for formal consultation. There was a discussion about the exact process to be followed and the timetable as this was not clear. The NDP group will meet to discuss this further.

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

7 **Members' Items**

Cllr Lockley reported that the council had been asked to consider a pre-planning application meeting with a planning consultant to discuss a proposal for development of the land at the rear of Vicarage Lane. It was agreed that Cllrs Lockley, Summers and Allen, and the clerk, would attend the meeting to find out more.

16/190 **Properties**

1 **Play Areas**

Now that the multi-play equipment has been repaired, the clerk is actively seeking quotes for the repairs to the skate park. The senior goals have been damaged and the clerk will see if it is possible to obtain the spare part to repair them.

2 **Playing Fields**

i Walking Route

The installation is planned for later in the summer. A local resident has offered to donate a bench.

ii Meeting with Football Club

No meeting has been arranged yet. Cllr Ekins will contact the football club again.

It was noted that the remedial work to repair the ruts caused by the bonfire traffic had now been carried out with good results. Also, the general condition of the field was very good.

3 **Car Park** – nothing to report.

4 **Cemetery**

i Soil Removal

Cllr Summers will be meeting with the contractor soon. He is waiting for the right weather to start work.

ii New Cemetery

There was no further news on the new cemetery. It was agreed to defer any further discussion on this matter until September.

5 **Allotments**

BT has contacted the council to ask whether there would be any interest in using land next to the telephone exchange for allotments. There is no waiting list for allotments at the moment although this can change very quickly. It was suggested that possibly this land could be used for a community orchard. It was agreed to discuss the matter further with BT.

6 **Correspondence** - none

7 **Members' Items**

16/191 Environment

1 **Street Lighting**

i Windsor Lights Replacement – Tranche 2

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the order for the new lights at a cost of £7942. It was noted that the lanterns which were recently installed, had bent finials which must have happened on installation. The clerk will contact WCC about this.

ii Replacement Lantern, Bush Heath Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the missing lantern and place an order for this at a cost of £490.

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

3 **Binswood End Bollards**

WCC has proposed installing new bollards at Binswood End. The council agreed with this proposal.

4 **Correspondence** - none

5 Members' Items

The 30mph sign at the junction of Vicarage Lane and Butt Lane/Bush Heath Road has still not been replaced. The clerk reported this weeks ago and has contacted WCC again today.

The sub-station opposite Constance Drive is looking very scruffy. Cllr Thompson will report this to the utilities company.

16/192 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

There were no questions.

2 National Pay Award

It was **RESOLVED** to implement the national pay award for clerk with effect from 1 April 2016.

3 WW1 Centenary Project

Most householders contacted have been in favour of installing the plaques. The project is making good progress.

4 New Residents' Welcome Pack

There is no further news on this. The house building has not yet started. It will cost £30 to print 100 directories and the envelopes have already been donated. It now needs to be agreed what else should be included in the pack.

5 Correspondence – none

6 Members Items - none

16/193 Accounts for Payment

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

16/194 Reports & Questions - none

16/195 Confidential Matters - none

16/196 Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be on Thursday, 28 July 2016 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

APPENDIX A

Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 21 June 2016

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

- 1 16/01534/FUL
Single storey extension to south elevation
Highfield, Deppers Bridge
No representation

SDC Decisions

- 1 16/01075/LBC
Installation of an audible intruder alarm system
Wissett Lodge, 10 Church Street
Consent granted with conditions
- 2 16/01227/TREE
Tree works – various
Meadowside, Pirie Close
Consent with conditions

Appeals

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

