

## Harbury Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 22 September 2016 at 7.30pm The Farley Room, Harbury Village Hall

#### **Present**

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

**Absent:** Cllr Ekins

#### **In Attendance**

Mrs Alison Biddle, Clerk to the Council  
County Cllr Stevens

#### **Public**

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News  
5 Members of the public

**16/212 Apologies:** Cllr Ekins

**16/213 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**16/214 Dispensations:** None.

#### **16/215 Public Participation (Part 1)**

##### **Planning Application, Burgess Care, Fosse Way**

Representations were received in objection to the retrospective planning application for care accommodation on the grounds that the accommodation is too close to the neighbouring property. The high level of noise and profane language is having a harmful and distressing effect on the occupiers of the neighbouring property.

With the agreement of the council, the order of the agenda was altered to allow this planning application to be considered, as follows:

#### **16/216 Planning Application**

##### **16/02649/FUL**

Retrospective full planning application for the continued use of detached building for care accommodation (use class 2) at ground floor and ancillary office at first floor

##### **Burgess Care, Fosse Way**

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds that the proximity of the development has had a detrimental impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property.

#### **16/217 Public Participation (Part 2)**

##### **David Wilson Homes, Bush Heath Lane**

A complaint was raised about the colour of the building stone which appears to be ironstone and is not in keeping with other stone buildings in the village. The parish council has already contacted the builder and the enforcement officer at SDC.

#### **16/218 Minutes**

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

## **16/219 Reports from Other Organisations**

### **1 Harbury Library**

New lighting has been installed. The next job is to think about new shelving. The Sec 106 funds from the Bishop's Itchington developments have now been received.

### **2 Harbury School Governors**

Concerns were raised that the diocese has decided that Harbury School will not join the new Multi- Academy Trust with Southam College and other local village schools. Although Southam has responded positively by providing assurance that their relationship with Harbury School will not change, this cannot be guaranteed long term and Harbury School will not have any influence over the initial set-up of the MAT.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Southam College and also to Archbishop Justin Welby, outlining the concerns, with copies to the chair of governors and the head teacher. It was agreed that Cllr Lockley would write as the chairman of Harbury PC.

### **3 Public Safety**

There had been several burglaries during the summer. The police have not been able to provide any further information about the culprits but police patrols have increased. Local residents and Neighbourhood Watch had done a good job of putting up notices to alert people.

### **4 Southam College**

Exam results were good again.

### **5 Twinning Association**

The group is fund raising at the moment. There will be a jazz evening next month.

### **6 Village Hall**

It was noted that there have recently been some commercial sales at the village hall and that adverts for these sales have been attached to lamp posts around the village. It was suggested that when the booking is made, hirers are asked to limit the number of signs to 6 in total and to ensure that they are removed afterwards. Cllr Thornley will discuss this with the village hall committee.

### **7 Harbury Energy Initiative**

LEDs have been installed at the school. The proceeds from the Artic Explorer evening on 7 October 2016 will be split between HEI and Hire a Hero.

### **8 WALC/NALC - Nothing to report.**

### **9 SDC & WCC**

#### **WCC**

- WCC will have to find a further £67 million savings over the next 3 years
- The Fosse Way will be closed in one direction for a few months while the rail bridge is repaired.
- The proposed parliamentary boundary changes mean that Southam and Rugby will form a new constituency.
- HS2 looks like it is still going ahead. Bore holes are being drilled under Ufton Wood.
- The county councillor grants scheme closes on 10 October 2016.

## 16/220 Deppers Bridge

- 1 **Update** - None
- 2 **Correspondence** – None
- 3 **Members' Items** - None

## 16/221 Planning

### 1 **16/02912/TREE**

T1: Contorted Willow; reduce crown by 2m

T2: Thuja Gold; reduce crown by 2m

T3: Lawson; reduce by 2m (overshadows neighbouring garden)

T4: Flowering cherry; reduce by 2m (reshape tree and prevent growth close to neighbour's roof).

#### **Dennys Close, Temple End**

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

### 2 **16/02650/FUL**

Two storey side extension to side of existing and over existing garage

#### **18 Hereburgh Way**

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

### 3 **16/02058/VARY - Amended**

Variation of conditions 2 (relating to plan numbers) & 4 (relating to side layout) of 15/01130/FUL granted planning permission 11/08/2015. (The erection of 7 dwellings with access road, detached garages with associated works) to substitute 4 existing plans to facilitate works including movement of garages, removal of a sub -station, external works to the elevation of dwellings and the addition of 2 velux roof lights to plot 4 and enlargement of garages.

#### **Land at Hillside**

It was **RESOLVED** to remove the previous objection following the amendment which includes the reinstatement of air source heat pumps.

### 4 **16/02269/FUL**

Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural barn to unrestricted (Use Class C3) dwelling house

#### **Ladbroke Barn, Ladbroke Road**

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the following grounds:

- This would be an isolated dwelling in the countryside.
- There is no housing need as the quota under the Core Strategy has already been met.
- The resulting dwelling will be too small for occupation.

### 5 **16/03008/TPO**

W1: Mixed species (largely Sycamore, some Hawthorn and Prunus): fell several hundred trees.

#### **Harbury Cement Works**

Advice had been received from an expert on the ecology of the site who supported the tree clearance. It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.

- 6 **16/02393/FUL**  
Demolition of existing rear conservatory and replacement with single storey extension  
**Pirie Close**  
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.
- 7 **16/02535/FUL**  
Energy Storage System comprising of battery storage containers, ancillary buildings, security fencing, CCTV and landscaping  
**Energy Reservoirs Ltd, Walworth Farm, Station Road**  
It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that there was insufficient screening of the site which would have a detrimental visual impact on the amenity of the adjacent cemetery.
- 8 **16/02667/LBC**  
Relocate pantry to form an open plan sitting area serving the kitchen. Re-plan the existing boot room to contain a utility. Refurbish and connect the remaining outbuildings (via a new internal door) to form games room.  
**Wissett Lodge, Church Street**  
It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the number of roof lights would have a detrimental impact on the neighbouring property.
- 9 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**  
i Update on WDC's proposals – nothing new to report.  
ii Update on SDC's Gypsies & Travellers policy consultation – nothing new to report
- 10 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**  
i Public Consultation  
The consultation ends tomorrow. The NDP group will meet on 5 October to review the comments received.  
ii Appointment of Independent Examiner  
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the appointment process via NPIERS. The cost will be met by SDC.
- 11 **Harbury Cement Works – New Surgery**  
Representatives from Harbury and Bishop's Itchington parish councils, along with the planning consultant for the site, had met with Jeremy Wright MP. Mr Wright was very supportive of the project and will arrange a meeting with the CCG to discuss further.
- 12 **Other Decisions** – Noted as per appendix A.
- 13 **Members' Items** - None

## **16/222 Properties**

### **1 Play Areas**

#### i Annual Inspection Report

No major problems had been identified but there are several small jobs which need to be done. It was agreed that the clerk should approach a local handyman for help with these.

### **2 Playing Fields**

#### i New Path - Benches

Prices for 3 different styles of bench including the installation costs had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 3 Elwood style benches. Cllr Lockley has met with WCC to give feedback on the project so far. The next stage is to agree the signage which should include branding and funding source. Councillors volunteered to measure the time it took to walk each section of the path.

ii New Path – Future Maintenance

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt a regular maintenance regime of spraying at £90 per treatment. The area between the path and the hedge is to be sprayed now and again in the spring if required.

iii Bins

A resident had requested that additional bins are installed on the playing field. It was agreed that no more bins are necessary at present as there are already 4 in place.

**3 Car Park – nothing to discuss**

**4 Cemetery**

i Fence & Hedge

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote received for erecting a new fence and planting a new hedge along the boundary with the access track from Park Lane.

ii Boundary

It was agreed that the boundary line was as marked by the red tape currently in situ. Cllr Summers will visit neighbouring residents to agree this with them before the work is carried out.

iii Yew Trees

The Friends of Harbury Cemetery requested that the avenue of yew trees be reduced in height to 7ft to make maintenance easier. They will pay for this with their own funds. The parish council agreed to this request.

iv Graveside Bench

A request has been received to install a bench at a graveside in the cemetery. Cllrs Mancell and Summers will meet with the family to establish the precise location. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the decision whether or not to permit the bench to the clerk in consultation with Cllrs Mancell and Summers.

v New Burial Ground

There was no news to report. Cllr Lockley will make contact with the landowner.

**5 Allotments - no news to report.**

**6 Correspondence**

A request has been received to use the playing field for pony rides on 6<sup>th</sup> November as part of a charity fund raising afternoon at the village hall. This is the day after the annual Bonfire Night and the field will be muddy. It was agreed to say “no” on this occasion.

**7 Members’ Items**

The new drains have been installed at Bull Ring Farm Road bridge and they seem to be working.

**16/223 Environment**

**1 Street Lighting**

i Damaged Light, Manor Road

This column was hit by a car in April and is the subject of an ongoing insurance claim. WCC carried out an emergency temporary repair at the time but the engineer has advised that the structure has been weakened and the column needs to be replaced. It was **RESOLVED** to replace the column without further delay on safety grounds. The clerk will inform the insurance company of this decision.

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

**3 Correspondence**

i Signage, Ridgley Way

SDC has confirmed that they do not provide “leading to” signs. The parish council would therefore have to cover the cost of installation and ongoing maintenance. The road has not yet been adopted so it was agreed to write to the developer and ask them if they would provide a new sign.

**4 Members’ Items**

The speed sign at the junction of Vicarage Road and Butt Lane has still not been replaced. The clerk will follow this up with WCC.

**16/224 Bus Service Consultation**

It was agreed to make representation to WCC about the proposed alteration of the bus service. Ideas for a new fare structure and timetable were discussed and it was agreed to forward these to WCC for their consideration.

**16/225 Property Marking**

It was agreed to pass on the details to the local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

**16/226 Council Policies**

i Local Councils Charter

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised charter.

ii Equality & Diversity Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Equality & Diversity Policy without amendment.

**16/227 Commonwealth Day 2017**

The council decided not to take part in the “Flying the Flag” event.

**16/228 Finance & General Purposes**

**1 Monthly Financial Report**

There were no questions.

**2 Conclusion of Audit**

The clerk is still waiting to receive the completed annual return from the auditor.

**3 WW1 Centenary Project**

Design work on the plaques is underway. The clerk has submitted the planning applications for listed building consent where required. The text for the website is being drafted. The plaques should be fitted by the end of the year.

**4 Correspondence**

There is a consultation on applying the precept referendum principles to parish councils. Councillors were asked to read this before the next PC meeting at which it will be discussed.

**5 Members Items**

Cllr Lockley will send his quarterly report to Harbury News and to the clerk for inclusion on the website.

**16/229 Accounts for Payment**

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Lockley, seconded Cllr Thompson) to approve the accounts for payment as per appendix B (includes the accounts paid during the August recess).

**16/230 Reports & Questions** - none

**16/231 Confidential Matters** - none

**16/232 Date of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of Harbury Parish Council will be on Thursday, 27 October 2016 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 9.50pm**

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

## APPENDIX A

### Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted 22 September 2016

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

- 1     **16/02142/FUL**  
Proposed replacement dwelling (amendment to previously approved 15/01547/FUL)  
**The Farmhouse, Stapenhall Farm, Deppers Bridge**  
No representation
  
- 2     **16/02139/FUL**  
Demolition of existing attached garage and construction of replacement garage with accommodation within loft space above. Proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension together with new dormer and gable to front elevation. Proposed new garden walls and application of render to side gable and front elevation.  
**6 Vicarage Lane**  
No representation
  
- 3     **16/02442/TPO**  
T1 cedar: 20% crown thinning; T2: cedar: 20% crown thinning  
**Harbury House, Butt Lane**  
No representation
  
- 4     **16/02167/FUL**  
Erection of 19 metre high telecommunications monopole with 3 no. mounted antennas and 2 no. mounted dishes, 3 no. equipment cabinets and 1.2 metre high timber fencing.  
**Cell 75425, Bull Ring Farm, Bull Ring Farm Road**  
No representation
  
- 5     **16/02387/FUL**  
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (demolition of existing single storey extension)  
**13 Bush Heath Lane**  
No representation
  
- 6     **16/02773/TREE**  
T1: English Yew: lift crown to 2.5m and reduce crown by 1m on all sides  
**21 Farm Street**  
No representation

#### SDC Decisions

- 1     16/01895/FUL  
Extension to existing stables  
**Meadow Farm, Bush Heath Road**  
Permission with conditions
  
- 2     16/01473/FUL  
Front porch and single storey rear extension  
**46 Frances Road**  
Permission with conditions

- 3 16/02412/TEL28  
Installation of 1 x DSLAM cabinet  
**Opposite Western Villa, Deppers Bridge, Harbury**  
Permitted development
  
- 4 15/02254/FUL  
Erection of 32 apartment extra care units (Use Class C2), 21 residential dwellings (Use Class 3), formation of a new highway entrance and change of use from equestrian to residential use.  
**Land at Bull Ring Farm Road**  
Refusal
  
- 5 16/02415/TPO  
T86: Lombardy poplar: remove; T87: Lombardy poplar: remove; T89: Lombardy poplar; remove  
**Harbury Depot**  
Consent for arboricultural work



