

Harbury Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
25 May 2017 at 7.30pm
The Farley Room, Harbury Village Hall**

Present

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

Absent: None (1 vacant seat)

In Attendance

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

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
Members of the public: 2

17/86 Apologies: None

17/87 Declarations of Interest: None

17/88 Dispensations: None.

17/89 Casual Vacancy – Co-option

1 Introduction of candidates

Mr Andrew Rutherford was the only candidate. His application letter had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

2 Co-option of candidate

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Andrew Rutherford to the vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Knowles. Cllr Rutherford signed his declaration of acceptance of office which was counter signed by the clerk.

17/90 Public Participation

Road Closure, Bush Heath Lane

Has there been any official notice for the road closure? It was thought it was to do with the gas supply. It was asserted that DWH lorries are knocking the diversion signs over.

New Houses, Dovehouse Lane

The new houses have a bright orange roof which is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. Mrs Ridgley is going to write to SDC about this.

Transfer of Public Open Space, Bush Heath Lane

It was noted that David Wilson Homes is offering to transfer ownership of the public open space to the parish council. There was concern about this on grounds of cost to the parish. Also, the tree report does not appear to have been acted upon. Will the swale also be included?

Damage to kerbs, Bush Heath Lane

Concerns about damage to kerbs by DWH lorries had been raised at last month's meeting. The clerk has been in touch with DWH who photographed the surrounding roads and verges before they began work and have given their assurance to reinstate when the building work has been completed.

17/91 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 27 April 2017 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

17/92 Reports from Other Organisations

1 Harbury Library

Gill Credland has now received her British Empire Medal for her work at the library. Cllr Thornley attended the ceremony.

2 Harbury School Governors

The school intake next September will be 30 and there is a waiting list. A new deputy has been appointed. The school was delighted with its participation in the WW1 event.

3 Public Safety – none

4 Southam College

Exams are taking place at the moment.

5 Twinning Association

The recent twinning weekend visit by the French was very successful.

6 Village Hall

Geoff Thorpe was presented with his British Empire Medal yesterday. Cllr Thompson attended the ceremony as his guest. It is remarkable that one village has produced so many recipients (3 in total) of this award this year.

7 Harbury Energy Initiative

The E-wheels scheme is getting busier which means that unfortunately, sometimes people have to be turned away.

8 WALC/NALC - Nothing to report.

9 SDC & WCC

SDC

- Cllr Harris is going to talk to the Streetscene officer at SDC about the weed spraying of the paths which was raised last month.
- The GLH planning application for treatment of the B4100 under the Sec106 agreement was granted permission last week.

WCC

- The annual meeting has taken place. The council now has 35% newly elected councillors.
- If the PC can identify any small highways works, please let Cllr Stevens know as there is £32K budget for this.
- Cllr Stevens is meeting the county highways officer soon so please let him know of any major road issues.
- Cllr Ekins raised the problem of numerous lorries from the Southam developments using the B4451 and not realising that there is a weak bridge at Deppers Bridge which they are then forced to cross because there is nowhere for them to turn round. Please could some improved signage be considered? Cllr Gibb added that this certainly needs consideration before work begins on HS2.
- Cllr Stevens believes that the Harbury Lane/Fosse Way junction will be improved within the next 4 years. He will be following this up.

17/93 Deppers Bridge

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

17/94 Planning

- 1 **17/00632/FUL**
Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural barn to holiday let and associated works (re-submission of 16/02269/FUL).
Ladbroke Barn, Ladbroke Road, Bishop's Itchington
It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that this is would be an isolated development in the countryside and there is poor access to the site.
- 2 **17/00779/FUL**
Proposed ground floor lobby to entrance hall and first floor extension over existing garage to front
36 Manor Orchard
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.
- 3 **17/00429/LDE**
Garage of property converted to a bedroom
5 Dickens Road
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.
- 4 **17/01132/FUL**
Single storey extensions to front and rear, and two storey extensions to side and rear of existing
12 Farley Avenue
It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that this would be over development of the plot.
- 5 **17/01226/FUL**
Erection of conservatory to the rear
18A Frances Road
It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation.
- 6 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**
There was no further news from either SDC or WDC.
- 7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to review the consultation responses at 7.00pm on Thursday, 22 June 2017. This would be immediately followed by the ordinary meeting at 8.00pm.
- 8 **Members' Items**
It was noted that recent planning legislation has removed the right for pubs to be converted for other uses without planning permission.

17/95 Properties

- 1 **Play Areas & Playing Fields**
 - i Climbing Wall
The clerk is waiting for a third quote. The prices she has received from Wicksteed also require clarification.

ii Repairs

The skate park repairs have now been completed. The repairs in the play area are ongoing.

iii New path

Two of the three benches have now been installed. A complaint has been received about youths gathering in this area which is to be monitored. The clerk will obtain a further quote from the council's contractor for the supply only of materials to extend the path. The resident who offered his labour free of charge is to be asked if he is still willing to proceed on this basis. Cllr Lockley has sent some text to Mr Marshall-Hardy for the information board and leaflets. The clerk will follow this up.

A complaint has been received about the surface of the new path. It was agreed to look into the costs of upgrading the surface. Perhaps a grant could be obtained from WCC Highways?

2 Car Park - Nothing to report

3 Cemetery

i Fencing

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote for the fencing work along the boundary with Park Lane and cemetery corner.

ii Friends of Harbury Cemetery

The wildflower seeds have been sown.

iii New Burial Ground

Cllr Lockley still has to arrange a meeting with the council's surveyor and the land agent.

4 Allotments

There is still one vacant half plot.

5 Public Open Space, Oakfields

David Wilson Homes has offered to transfer ownership of the on-site open space in accordance with their obligations under the Sec 106 agreement. It was **RESOLVED** not to accept the transfer. This means that the public open space will be managed by the management company for the development instead of being maintained by the parish council.

6 Correspondence - none

7 Members' Items

The timber edging on the green at Percival Drive needs repairing again. The clerk will ask the contractor to suggest a long term solution to this maintenance problem.

17/96 Environment

1 Street Lighting - none

2 Traffic & Transport

The teenage bus vouchers are moving slowly. Cllr Gibb is following this up.

3 Correspondence- none

4 Members' Items

- There has been a burst main late today.
- The next meeting of the environment group has been planned for 19 June 2017. They will look at street cleaning and litter bin emptying.

- A complaint has been received from a resident about a survey form they have received from SDC.

17/97 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

The new style report had been circulated. There were no questions.

2 Grant Application – Memorial Garden Project

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of a grant of £12,600 towards the new memorial garden.

3 WW1 Centenary Project

A breakdown of the spend to date has been circulated. The project is well within budget. All the HLF funds have been spent but there is a healthy balance of the other funds remaining which will go towards any future works. Hard copies of the website content have yet to be produced. There has also been an article in the Leamington Courier.

Cllr Ekins left the room for 5 minutes.

4 Correspondence – none.

5 Members Items

The school still hasn't received its Sec 106 funding from the DWH development. It is not due yet but will be paid to WCC.

17/98 Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Summers, seconded Cllr Ekins) to approve the accounts for payment as per Appendix A.

17/99 Reports & Questions

- Cllr Thornley has submitted the application to the C4 competition for the best village.
- Cllr Lockley was reminded about submitting a quarterly report to Harbury News.

17/100 Confidential Matters

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in accordance with Sec 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Damaged Street Light

It was **RESOLVED** to provide the further information requested by the insurance company and if the claim is not then settled in full by the previously stated deadline, the parish council should begin legal proceedings to recover its costs in full.

17/101 Date of Next Meeting

An extraordinary meeting to review the NDP consultation will take place on Thursday, 22 June 2017 at 7.00pm in the village hall. This will be immediately followed by the next ordinary meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.23pm

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

