

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall
16th March 2023

Present

Councillor K Preece (Chairman) and Councillors Lewis, Stephens and Garside.

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk).

Before the meeting the chairman expressed his condolences on behalf of the whole Parish Council following the death of County Councillor Phil Awford. He was a dedicated Councillor showing keen interest in everything he did and the Council wished to pay tribute. He will be very much missed.

Council agreed was that it would donate £50 by request to Macmillan Nurses.

1163 Apologies for absence.

1163.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Powell.

1164 Declarations of Interest

1164.1 None declared.

1165 Requests for Dispensation

1165.1 None requested.

1166 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2023

1166.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1167 Clerks Report

1167.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

1168 County Councillor's Report

1168.1 No report.

1169 Borough Councillors Report

1169.1 Councillor McLain issued her report (see attached).

1170 Finance

1170.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

1170.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
19/02/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	250.99	0.00	Clerks Salary
02/02/2023	Parish Online	OB058	43.20	7.20	Parish Online
19/03/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	250.99	0.00	Clerks Salary
17/03/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB059	137.23	0.00	Clerks Expenses
20/03/2023	Uckington & Elmstone Village Hall	OB060	128.00	0.00	Hall Hire
22/03/2023	GAPTC	OB061	73.90	0.00	GAPTC

1170.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Garside.

1170.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and approved.

1171 Planning

1171.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details	Result
22/00982/FUL	Hardwicke House Barn Elmstone Hardwicke Tewkesbury Gloucestershire	Conversion of existing barn to a dwelling house, with associated open garden space and car parking.	Refuse
22/01149/FUL	Walton Hill Farm Tewkesbury Road Deerhurst Gloucester	Removal of existing oak porch and addition of bespoke timber and double-glazed garden room	Permit
22/01150/LBC	Walton Hill Farm Tewkesbury Road Deerhurst Gloucester	Removal of existing oak porch and addition of bespoke timber and double-glazed garden room	Permit
23/00108/FUL	Phoenix House Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke Cheltenham	Removal/Variation of condition 8 (car parking and manoeuvring facilities) of the planning application ref number 09/00422/FUL and 12/01086/FUL	Objections submitted

1172 To discuss potential development at Knightsbridge Nurseries.

1172.1 It was noted that circulars were sent to local residents regarding this potential development. Council agreed to keep a watching brief.

1173 Risk Register

1173.1 No issues raised.

1173.2 It was agreed that the noticeboards should be inspected for any potential damage or need for repair.

1174 To report any new Highways Issues.

1174.1 No new issues reported other than those discussed in the Clerk's Report.

1175 To update regarding the Pumping Station.

1175.1 Councillor Garside gave her updated report (see attached).

1175.2 Severn Trent agreed to have all the drains inspected with CCTV which happened soon after the meeting.

1176 To receive an update on the footpath at Elmstone Business Park

1176.1 This issue continues unsatisfactorily and contact will be made with the TBC Planning Officer to arrange a site meeting to resolve the continuing problem.

1177 To receive an update regarding the Community Seed Watch Safety Fund.

1177.1 Still ongoing.

1178 To discuss the May Elections.

1178.1 The Nomination Packs were distributed to the Councillors present.

1178.2 Councillors are aware that the nominations need to be in by the 4/4/23.

1179 Items for Future Agenda.

1179.1 To continue to discuss Elmstone Business Park footpath to A4019..

1179.2 To continue to discuss the pumping station update.

1179.3 To discuss any further developments regarding Knightsbridge Nurseries.

1179.4 To continue to discuss Cursey Lane.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18/5/23 commencing at 7.30pm. This will also be the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Report from Borough Councillor Heather McLain

Current hot topic would be that the TBC element of the council tax is going up by 3.72%.

The average parish precept across the Borough is 4.05%, The average is somewhat skewed by two parishes increasing by 65%!

Current financial year TBC is looking at a projected surplus of just under 1.2m, partly because the money set aside for pay rises has been through the national pay awards, as well as the council receiving an increase in income investment

We have been working on the housing and homelessness strategy with a focus on providing a mix of affordable, shared ownership and social rent properties within new build and on returning empty properties into use.

On a desperately sad note, just in case you hadn't seen the news, there was the tragic and sudden loss of Cllr Phil Awford on Friday.

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Report from Parish Councillor Val Garside

Severn Trent VG introduced GC of ST to the meeting and gave brief details of history of the pumping station issues and residents concerns of another 98 houses being connected to the service.

Residents voiced their concerns of the problems of the pumping station some going back 15/20 years. Common issue was that when it rains the pumping station seems to flood and many residents experience their showers and toilets backing up with sewerage.

After a recent problem, VG & AB met with a Manager from Haydn Sewerage Works, he advised that as the pumps were still running but not pumping they had not triggered the alarm at Haydn, it wasn't until residents phoned in with issues that they were alerted. The latest incident required tankers day and night to continue pumping out, which in itself is a nuisance for those living opposite with the noise and continuing flashing lights. Both pumps had to be replaced in order to rectify the situation.

Gez requested that ST look at three main issues;

1. Severn Trent to investigate the sewerage pipes with cameras as it was felt water must be getting in somewhere to cause the issues. ACTION: Severn Trent
2. Review the capacity of the pumping station to ensure it is fit for purpose in taking another 98 houses ACTION: Severn Trent
3. Analysis of the piping in the village to ensure it is robust enough to take extra from the new houses along with existing houses in the village. ACTION: Severn Trent

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Apparently Stoke Orchard are having similar difficulties as are Tredington.

Another meeting will be planned once GC has results of CCTV camera investigation. Haydn Sewerage works to be also invited to the meeting in order to have a joined up approach to the situation. ACTON: Severn Trent

GC urged all residents to report-issues with toilets backing up rather than relying on one person to report it.

Telephone numbers to report through are:

0800 783 4444 please advise that the issue is with Hardwicke Village Pumping Station

Whatsapp 03457 500 500

Text 07380337213