

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Elmstone Hardwicke Village Hall
21st March 2024

Present

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

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk via Teams) and three members of the public.

1243 Apologies for absence.

1243.1 No apologies were received.

1244 Declarations of Interest

1244.1 No declarations were made.

1245 Requests for Dispensation

1245.1 None requested.

1246 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2023

1246.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1247 Clerks Report

1247.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and accepted.

1248 County Councillor's Report

1248.1 Councillor P McLain sent his apologies but his report was distributed. See attached.

1249 Borough Councillors Report

1249.1 No report.

1250 Finance

1250.1 The Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation was distributed and approved by Council. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous..

1250.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Preece, seconded Councillor Garside. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
23/11/2023	Charles Lewis	OB080	240.00	0.00	Mowing
19/12/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
03/11/2023	Information Commissioner	DD	35.00	0.00	Data Protection
02/01/2024	EH & Uckington Village Hall	OB081	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
02/01/2024	EH & Uckington Village Hall	OB082	10.00	0.00	Hall Hire
19/01/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/02/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
01/02/2024	K Preece	OB083	14.66	0.00	Maintenance
20/02/2024	Geosphere Ltd (Parish Online)	OB084	43.20	7.20	Parish Mapping
19/03/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
22/03/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB085	180.01	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1250.3 The Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Powell, seconded Councillor Lewis. Unanimous

1250.4 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and approved.

1251 Planning

1251.1 The following planning applications were reviewed:

Appl Number	Application	Details	Result
23/00959/FUL	Phoenix House Elmstone Business Park Tewkesbury Road Elmstone Hardwicke	Removal of Condition 4 of planning application ref 15/00968/FUL	No response
23/01201/FUL	Part Parcel 0005 Old Gloucester Road Boddington Cheltenham	Full planning permission for site access, highway, temporary construction access, haulage track, compound and materials storage area, drainage proposals and associated works (to facilitate the delivery programme of outline applications 22/01107/OUT and 22/01817/OUT)	
23/00466/FUL APP/G1630/W/23 /3335876	Hardwicke House, Elmstone Hardwicke, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL51 9TD.	APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION	Previous comments repeated.

1252 To receive an update from Severn Trent and an update regarding the pumping station.

- 1252.1 An invitation to managers of Severn Trent was extended by Councillor Garside but, due to personal circumstances, they could not attend.
- 1252.2 Unfortunately very little progress has been made and Councillor Garside has spoken with Icosa water. They are yet to conduct the full cctv survey on their site to identify the source of the additional flows. This should be completed within the next couple of weeks and they will share their findings with STW.
- 1252.3 We will also be convening a site meeting with them once the CCTV is complete to discuss options.
- 1252.4 The good news is there is a planning condition in place with the development. Until this condition is dispensed the flows from the site will not be considered as approved. Icosa are keen to get this condition removed (we believe it holds up completion on some of the plots) which means they will need to work with the Parish Council.
- 1252.5 Councillor Garside has agreed with our asset protection team that this condition will not be discharged until we are satisfied that we are only accepting the agreed flows.

1253 Risk Register

1253.1 No issues reported..

1254 To report any new Highways Issues.

1254.1 Cursey Lane. Councillor Preece will send the clerk photos and details of the required repairs in order that an urgent letter may be issued to Max Kelly and to include Councillor Preece's contact details in order to arrange an onsite meeting.

1255 To receive an update regarding J10 M5.

- 1255.1. An exhibition was held at the fire station and this is still at the consultation stage.
- 1255.2 Traffic alleviation issues were raised by the representatives of the Parish Council as these do not seem to have been addressed although they promised that traffic alleviation measures would be introduced.

1256 The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time

1256.1 The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time which took place earlier in the meeting

1257 Items for Future Agenda.
1257.1 No items raised.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16/5/24 commencing at 7.30pm. This will also be the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Report from Councillor P McLain March 2024

As well as dipping into the attached report, I've highlighted some key points here: the council's decision to provide 150k in upfront grant support for properties eligible for central govt flood relief. As councillors will know, the govt scheme requires the householder to put up the cash in advance before then being reimbursed. The GCC approach will allow householders to access the necessary cash without having to worry about dipping into savings or battling with insurance.

Also delighted to see funding for a range of flood alleviation schemes. £2m for solar panels for grant maintained schools which should help with energy costs and carbon footprint going forward- I have already let our local ward schools know.

As mentioned previously, please can I encourage councillors to have a look at the Building Back Better Fund at GCC which I've picked up. There is still some funding available for our area - very simple application and eligibility criteria. I've recently supported a defibrillator, new play area surface for Apperley, specialist reading sessions (in Highnam school), bus shelter. Please do have a blue sky brain storming session. I'm working on a bid from Cheltenham Civil Service/ Norton RFC for a new mixed ability rugby team, so very wide ranging! and businesses.