

Hartpury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2024 at Hartpury Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A McGhee (Chair), Cllr R Watson, Cllr C Davies, Cllr M Clarke, Cllr R Pett and Cllr K Freeman.
7 members of the public were present, including David Jones who attended from Maisemore Parish Council

The meeting was chaired by Cllr A McGhee and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Gregory (Vice-Chair)

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Davies and Cllr K Freeman both expressed an interest re the Danford Lane discussions as neighbours/residents from Danford Lane.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

It was proposed by Cllr R Pett that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6th November be signed as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr M Clarke and agreed by all Cllrs present.

4. Public Consultation

Members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the turning concerns at Danford Lane regarding the new development and also the Speedwatch Group.

Concerns have been expressed from residents in Clara House and Orchard End that the privately owned area at the front of the properties shows in the plans as an area that could be used for Lorries and Large Vehicles to use when turning into the development. The residents have written to the planning officer to advise that this will not be the case and there is no use of the land to be allowed. The PC have been asked to write to the planning officer to support this and advise that this would make the entrance to the development no longer viable, it is also requested that it is pointed out there are mains drains in the area as well.

Should this push the vehicles to park in Danford Lane or on the A417 this would be detrimental to the safety of pedestrians and road users, the PC are to ask if the developers would be willing to meet on site to discuss the concerns and to see alternatives.

The Community Speedwatch group has now undertaken 2 sessions of monitoring speed with the equipment lent to them from the Police and fed back the data that had been recorded. The information has also been sent through to the Police for their information.

The equipment has now had to be returned as it has been on loan for the allowed 3 months and the group asked of the PC would be willing to purchase a camera for use within the Village as this would make it easier to arrange more often and at various times, especially as the group has now grown and has a healthy number of volunteers.

It was resolved to allocate a budget of up to £350 for the purchase of a camera kit, Cllr C Davies is to liaise with the police to seek which kit to purchase to ensure that this meets with the requirements of the Police.

5. Reports

5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford spoke to the Council on the full Council meeting, the services to be brought back into the District Council from Publica, the Biosphere, the new fleet of waste vehicles including 2 fully electric lorries, and the statutory Officer roles at FoDDC.

5.2 District Councillor Clayton Williams sent his apologies.

5.3 County Councillor Philip Robinson sent his apologies.

6. Finance

6.1 Pay Award

The recently agreed pay award was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr R Pett that this be implemented and back dated to April 2023 and that the spine point for the Clerk be raised from point 15 to point 17 from the start of financial year 2024-25, this was seconded by Cllr R Watson and agreed by all Cllrs present.

The budget for 24-25 will be adjusted accordingly as necessary.

6.2 Accounts for payments

It was proposed by Cllr M Clarke that the payments as shown below be made, this was seconded by Cllr R Pett and agreed by all Cllrs present and it was resolved to sign the cheques.

Payee	Details	Power	Amount
RK Buiding & Roofing	Repairs to bus shelter - Hiams lane	GPC	£1,990.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	GPC	£50.00
V Roberts	Salary December & January	GPC	£627.79
HMRC	PAYE & NI	GPC	£143.80
GAPTC	Internal Audit 22-23	GPC	£186.30
Hartpury Village Hall	Meeting Room Hire	GPC	£54.75
V Roberts	Office 365	GPC	£79.99

Income Source	Details	Amount
Lloyds	Interest	32.54

6.3 Financial statement and cash re-conciliation

It was proposed by Cllr M Clarke to approve the income and expenditure to date the bank reconciliation to date and the expenditure against budget to date, this was seconded by Cllr R Watson and agreed by all Cllrs present.

6.4 Quarterly Financial Check

Cllr M Clarke has carried out a quarterly financial check and has confirmed that all is in order.

6.5 Budget 2024-25

The updated budget figures were discussed and it was agreed to accept the budget for 24-25 to include a £50 donation to the WI for the Poppy Display in the Village, this was proposed by Cllr R Watson, seconded by Cllr K Freeman and agreed by all Cllrs present. As agreed at the November meeting the precept for 2024-25 is to remain at £10315.00.

7. Planning Applications

It was agreed to submit the following comments/observations:

Planning Ref	Property	Planning Details	Comment
P1679/23/AG	Woolridge Farm, Gloucester Road	Prior notification for the erection of a fodder store for the expansion of sheep flock. Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details.	Hartpury Parish Council considered the application for Woolridge Farm and have no comments to make.
P1599/23/FUL	3 Laburnum Villas, Hartpury	Erection of two storey extension to front elevation.	Hartpury Parish Council considered the application for 3 Laburnum Villas and have no comments to make.

8. Police Matters

There were no police matters to discuss.

9. Highways

9.1 Highways Report

- It was agreed to send thank to Highways for the repair to the culvert opposite Woolridge Farm as this now looks great and the repair was excellently carried out.
- The pothole outside Laburnum Villa needs to be reported.
- The growth at Kings Pond needs to be cleared, Cllr A McGhee has offered to speak with the landowner to arrange.
- The pothole/crater on the A417 outside the BP garage was discussed and this is being chased by Corse Parish Council for repair.

- The footpath clearance from Dents Lane to the College has not taken place, although the signs have been removed, Highways are to be asked when this will take place as pedestrians are having to go into the road.
- The hedge at Corsend Road on the left hand side between Wayside Cottage and Pears Cottage needs to be cut back, this needs to be reported to Highways.

Please report new items to the Clerk or report directly using 'Fix My Street'

9.2 Footpaths

- Feedback is awaited from Suzanne Hopes regarding the replacement of the stiles
- The footpath on Danford Lane was discussed with a view to changing the opening side of the gate, it was agreed to ask Suzanne if this would be possible as the PC has a pot of money set aside for footpath works.

9.3 Flooding

- STW updated on their findings at the STW meeting held on the 14th November, further update is awaited.
- Dell Cottage is due to be closed
- The A417 from Tweenhills to the College is due to be closed at night for repairs to take place.

10. FoDDC Budget

The circulated information was discussed and it was agreed that no comment would be made.

11. Biodiversity

The recently circulated Policy was discussed and it was resolved to adopt the Policy for Biodiversity.

12. Community Speedwatch Applications

Please see Agenda Item 4.

13. Safer Streets 5 Funding Opportunities

The Parish Council have no areas to suggest.

14. Hartpury United Charity – Trustee Nomination(s)

It was resolved that provided Mary McGhee and Pat Gallagher are willing to stand the Parish Council would re-nominate them for the trustee positions.

It was also agreed to ask Jim for any information on why this is referred to the Parish Council.

15. Information Boards

The is no further update at this time, meeting with Mike Payne is to be arranged with Cllr R Gregory.

16. Other Items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

- The Chapel is overgrown at the current time but it is believed that the sale includes a covenant for the upkeep of this area once the sale has been completed.
- There is a new gate appeared opposite the Sundean Vets/Rosemary Cottage on the A417 where there has never been a gate before, this would need permission to be installed. The Clerk is to advise Enforcement to seek any action that can be taken to remove the gate and for the area to be reinstated to its original condition.
- The Annual Parish Meeting is to take place on Monday 28th May at 7.30pm following the Village Hall AGM.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th March 2024

The meeting closed at 9.50pm