

Hawkesbury Parish Council



**Minutes of Hawkesbury Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 15th July 2013 at 7.30pm
In the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall**

Present:

Cllr Bleaken (Chair), Cllr Winbow, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Ruthven, Cllr Hope, Cllr Frankcom, Cllr Isaac and H Jones (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Cox and Cllr Musty

Public Participation

Mr & Mrs R Starling, Mr & Mrs M Bendeaux and Mr & Mrs M Gardener

Action

Accept apologies for Absence

Cllr Cox and Cllr Musty

1 To record declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None

2 To adjourn to allow public participation.

Cllr Bleaken put to the Parish Council to take item 4 within item 2-all in favour

Mr Roland Starling was spokes man;

He wanted to lobby the Parish Council's support. The applicants of this planning application are very much involved in village activities; since their children have left home they are all looking for something smaller-in turn this would free up three family homes.

They are aware this application is outside the building line, the planning authorities said they have met some criteria; it's a small scheme using quality material which meets their needs.

The land is approximately half an acre which was left over from the local housing development, there is drains, sewage and water mains; it would tidy up this part of the village.

The development will include solar panels-renovate the stone wall that runs along the allotments and footpath - this will not be spoiled only enhance the views.

They had thought about carrying out a survey but decided against it-going back to the Parish Plan, 480 questionnaires were sent out and 320 returned and over 50 meetings took place with many hours to complete. It meets the needs of local people to reserve rural nature-local building/or selfbuild/schemes. Conditioned for 55 years elderly persons bungalows. Hawkesbury Parish Council and South Gloucestershire Council encouraged the views of Parishioners.

They have received messages of support and would like the support of the Parish council.

They have looked at section 106 agreement-these homes for over 55years only with a connection with the village

Cllr Bleaken-consider the planning application PK13/2240/F.

This development is outside the building line-The Cotswold way will see three bungalows, with little hedges between each one.

Questions raised by the Parish Council.

Is the density correct?

No housing survey carried out-further work required to support the development on the back of a housing survey

No consultation made

Mr Starling pointed out they would take their chances if it goes to committee, they will appeal. Mr Starling was asked if he would wait for a result from a housing survey but said no. If this does not go through the land could be sold to a developer who will build many more houses.

The Parish Plan is 7 years old which needs to be addressed; a housing survey is one area that needs to be considered and under the Neighbourhood plan this could be a way forward. The last survey was carried out in 2000 and development took place on the back of the survey.

Parish Council gives their views-South Gloucestershire County Council makes a decision with the delegated officer's recommendations. The Parish Council has not changed their policy.

Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Bendeaux and Mrs Starling left the meeting.

Consideration needs to be given about the access, 106 agreement and solar panels in the roof

The Parish Council supports in principle this application but have no policy in place at present that supports this.

In 2002 the Parish Council last tested the housing needs – All want more social housing, local within the Parish; until this exercise is carried out the Parish Council will not know for certain.

Response to SGCC planning department was discussed.

"The Parish Council supports this application in principle however the Parish Council

is aware that the application fell outside the village development boundary, it comes without a housing survey and it pre-empt the PSP PDP”

Cllr Hope proposed the above wording; this was second by Cllr Isaac.

This was put to the vote; Cllr Frankcom requested the wording was amended to the following;

The Parish Council objects to the proposed planning application for the following reasons;

“The Parish Council is aware the planning application falls outside the village development boundary.
It comes without a supporting housing survey.
It also pre-empt the PSP-DPD”

The amended wording was put to the vote by the show of hands and the result was;
For 4 Against 2 abstained 1
Amendment carried forward. Mr Starling, Mr Gardener and Mr Bendeaux left the meeting.

4 4.1 Planning Application

PK13/2240/F	Land R/o 37-43 Birgage Road Hawkesbury Upton Badminton South Gloucestershire	Erection of 3 no. dwellings with access, parking and associated works
<p>The Parish Council Objects to the proposed planning application for the following reasons; The Parish Council is aware the Planning application falls outside the village development boundary It comes without a supporting housing survey; It also pre-empt the PSP DPD."</p>		

3 Councillor’s Items

3.1 Speed Watch Cllr Frankcom

Cllr Frankcom wanted to congratulate Cllr Hope on the new speed watch with the smiley face that appears if you drive within the 30mph speed limit. However, the hedge just in front of this sign needs cutting back.

To be actioned

Clerk to email Streetcare

Parish Clerk

5 Finance

5.1 Bank Reconciliation as of the 30th June 2013 was signed and figures agreed by Cllr Frankcom.

5.2 Cheques for approval

a	CRK Garden Manicures –CRK Garden Manicures cuts 14 th & 18 th June payment agreed on Monday 1 st July 2013- notification only	£163.54
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Parish Clerk

b	The Head Groundsman 6 th & 20 th June 2013	£270.64
c	The Head Goundsman July cuts-this item will not be considered until the 25 th July meeting has taken place	£123.12

The Parish Council agreed in full that all the above cheques can be paid. Cllr Robinson and Cllr Musty signed the cheques in accordance with the bank mandate.

6 Recreational Field Grass cutting

- Following The Head Groundsman withdrawing from the contract.
- Grass cutting specification

Mr Drew is withdrawing from the contract because in his opinion all the requests to restore the ruts and remove the stones had not been carried out. The Clerk has emailed Gary Meddick to contact her to see if South Gloucestershire Council would be able to cut the field.

Discussions were made by the Parish Council regarding the contract with the Head Groundsman-Mr Drew had accepted the offer and been paid for his work, therefore he is in breach of his contract.

The existing problem is if he ends his contract the Parish Council will need to pay someone else which may mean the Parish Council might be out of pocket and finding another contractor will be difficult.

A suggestion was made to approach Mr Drew to see if he will finish the cuts in the meantime we try and find another contractor. Explain to Mr Drew that the Hall and show Committee have picked up a fair amount of stones from the area in question. Mr Drew had been involved with the cutting of the recreational field for many years;

During the poor weather last year four major events that took place causing problems to the condition of the field; wet show day, wet bonfire weekend, new skate park and larger collecting vehicle for HURG.

Alternatively ensure the little bits are cut, the grass is not growing at the moment due to the hot weather. The Clerk to arrange a meeting for Cllr Winbow and Clerk to attend to try and resolve the matter, and continue with the ongoing exercise of removing the stones.

7 ROSPA inspection of skate park and play area

Invoice to be agreed

Paid

8 Grass cutting

Mr Dixon wrote down all the comments from the meeting held on Saturday 13th July 2013. There is a problem regarding ownership of certain grass verges. No feedback from the church this may take effect next year, Cllr Isaac mentioned if this was not cut it would make it more stable. To cut only twice a year would be good.

The area on Sandpits lane is strimmed, blown and collected (which is more than originally thought).

As for the bins, the Parish Council will be allowed to relocate bins at no charge, a bin

by the Pool would be good, Liz Howard mentioned outside the Post Office on back Street, move the bin by the Beaufort that is hidden by the greenery.

Decision must be made in September on the location of these bins in the Parish;

Actions points

More specific for bins

Grass cutting Areas

Request tenders (within the village) advise the licence required by SGCC so they got their details on record without liability.

This will be saving South Gloucestershire Council money, involving the village under the localism bill. By losing the dog bin section with will save SGCC half a million pounds

The Parish Council needs to listen to what the Parishioners have to say. Put a note in the Parish News and give everyone an opportunity to come to the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd September 2013. Also thank Parishioners for giving up their Saturday morning.

To be actioned

Note in the Parish News for Parishioners to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

9 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

The Parish Council felt they were not qualified to respond to this consultation.

10 Urgent Correspondence

8/7/13 Lower woods walk 26/7/13 poster placed on notice boards

9/7/13 The Head Groundsman withdrawal of contact see item 6

11 Date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September 2013 in the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall at 7.30pm.