

# Hawkesbury Parish Council



**Minutes of Hawkesbury Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm  
In the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall**

**Present:**

H Bleaken (Chair), A Musty, B Robinson, M Frankcom, H Heeley and H Jones (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies**

P Barnett, S Hope, M Cox and P Isaac,

**Public Participation**

None

Action

**Accept apologies for Absence**

Cllr Barnett, Cllr Hope, Cllr Cox and Cllr Isaac

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

None

**2 To adjourn to allow public participation.**

None

**3 Councillor's Items**

*3.1 Notice Board – Cllr Robinson*

Cllr Robinson has been speaking to Parishioners regarding the new notice board and how good it looks, some organisations have requested if it was possible to have a key to enable them to advertise forthcoming events in the village.

This is a Parish Notice Board to advertise Parish Council meetings, the key will be held by the Clerk, anyone who would like to advertise will need to contact the Clerk.

**To be actioned**

**The Clerk will put a note on the Notice Board.**

*3.2 The Fox Pub Cllr Robinson*

Councillor Robinson reported that he had a brief informal conversation with the incoming tenant of The Fox. They hope to open in about 5 weeks with the emphasis on providing quality Italian food but it appears there will be no provision for "activities" - i.e. traditional pub games such as skittles.

**This was noted**

*3.3 Little Badminton Notice Board*

Work to commence when the Oak posts have been made by the Badminton Estate, Parish Clerk to check with the Police that the blue tape can be removed. The Parish Clerk mentioned having spoken to BT they had not been notified of the incident back in January, they will arrange for the repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

**This was noted**

**Cllr Heeley to email the details of the DC dealing with the incident, the Parish Clerk to contact the Police to check if it is ok for the contractors to complete the work and remove the tape.** Parish Clerk

*3.4 Allotments Cllr Bleaken*

Following the Parish Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February it was agreed for the Parish Clerk to slightly amend the questionnaire and email Councillors the amended copy. A few comments concerning the need for a questionnaire had been received.

Cllr Bleaken explained that the Parish Council needs to be asking questions rather than doing nothing; it needs to be seen that the Parish Council is doing something.

Cllr Musty following the comments made the Parish Council should review the situation.

Cllr Robinson mentioned that some views of other Allotment holders with bigger plots are concerned that they may have to pay more. The allotments have been working well over the years and the upkeep is being carried out by volunteers from the Allotment holders. If their rent is increased it maybe the volunteers may withdraw from carrying out this work.

Cllr Frankcom said the Parish Council should not provoke change and it was felt by Cllr Robinson and Cllr Barnett and views of allotment holders that they are happy with their allotments and should not make any changes. This situation is very difficult.

Cllr Robinson mentioned 2 years ago when the contracts were given to the Allotment holders it was a very negative meeting by the Parish Council and it was felt the Parish Council were throwing their weight around.

Cllr Frankcom; the Parish Council have received feedback from two Councillors that are tenant holders; the Parish Council should listen to the community.

This has been debated a number of times. Cllr Frankcom; the allotments work well; consider a flyer or positioning statement.

Give people the opportunity to make comments positively- for example giving the history, additional land-expanding the number of plots, recognising the work being carried out voluntarily-welcome the allotment holders for their ideas, give them the opportunity.

Considerations; current method of rent charging, further improvements without prompts, ways of handling in a positive way and forward looking.

Cllr Frankcom will put something together and send a copy to the Parish Council for

comments. Clerk to send a copy of the letter head to Cllr Frankcom.

**To be actioned**

**Parish Clerk to email letter head, Cllr Frankcom to prepare a newsletter/flyer for Allotment holders.**

**4 4.1 Planning Applications**

PK12/0189/F	Collyns Mead Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of replacement garden storage shed	The Parish Council <b>supports the application</b>
PK12/0392/LB	Inglestone Farm Chase Lane Inglestone Common Badminton	Application to retain works carried out for internal and external alterations including replacement of rendering with timber boarding, replacement windows. Installation of double leaf doors to south elevation and installation of en- suite. (Resubmission of PK11/3173/LB)	Comments below
<p>The Parish Council object to the application. The visual impact of the holiday lets with white painted wood is not in keeping with the agricultural buildings they were developed from.</p> <p>The existing plans as supplied are indicative of the buildings after the applicant has altered them without consent. The proposed plans are trying to go back to the original permission from the 1990`s plans, but not enough.</p> <p>Item 14 - has been incorrectly answered as the buildings can be seen from both a public footpath and the highway.</p> <p>The Parish Council would like the following:</p> <p>Reinstatement of the landscaping and planting which had been conditioned in the original 1990`s for holiday lets. All windows and woodwork to be stained and not painted. Blocking up of door in rear of holiday let on East side to the new stores.</p> <p>Please see the enclosed pictures as to how the holiday units looked originally and how they look now. Please note the horizontal boarding, not vertical.</p>			
<b>7.2 Planning Decisions</b>			
PK11/3867/F	The Vicarage Church Lane	Change of use of land from	<b>PERMIT</b> subject to conditions.

	Hawkesbury Badminton	agricultural to land for the keeping of horses. Erection of stable block, 3no. bay detached garage and erection of lean-to implement store to barn annexe.	
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**5 5.1 Expenditure update as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.**

The paperwork was distributed to the Parish Councillor's however, it was agreed to discuss this at next month's meeting.

**5.2 Cheques to be signed**

a	South Gloucestershire Council Jan/Feb 2012	£429.26
b	1 <sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury Brownies – Grant funding	£ 60.00
c	Hawkesbury Youth Club – Grant Funding	£300.00
d	Hawkesbury Pre School – Grant Funding	£100.00
e	Skate Park – Grant Funding	£100.00
f	Hawkesbury Afterschool Club – Grant funding	£100.00
g	Hawkesbury PTA – Grant Funding	£ 90.00
h	Evergreens – Grant Funding	£300.00
i	1 <sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury Rainbows – Grant Funding	£100.00
j	1 <sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury Guides – Grant Funding	£200.00
k	Victim Support – Grant Funding	£ 50.00
m	South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau – Grant Funding	£100.00

All the above Cheques signed in accordance with the Bank Mandate.

**6 Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm