

## **Priors Hardwick Village Meeting**

**Draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**In the Church of St Mary The Virgin**

### **Present**

Gill Kinnear (GK), Chairman

Carolyn Bath (CB), Treasurer

Emily Darbshire (ED), Secretary

Rob (RB) and Anita Barritt; Ian Bath; Richard Cutts (RC); Isabel Davies; Ivan Harvey; Paul and Rosemary (RH) Hobday; Christopher Hodgson; Derrin James (DJ); Candy Kelly; Alan Kinnear; Lesley Russon; Andrew Smith; Sue Talbot; Jago Toner (JT); Sholto Toner (ST); Mark Tredwell (MT) Eddie(EU), Ann and Becky (BU) Ukleja

### **Apologies were received from:**

Chris Bull; Nigel Rock; Diarmaid Kelly; Tonia Hicks; Stuart Hyde (SH); Hugh Darbshire; Simon and Angela Darbshire; Barbara Harvey; Ros White; Joy Redfern; Sylvia Sutherland

### **Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:**

Proposer : Eddie Ukleja

Secunder: Anita Barritt

### **Matters Arising:**

- Highways have been out and white lined the junctions at the Boddington crossroads (London End) and the junction on the road to Hollow Meadow and Church End where it joins London End next to Pingle House.
- C. Russon has been liasing with Jeff hobday re the Spring in St Mary's Close. Jeff came out early this week and was helpful , they are going to monitor the situation. Water is flowing a little better at the moment.
- SH has written up what was agreed at the AGM in July around procedure on planning matters and who is eligible to vote, and this has been passed on to EU to be included on the Village website.
- GK has been asked to clarify the Consultee response and is taking advice from the Warwickshire Advisory to local councils where a support ticket has been raised. At the January meeting it is hoped that clear bullet points of how information is pulled together can be provided to be transparent and fair.

### **Village Notice Board, Defibrillator & Fete Money**

- Village Notice Board – HS2 are sourcing a notice board for us, to replace the current notice board. There is a 6 week lead time for this and it does not require us to use Fete money. MC raised concerns over how we would guard security of the notice board, and it was suggested that there was a notice in the middle with procedure of how to display there.
- Defibrillator – JR has emailed to say that HS2 have agreed to pay for a defibrillator which will go into the Telephone Box by the Butchers Arms. Ben has agreed to fit this. PH asked how often the batteries need replacing. BU advised that free training of how to use it will be provided for anyone who would like to attend.
- Fete Money – Following the successful Fish & Chip night there is £4506 left of the Fete money. A few suggestions have been put forward of how to spend this.
- At the PCC Meeting the pews at the back of the church were started to be removed and stored to create a welcoming area we can all use. More to come on this. CH explained that the Brian Moore Trust based in Southam have provided funds for this under Project Enable, introduced by MC.

**Councillor Updates** – None this meeting as Nigel Rock was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

### **Finance:**

- Fish & Chip Night – A total of 84 people attended at a cost of £990 (£450 from a National Lottery Grant and £540 from the Fete funds).
- Current Account: £4059
- General Reserves: £5778
- Fete Reserves: £4506

### **Planning:**

#### **1. Doe Bank – Mark & Belinda Tredwell**

MT explained that they hope to make Doe Bank their home and to raise their young family. They currently have two ponies so require two stables and space to put their cars undercover. They have been to see their neighbours adjoining with no objection to their plans.

GK asked MK to leave while the matter was discussed.

BH explained that she had looked at the plans and they are within the house plot. It looks like it will be well hidden and of a wood construction. The access is the same.

ID agreed it looks well hidden and the clock tower won't get in the way of the view and she has no objection.

There was a query over where the 5 windows would be and it was agreed that MT would advise.

CH offered that he had no objection to the plans. No other comments.

GK explained that she did not feel it was necessary to take a vote. RC disagreed and explained that he felt it was democratic to vote and a show of hands was important to see the voice of the village. GK would like to take advice before deciding on this. A vote was taken to gauge opinion on this, with 14 voting they would like a vote, and 7 voting against this.

RC expressed that he felt democracy was important and GK agreed. GK gave a brief explanation of options: No representation, Object, No Objection and Support. RC suggested a simple For or Against vote, this was declined.

Doe Bank:

No Representation 1

Object 0

No Objection 12

Support 7

CK explained that in her previous role as chairman she had spoken to Chris Williams the previous councillor re No Man's Land. He advised that only those who attended the Village Meeting and are on the electoral role can vote. The advice CK was given was that the Parish Meeting is the legal entity.

## **2. Ironstone - Sholto & Casie Toner**

- An appeal has been received for a variation of condition and other matters. The date has been revised to the 31<sup>st</sup> October and the application resubmitted.

ST explained that there was not a huge change in the application. There was a change to the tree planting and erecting a wall. The glazing issue has been addressed. They have put a lot of effort in with the house, and they hope it is in keeping with the village. There was no hedgerow there when they purchased the land, and they require a wall to keep their young children safe. There has been a slight change in the driveway. They hope to have the support of the village.

ST asked to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed.

PH agreed that there was no hedge when ST brought the land, however prior to this there was a hedge which was removed by DJ.

GK explained that on the 20<sup>th</sup> July the previous village chair put in No Representation to the Council with the following comments:

- It was made clear that there had been comments supporting the wall.
- The glazing should be permanent.

- The hedge shouldn't have been removed and should have formed the boundary.
- The wall is not in keeping with the village.

GK made it clear to the meeting that this is a resubmitted application with no major changes.

RH understands ST'S desire to get this resolved. He asked the question that if something has already gone to committee, why are they allowed to resubmit the same application?

RC explained that it is up to the applicant if they want to resubmit, we live in a free society and people have the right to resubmit.

GK explained that the original planning was given for a native hedge. Ironstone is not in a conservation area, but it is opposite one and is also the entrance to the village.

RC explained that the Local Authority can serve an enforcement notice if they feel the need.

RH expressed that regardless of when ST brought the land, at Committee it was stated that the hedge should be replaced (believed to be November 2022).

RB asked if a site visit had been carried out. JT confirmed that yes it had been and the planning officer was minded to support.

GK explained that Planning has said it was regrettable that a substantial wall had been built , but did not object.

A vote was held with the following result:

No representation: 0

Object: 5

No objection: 4

Support: 3

GK asked to have it on record that she had received correspondence that Priors Hardwick wasn't particularly welcoming to young families. She felt that this was not the case, she feels we are a very welcoming village and supportive of plans and aspirations for families to build their homes here. She also added that she felt that we respected integrity and honesty in our dealings with each other.

### **Future Village Events/ Ideas:**

Ideas for events:

– HS2 are shutting down Stoneton Lane for 2 years. It was felt it would be a good opportunity to make the most of the road closure and no traffic. Perhaps a classic car event.

- Carols on the Green – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**AOB:**

MC – Lovely to welcome new residents to the village and to encourage them to join the email list. Need to contact EU to be added. BU suggested a note could be put on the new notice board regarding this.

EU - Asked if the new notice board would be installed, the chairman thought yes.

**The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.**

**The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.**