

Hawkesbury Parish Council



**Minutes of Hawkesbury Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 18th February 2013 at 7.30pm
In the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall**

Present:

H Bleaken (Chair), C Winbow, Cllr Musty, B Robinson and H Jones (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Hope, M Cox, M Frankcom and P Isaac

Public Participation

None

Action

Accept apologies for Absence

Cllr Hope, Cllr Cox, Cllr Frankcom 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

No items had been put to the Parish Council at this stage of the meeting.

4 4.1 Planning Application

PK13/0370/F	The Coppers France Lane Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation .
<p>The Parish Council supports the application; The Parish Council would like the planners to consider; “condition the external walls to match existing” and a sample panel to be approved Should be a design and access statement Not clear on the drawings how far the new development is from the existing boundary.</p>		

4.2 The Old Chapel

Comments received from James Cooke Enforcement Officer South Gloucestershire Council 5th February 2013;

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2013. Pete Mainstone attended at this site yesterday but coincidentally I also looked into the matter recently.

Unfortunately it appears that the planning officer made an error in the report as the plans evidently show an increase in the height of the garage. I can see no reference in the application to the building remaining at the same height but unfortunately that is what was then stated in the report. The 1:25 scale cross section shows the building to be about 5.9m high whereas the original garage is shown as 4.5m. Pete has measured the roof trusses on site and can confirm that these match the height shown on that 1:25 scale cross section so it would appear that the building is being completed in accordance with the approved plans at the 5.9m height. Given the comments in the officer report I can obviously appreciate why the query has been raised and can only apologise for the error.

I hope that this at least explains the confusion and it may be that the resident wishes to take this up with the Development Control Team.”

The Parish Council discussed this email in full; another mistake (3 times over in this case) what can be done, is it worth a letter? This response is disappointing, it highlights the mistakes made, be more careful in the future. This mistake has a big impact on the local environment, they must ensure there is no reassurance this does not happen again, ensure attention to detail.

Another concern was made; could the new development be sold separately? It should be conditioned to prevent this happening.

5 Hawkesbury Recreational Grass Cutting

It was agreed for this item to be discussed in March

This was noted

Agenda item for 4th March 2013

7 Finance

5.1 Cheque for approval and signed

a.	Breakfast Club	£ 83.00
b	Evergreens	£300.00
c	Rainbows	£100.00
d	Guides	£200.00
e	Brownies	£ 67.00
f	Youth Club	£300.00
g	Preschool	£150.00

h	Afterschool Club	£150.00
i	Citizens Advice	£100.00
j	Victim Support	£ 50.00

All the above cheques had been agreed in full by the Parish Council on Monday 4th February 2013 under section 11, page 433. All cheques signed in accordance with the Bank mandate.

8 Allotment

CLlr Bleaken had been approached by an Allotment holder Ms A Eccles plot 9 to see if her allotment plot could be divided in two; Ms Eccles wishes to take over the vacant allotment in addition to closest half her plot; the further part of her allotment to be rented out separately.

The Parish Council discussed this fully and agreed not to split any of the larger allotments.

Mr Hemmingway has agreed to rent the vacant allotment plot 17. It was agreed by the Parish Council last year not to split the long allotments.

The Parish Council agreed to put to Ms Eccles to swop her allotment plot 15a vacant plot the Parish Council will not be splitting her allotment.

To be actioned

Clerk to contact Ms Eccles and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Parish Clerk

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk has placed an Advert in the Parish News for March-Closing Date 15th April 2013. Clerk will also place the advert in both notice boards.

This was noted

Parish Clerk

Councillor item

Broad Band Cllr Robinson

CLlr Robinson asked if anyone had experienced a weak broadband today-this may be a one off (there has been an inset day and the children off school which may be the reason). This needs to be monitored check the broad band speed.

This was noted

Mobile phone signal

The mobile signal has deteriorated generally in Hawkesbury and improved in the environs of the Beaufort Pub; the Parish Council discussed this issue.

Bristol Water

CLlr Bleaken will be starting the work renewing the mains on Inglestone Coomon on Monday 4th March 2013.

This was noted

9 Date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2013 in the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall at 7.30pm.