

# Hadnall Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was conducted on Zoom.

## 21/001 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**Present:** Cllrs Jim Slater (Chair), Arthur Amos, Andy Brisbourne, Barry Bell, Nigel Clifford, Neil Duxbury, John Harrison

**Apologies:** Cllr Barry Davies (work)

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

**Also:** 4 members of the public. SC Cllr Simon Jones joined at 8.35pm.

## 21/002 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Residents raised issues of flooding and road damage (see item 21/012d), and matters relating to item 21/007b. Comments were noted by the Council.

## 21/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

## 21/004 MINUTES

It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of 09/11/2020 and 24/11/2020 as a true and correct record of the meetings.

## 21/005 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Car park purchase** – There has been no further communication from the vendor.
- b) **Moat footpath** – Clerk to try to get a response from the planning consultant and if not, to appoint another. Council **agreed** that a sum not exceeding £300 be made available for planning consultant fees.
- c) **Attenuation pool/flow control chamber** – SJ to continue trying to confirm ownership and maintenance responsibility.
- d) **Streetlight on Astley Lane** – Finally working.

- e) **Speed enforcement data** – No response from police as yet. Clerk to follow up.
- f) **Trees and ditch at Wedgefields** – The church Diocese have promised to see to the ditch as soon as the land has formally been handed back from the lessee.
- g) **Pool Road walkway** – SC have carried out a site visit and suggested a staggered barrier exit to slow cyclists. SC to negotiate with Galliers.
- h) **Pedestrian crossing and related road repairs** – No start date yet, SJ to keep us informed.
- i) **Recreation facilities (older kids)** – JH to go ahead and launch working group using Zoom.
- j) **Tesco Bags of Help** – We have been awarded a grant of £1000 towards play equipment.

## 21/006 OTHER REPORTS

**Cllr Simon Jones** reported updates on HPC matters as above. He drew HPC's attention to the Environmental Maintenance Grant 2021-22. He reported that more than 9000 Shropshire residents have received coronavirus vaccinations. SC are still considering whether to sell the Shirehall site and move into vacant council-owned buildings in the town centre. *[This report was submitted later in the meeting when Cllr Jones arrived]*

Cllr Slater thanked Cllr Jones on behalf of the community for his significant contribution to getting the pedestrian crossing upgrade.

**RAF Shawbury** has informed us that a 4-week period of night flying activity will commence today (11th January).

## 21/007 PLANNING

- a) No planning decisions were published in advance of this meeting.
- b) HPC received and noted the following minutes from the Planning Committee: 01/06/2020, 30/06/2020 and draft minutes for 08/01/2021. HPC considered the proposed response to the Reg 19 Draft Shropshire Local Plan as drafted by the Planning Committee. It was agreed to consider comments from SJ before submitting the response. Once submitted, the response will be made public. The Chairman thanked the Planning Committee, and JH in particular, for their work.

## 21/008 LEGAL MATTERS

The Council agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations 2021 (based on model Financial Regs 2019) with amendments as discussed.

## 21/009 FINANCE

- a) **Update on change of bank** – Unity has been instructed to proceed with the switch of all funds from NatWest. This should take place before the end of January.
- b) **Online payments** – The Council resolved to allow online payments from the Council's Unity Trust Bank account, where all payments shall require authorisation by two signatories. The current signatories are JS, NC, BB, JH and ND. This resolution shall be due for renewal in January 2023.

c) **Payments and receipts**

The Council agreed to make the following payments:

297.40	Clerk's salary & WFH allowance (December)
247.40	HMRC Employer payments April – December 2020
14.39	Zoom account for online meetings (05/01/21-04/02/21)
55.63	Church floodlighting (3 months to 30/11/20)

The following receipts were noted:

500.00	HPC cheque paid into Unity to open account
200.00	NatWest compensation payment for poor service

- d) The Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- e) The Council agreed the **budget** for 2021/22 (separate document).
- f) The Council agreed that the parish **precept** for 2021/22 shall be £12589. This represents a 0% increase on Band D Council Tax.

## 21/010 MEETINGS

The Council agreed to continue meeting monthly until the Annual Council Meeting in May, when meeting frequency will be reviewed again.

## 21/011 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Infil House property for sale. NC to look into viability of HPC purchase and call an extra meeting if required.
- b) A resident suggested that some seating (long benches?) be installed in the Moat area, for distanced chats and for older people to sit out. Request will have to go to Sansaw.
- c) A resident repeated their enquiry about a section of missing hedge on West side of A49 close to Abbot Drive junction. It may well have been left as fencing to allow access to the attenuation tanks for Blacksmiths View. Clerk to ask Sansaw.
- d) Parish Online – there will be a Zoom training session on 29th January 10am – 11.30am to explain the basics of this system.

## 21/012 PARISH MATTERS

- a) JS raised the problem of the overgrown hedge at Hawkstone Close again. It has been reported to SC but no action taken as yet. Clerk to contact our local contractor to see whether this can be added to his schedule.
- b) BB reported flooding and an extremely deep pot hole either side of the railway bridge on the lane between Hardwicke Grange Farm (Ladymas Road) and Haston Road. Clerk and SJ to report.
- c) First streetlight on Blacksmiths View has been reported not working by a resident. Has not been adopted Residents need to contact Galliers.
- d) Flooding and resulting road surface damage has been reported on the A49 close to Astley Lodge. Clerk and SJ to report.
- e) BB asked whether the gate will be put in on the footpath that leads from the village shop to the Moat? Clerk to ask Sansaw.
- f) ND reported that of the 102 pupils registered at the Primary School, 60 are attending school during lockdown. He said that there are one or two pupils at home who may be struggling without laptops/tablets, but that primary schools are not yet able to apply for provision of tech equipment.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FUTURE MEETINGS** – February 8th, March 8th, April 12th. Meetings to continue online until further notice.

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