

# Hadnall Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**The meeting was conducted on Zoom.**

## **21/028 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Present:** Cllrs Jim Slater (Chair), Arthur Amos, Andy Brisbourne, Barry Bell, Barrie Davies, Neil Duxbury, John Harrison. Cllr Nigel Clifford joined at 7.40pm (internet problems).

**Apologies:** None.

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

**Also:** SC Cllr Simon Jones. 2 members of the public.

## **21/029 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No matters were raised.

## **21/030 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **21/031 MINUTES**

It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of 8th February 2021 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

## **21/032 PROGRESS REPORT**

- a) **Moat footpath** – JH met with planning agent on 6th March. The application should be submitted shortly and should not take more than a few weeks to go through.
- b) **Pedestrian crossing and related road repairs** – We are now at the top of the list of CIL projects. SJ will keep us informed re start date.

- c) **Outdoor seating (Moat area)** – JS reported that Sansaw declined idea of donating. **ACTION:** Invite residents to purchase memorial benches (Clerk).
- d) **Pool Road walkway** – Council agreed to the suggested U-barriers to slow cyclists. **ACTION:** Clerk to confirm.
- e) **Speed data/enforcement** – Data has been shared on website, signposted from Facebook. Enforcement in 40mph zones has been requested. **ACTION:** Clerk to publish information in next magazine and repeat Facebook post.
- f) **Local Plan Reg 19 consultation** – Parish Council response has been submitted and is on our website.
- g) **Parish Online/BHIB insurance quote** –No progress to report. Council decided to defer discussion to the Annual Meeting in May.
- h) **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group cheque** – **ACTION:** NC to investigate.
- i) **Wedgefields ditch** – No progress to report. **ACTION:** ND to follow up with school/Diocese/resident.
- j) **Attenuation pool/flood control chamber** – SJ waiting for response from John Bellis (in charge of drainage at SC).

## 21/033 OTHER REPORTS

**SC Cllr Simon Jones** reported that Shawbury Division (Highways) has returned to North area, with Victoria Doran our new maintenance manager. The planning application for the North West Relief Road (to be called the A53) has been submitted. SJ has spoken directly to Matt Johnson, who compiled traffic impact report. He confirmed that the new road is not expected to produce any significant change to traffic volume on the A49 through Hadnall. Shropshire Council has confirmed a Council Tax rise of 3.9%. £40 million is to be invested in Highways over the next 4 years, with new equipment to speed up permanent road repairs.

**Hadnall older children's facilities working group** has run a focus group with local school pupils and created an online survey for all local 7-16 year olds, to discover what facilities the older kids really want. The working group will then factor in cost and location. Their next meeting will be in mid-April.

**Ease working group.** AA has met with a representative of the local volunteer gardeners and produced a report. A good start has been made on what is quite a challenging task. He confirmed that there is quite a formidable growth of couch grass that will need to be tackled. AA recommended planned, specific planting to produce the best low-maintenance display. He suggested that an investment of around £150 is probably needed to achieve this. JS emphasised that volunteers should be clearly informed of the following points:

- The planting area should not be extended.
- All volunteers are working at their own risk and not covered by Parish Council insurance.

## 21/034 PLANNING

- a) It was noted that application 20/05194/FUL (Painsbrook Farm biomass boilers) has been granted permission. Also that an enforcement case (21/07652/ENF 2 Abbot Drive) has been opened.
- b) No planning applications were received in advance of this meeting.

## 21/035 FINANCE

### a) Payments and receipts

Council agreed to make the following payments:

289.20	Clerk's salary & WFH allowance (February)
69.93	HMRC Employer payments
14.39	Zoom account for online meetings (05/03/21-04/04/21)
56.84	Printer ink cartridges

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date. Also, a summary of **Neighbourhood Fund** expenditure to date was received and approved.
- c) **Scottish Power Direct Debit** – This agenda item was cancelled.

## 21/036 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- a) Council noted that the Clerk's appraisal has been completed (JS and NC) and development targets set.
- b) Council agreed to adopt the suggested amendment to the Clerk's contract (monthly payment by Standing Order). Updated contract to be signed on 13/03/21.

## 21/037 ADDITIONAL SPEED SIGN

Council agreed to go ahead with purchase an additional moveable vehicle-activated speed sign (£1500) for use in the 40mph zones. **ACTION:** JS to contact supplier.

## 21/038 COVID UPDATE

No further update to legislation regarding local government meetings has yet been announced.

## 21/039 ELECTIONS

Nomination forms will be available online. Completed forms must be hand-delivered before 4pm on 8th April – drop-off points and appointment system TBC. Postal votes are being encouraged – last date to apply for postal vote is 20th April. In-person polling day 6th May.

Council agreed to organise an online Q&A session for anyone interested in being a parish councillor for Hadnall. **ACTION:** Clerk/JS to set this up.

### **21/040 ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Council decided to defer setting the date for the Annual Meeting, pending government legislation on meetings. There has never been any demand for an Annual Parish Community Meeting in Hadnall.

### **21/041 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Abbots Lea residents' committee has contacted the Parish Council to ask for advice about an alleged failure to comply with planning application (Galliers). SJ has put them in contact with the Planning officer and will keep us updated.
- b) Email from Adrian Brown (Shawbury) regarding North-West Relief Road. Noted.
- c) Healthwatch Shropshire – online survey into patient experience of using 111 First.
- d) SALC - Make a Change online event (encouraging people to stand for election) – this Friday 6.30pm.
- e) Email from Adrian Brown – Crime Incidents in the Parish of Hadnall. Noted.

### **21/042 PARISH MATTERS**

ND reported that the Village Hall accounts will be available soon, once they have been audited.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

**FUTURE MEETINGS** – April 12th.

Meetings to continue online until further notice.

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