

# Hadnall Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm in Hadnall Village Hall.**

### **21/101 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Present:** Cllrs John Harrison (Chairman), Barry Bell, Andy Brisbourne, Neil Duxbury, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston, Sarah Parker.

**Apologies:** Cllr Nigel Clifford, Alison Utting (Clerk).

**Minutes taken by:** Cllr Neil Duxbury

**Also:** SC Cllr Simon Jones and 5 members of the public.

### **21/102 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Jim Slater stated that the hedge at Hawkstone Close had still not been cut even though SC had now taken on liability. Requires chasing up

He also asked when the additional speed sign would be erected. AB/SP said there was difficulty in finding a suitable location but would pursue.

Also asked when the crossing would be done. He has been told it will be by the end of the year but wasn't happy with this. In reply SJ said he had also been chasing this up with WSP and Jason Hughes. The Leader of the Council has a proposed meeting to chase up all outstanding CIL works. It was suggested by SJ that the PC should write to both the Council Leader and the Chief Executive to register their complaint and request urgent action.

Also mentioned dogs roaming free on Village Green and possible fouling. Mr Slater said he has a suitable sign and he would put it up. This was agreed by the PC with thanks.

Another resident asked if there had been any progress on the BT wire in the tree opposite the shop. JH said he had spoken to BT.

### **21/103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration of Interests for the meeting.

SP stated that she had previously enquired from the Clerk about a possible interest in the Planning application at the Saracens due to living close to the site. She had received a reply that stated she shouldn't need to declare this.

## **21/104 MINUTES**

There was unanimous agreement that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 as a true and correct record.

## **21/104 PROGRESS REPORT**

### **a) New footpaths**

BB said that having spoken to the contractors there was a problem with delivery of the chippings. Following a meeting with the contractor everything else was in place to start works.

Following extensive work by SP the PC has still not been able to identify the owners of the land at Wedgefields. A copy of the reply from the Land Registry is available for the records. HJ said he had spoken to Steve Jennings who considers it was handed over to the PC. One suggestion was that we could claim the land having maintained it for a number of years. The PC were informed by AM that, as a public body, they couldn't do this. Clerk to obtain legal advice on the matter.

b) **Pedestrian crossing and related road repairs** – There was nothing to add to the points raised under item 21/102.

### **c) Installation of additional vehicle-activated speed sign**

There were several locations possibly available, and these were being looked at. ND reminded the PC of the need to obtain permission, to use an existing post or erect a new post from SC. Also, any post must give the required height and set back clearance from the carriageway.

It was proposed by BB and seconded by ND that the Parish Council should contact SC for an estimate to install a 75mm post, location yet to be confirmed. Agreed unanimously.

### **d) RoSPA inspection (play area)**

BB is now undertaking regular checks on the play equipment. The annual inspection has been done by RoSPA with some repairs being identified. JH said there was difficulty in getting three quotes for the work so work given to the original contractor at an approx. cost of £300.

- e) **Attenuation pool/flood control chamber** – All sorted. It has been cleaned out and a contractor is in place for any further maintenance.
- f) **Telephone pole overgrown by tree** (opposite shop) – See item 21/102.
- g) **Update on Community Led Plan** – this item was deferred to the next meeting.
- h) **Painsbrook Lane / A49 junction** – There has been no further response on this.

## **21/106 OTHER REPORTS**

### a) **SC Cllr Simon Jones**

The flow chamber and crossing had been dealt with elsewhere. SJ said that SC's programme of pothole repairs was going well. JH asked SJ who was responsible for manhole repairs in the carriageway. SJ said that it was the relevant Utilities responsibility.

BB asked SJ if he could confirm some possible confusion in the local plan where Reg 17/18/19 show different development boundary lines.

### b) **Older Children's Facilities Working Group**

JH said that a presentation was planned for the next PC meeting.

## **21/107 PLANNING**

### a) **Applications:**

*21/03766/FUL Saracens , Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall.*

*Proposal: Erection of two storey building with glazed link following demolition of existing garage building together with internal alterations including relocation of internal stud partitions to adjust existing en-suites within bedrooms.*

This had been discussed at the previous Planning Committee meeting and a decision made to clarify its possible use prior to a decision being taken.

- b) There were no other planning applications received in advance of this meeting.
- c) There were no planning decisions published in advance of this meeting.

## **21/108 LEGAL MATTERS**

### a) **Staffing Committee**

Although this had been dismissed at a previous meeting it was proposed by JH and seconded by AB that we have a Staffing Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Sarah Parker who has a HR background. This was agreed by a majority decision ( 6 to 1).

b) **External audit (AGAR)**

The external audit is now complete, with no matters requiring attention. Thanks were given to the Clerk for her work on this.

**21/109 FINANCE**

a) **Payments and receipts**

Council agreed to make the following **payments**:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to spend</b>
271.20	Clerk's salary (August)	LGA 1972 s112
40.00	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
67.80	PAYE (month 5)	LGA 1972 s112
9.40	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
103.19	Electricity for streetlighting	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
40.00	Data Protection fee	Data Protection Act 2018
88.20	RoSPA inspection fee (play area)	Local Government Act (misc. provisions) 1976 s19
240.00	External audit fee	Audit and Accounts Regulation 2015

Council noted the following **receipts**:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to accept</b>
250.00	Annual rent for Bowling Club	

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) It was agreed that a Direct Debit be set up for payments to Scottish Power for streetlight electricity bills (proposed by BB and seconded by AB).

**21/110 MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

- a) The hedge from Battlefield to Hadnall had now been done. It was agreed that a regular programme of siding out was required as this also effected the width of the footway. The Clerk to liaise with SJ.

## **21/111 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Shropshire Council** - No comments were made re. closure of the Hodnet and Bridgenorth depots.
- b) **West Mercia Police** - There was no Police presence at the meeting. The Clerk to follow up.
- c) **Care Choices** - Correspondence noted and no free copies requested.
- d) **West Mercia Police / We Don't Buy Crime** - ND to check the PC's spare copies of Smartwater and put an article in the Parish Magazine for new residents.
- e) **Request from Local Resident** - There had been a comment from a resident regarding the state of the carriageway between the Garden Centre and Crow's Farm. SJ was asked to progress this.

## **21/112 PARISH MATTERS**

There were no matters put forward for discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**NEXT MEETING** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm.

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

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