

# Hadnall Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm in Hadnall Village Hall.**

Before the meeting began, Cllr Harrison expressed the sadness of many members of the council at hearing of the recent death of Dewi Davies. Dewi served as a parish councillor for many years and was well-respected and liked in his role as Chairman. He will be much missed. All present held a minute's silence.

### **22/001 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies:** None.

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

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

### **22/002 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Local residents raised the following matters:

- a) Can **street lighting** be improved on the main road opposite the church and particularly on the corner of Chapel Road? **ACTION:** Cllrs to see whether any lights are not working and assess whether any further action can be taken.
- b) Improvements and repairs needed to the **Village Hall** – is this the Parish Council's responsibility? JH explained that enquiries are ongoing in order to clarify the legal responsibilities of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, but he emphasised that clearly both bodies are committed to helping this community building to thrive. **ACTION:** Clerk to continue research, VH Committee and HPC to stay in close communication. More people needed for VH Committee – raise at Annual Community Meeting.
- c) Continuing frustration was expressed at the ongoing delays to work at the **pedestrian crossing**. **ACTION:** HPC will continue to press for this, with the support of Cllr Jones.
- d) The **Community Led Plan** (item 22/009) should be led by the community, not the Parish Council. JH responded that HPC will instigate the process, but that

they will make every effort to allow members of the wider community to be involved. **ACTION:** See item 22/009.

### **22/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.**

### **22/004 MINUTES**

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

### **22/005 PROGRESS REPORT**

- a) **Pedestrian crossing** – Still no start date. Cllr Jones reported that he is continuing to put pressure on.
- b) **Installation of additional vehicle-activated speed sign (VAS)** – SP has chased. Highways say covid is causing delays to schedule.
- c) **Local Plan (development) Reg 19 submission** – Slightly vague response received from Julie Ruler. **ACTION:** Clerk to clarify HPC's wish to meet the Inspector. Also to contact Eddie West to confirm whether the development boundary issue is an error or part of the Plan.
- d) **Bin on Village Green play area fence** – Clerk has reported again.
- e) **Damaged road sign by school** – Clerk has reported again.
- f) **Haston Road potholes and flooding** – Clerk has reported again.
- g) **Hawkstone Close hedge** – This has now been done.
- h) **Telephone pole** – BT have inspected but clearly decided no action was needed.
- i) **Hedge alongside 28 Blacksmiths View** – Who is responsible for maintenance?  
**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Sansaw.
- j) **RoSPA (play equipment)** – Clerk to follow up flooring issue with Playdale.

### **22/006 OTHER REPORTS**

- a) **SC Cllr Simon Jones** sent a report by email. SC has worked hard alongside the NHS on the vaccine booster rollout, resulting in 83% take up – one of the best in the UK. Continued hand washing, face coverings and proper ventilation are advised to slow the spread of the virus. SC preparing to increase Council Tax by 3.99%, using reserves to balance the budget. North-West Relief Road is expected to go to Planning Committee in Feb/March. SC is investing almost £3m to make third wheelie bin available to residents, for plastic/metal/glass recycling.

- b) **Staffing Committee** – JH and SP met with the Clerk and carried out an appraisal, agreeing goals for the year ahead. The Staffing Committee are to meet soon to discuss other matters raised.
- c) **Older Kids Play Facilities** – The working group will be meeting soon.

## **22/007 VILLAGE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Martyn Price, who has carried out mowing and other grounds maintenance tasks in the village for over twenty years, has decided to step down. Councillors were unanimous in their appreciation for the fantastic job that Martyn has done and expressed their gratitude for the huge part he has played in life of the community.

**ACTION:** Cllrs agreed that AM and JH will work together to create a job spec. and to put out for tender as soon as possible.

## **22/008 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE (June 2022)**

Cllrs agreed that some form of village celebration would be nice. Also possibly tree planting. **ACTION:** Clerk to put item in village magazine, to see who would be up for organising/supporting an event. Also to contact Sansaw to ask about tree planting.

## **22/009 COMMUNITY LED PLAN**

BB said he may know some younger volunteers who would be willing to lead on this. It was agreed that some sort of launch for the project would be a key part of the Annual Community Meeting in May. **ACTION:** BB to follow up.

## **22/010 SMALL GREEN AT WEDGEFIELDS**

NC proposed that the Parish Council should proceed with efforts to obtain legal ownership of this land, on the grounds of Adverse Possession via the procedures set out in Schedule 6 of the Land Registration Act 2002. This would be based on HPC's previous (not current) tree maintenance and ongoing grass-cutting. He included in his proposal that once Factual Possession was established (estimated cost £40) HPC should go ahead with the previously-planned footpath installation. The proposal was seconded by SP.

Council decided against, by majority vote.

## 22/011 PLANNING

- a) **Applications:** None
- b) **Decisions published:** None

## 22/012 FINANCE

### a) **Payments and receipts**

Council noted the following **payments** made in December 2021:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
271.20	Clerk's salary (November)	LGA 1972 s112
360.00	Repairs to slide	LGA 1976 (miscellaneous provisions) Act s19
18.00	Banking charges	LGA 1972 s111

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
271.20	Clerk's salary (December)	LGA 1972 s112
39.50	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
135.60	PAYE (months 8 and 9)	LGA 1972 s112
104.33	Electricity for streetlighting	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
9.40	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
70.98	Church floodlighting	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
300.00	Village Hall room hire (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) Council agreed the **budget** for 2022-23.
- d) Council agreed to request a **precept** of £13091. This represents an increase of 3.99% (+£1.34 per year on average Band D).

## 22/013 CORRESPONDENCE

**SALC** – Training programme for 2022. SP to attend Planning (2 sessions).

**Gwilym Butler, SC** – Email regarding SC's budget settlement. Link to consultation on SC budget proposals open until 16th February.

**Eddie West, SC** - Update on CIL funding application process.

**SC Street Works Team** - Details of a temporary road closure:

Road Closure: Astley Lane End Of To Upper Astley Junction With A53, Shrewsbury  
(all the time)

Start Date: 14th March 2022

End Date: 16th March 2022

Purpose: Road Closure - Cadent Gas, lay a new gas service to 3 & 4 Rural Cottages.

## **22/014 PARISH MATTERS**

The Clerk recommended **fixmystreet.com** for reporting all sorts of maintenance issues. The exact location of a problem can be marked on a map, photos can be uploaded (recommended) and comments can be added to items previously reported. There seems to be a fairly swift registration of issues and prompt response from relevant department. **ACTION:** Clerk to publicise on website and Facebook.

**HPC MEETING DATES FOR 2022** – 14th March, 9th May (Annual PC Meeting), 11th July, 12th September, 14th November.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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

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