

# Hadnall Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm in Hadnall Village Hall.**

### **22/015 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:** 7 members of the public. SC Cllr Simon Jones.

### **22/016 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Local residents raised the following matters:

**Village Hall** – Residents and Village Hall Committee members urged HPC to support the Village Hall financially (see item 22/023) and discussed the planned works and related expenditure. The Village Hall open meeting had been a big success and new members have joined the Committee. It was asked whether HPC could make purchases on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and reclaim the VAT, but the Clerk made it clear that HMRC legislation forbids this.

Other matters raised were answered either by items on this agenda or by previous resolutions.

### **22/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Duxbury declared an interest in item 22/023. He did not participate in the discussion or vote on this item.

### **22/018 MINUTES**

It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 as a true and correct record.

## 22/019 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Pedestrian crossing** – The work has now been finished. The Chairman expressed thanks to SC Cllr Simon Jones and to parish councillors past and present who have all helped to achieve this result. A few people commented that the lights seem to have been changing to red at random times when nobody is using the crossing. Clerk/SJ to investigate.
- b) **Installation of additional vehicle-activated speed sign (VAS)** – The order for the two posts (one either side of A49 north of Hadnall in 40mph zone) has been placed but Kier are still reporting delays to their schedule. We cannot use the sign in the 40mph zone to the south of the village because the police will not support it (see November 2021 minutes item 21/117c).
- c) **Hedge alongside 28 Blacksmiths View** – Sansaw have added this to their maintenance schedule.
- d) **Wedgefields land (liability query)** – The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation regarding liability and insurance (patch of land at entrance to Wedgefields). Our insurers and SALC have confirmed the following: HPC does not own the patch of land at Wedgefields and has not formally taken responsibility for management of it. Therefore HPC is not liable for any issues relating to use of the land. HPC's public liability insurance would cover any claim directly linked to HPC's activities on the patch of land.
- e) **Jubilee events and trees** – Lots of individuals and groups in the village are planning events to celebrate this landmark occasion. The Parish Council will help to publicise these events. HPC will continue to explore the planting of trees as a legacy of the jubilee year.
- f) **Community Led Plan** – No volunteers have come forward to help steer this. It will be brought up at the Community Meeting (see item 22/024).
- g) **Bin on Village Green play area fence** – fixed.
- h) **Damaged road sign by school** – Still not fixed, Clerk to report again.
- i) **Haston Road potholes and flooding** – No news. Cllrs encouraged to report via [fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com).
- j) **Play area** – Negotiations still ongoing with installer regarding surfacing issue.

## 22/020 OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Older Children's Facilities Working Group** – HJ reported that work is still ongoing to prepare a shortlist of proposals. There are currently three site options (with a possible fourth) and several options of what equipment to go for. They aim to present all the information to residents soon in a parish-wide consultation. This will enable everyone to consider the options and have their say.

- b) **SC Cllr Simon Jones** – Shropshire Council is working hard to prepare for the arrival of Ukrainian refugees. The Government has just released details of the financial support that will be made available, but a great deal of the burden will fall directly on SC. Many people are coming forward to offer accommodation and other support. SC will share any updates and information via media and will update the PC via the Clerk. SJ also reported that Shropshire has managed to avoid an outbreak of avian flu that was centred in the Welshpool area. Ongoing cooperation from bird/poultry owners is much appreciated.
- c) **RAF Shawbury Helicopter Noise Liaison Group** – AB reported from the latest meeting. Complaints have increased slightly in recent months. RAF Shawbury are using social media to good effect in sharing updates, about night flying in particular. They are continuing to campaign for improved visibility for horse riders (giving free hi viz equipment) and for safety awareness for drone operators.

#### **22/021 VILLAGE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

AM reported that six contractors had been contacted for quotes. Three responded. Details of the three quotes were shared in a report to councillors. Council decided unanimously to go for the cheapest quote and BB expressed thanks to AM for all his work on this. The contract will run for one year, to be followed by review and possible three-year renewal. **ACTION:** AM/Clerk to contact contractors.

#### **22/022 STREET LIGHTING REVIEW**

Cllrs reported that four streetlights are not working. **ACTION:** Clerk to report. JH to investigate particular 'dark spot' reported by resident.

#### **22/023 VILLAGE HALL REQUEST FOR GRANT**

The respective roles in law of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee having been clarified (see separate report), the Parish Council considered the application for £5K grant or loan towards the costs of modernising and improving Village Hall facilities. Councillors agreed unanimously to grant £5K, with no repayment required.

#### **22/024 ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING**

It was agreed to plan this for Friday 20th May, Village Hall diary permitting.

## **22/025 PLANNING**

- a) **22/00726/FUL** 4 Pool Road, Hadnall SY4 4BG.

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey rear extension.

Members of the Planning Committee have visited the site and can see no problems with this application. Council agreed to support it.

### **It was noted that the following applications were received and responded to by the Clerk/Planning Advisory Group over the last two months:**

- 21/05985/FUL** Painsbrook Farm, Hadnall, SY4 4BA

Proposal: Construction of two free range poultry houses with feed bins and ancillary equipment.

This application is essentially the same as 21/03061/FUL but with more detail added. The same comments were submitted (HPC supports).

- 22/00326/FUL** Sunnyside Farm, Astley Lane, Hadnall SY4 4BJ

Proposal: Change of use of existing paddock to seasonal caravan pitches to include toilet / shower block as an extension to existing holiday park.

Members of the PAG visited the site. It was agreed to support the application.

- 22/00295/TPO** Wincote, Hadnall SY4 4AG

Proposal: To fell 1no Oak tree protected by Shropshire Council (Blacksmiths View, Hadnall) TPO 2018.

No response submitted.

- b) No further **planning applications** were received in advance of this meeting.

- c) The following **planning decisions** were published in advance of this meeting:

**22/00326/FUL** Sunnyside Farm, Astley Lane, Hadnall SY4 4BJ – withdrawn.

- d) **Local Plan Review** – The Chairman expressed the frustration of the Parish Council that we have not been listened to, despite the best efforts of parish councillors past and present. We are currently waiting to hear whether representatives of Hadnall Parish Council will be invited to present our case to the Inspector. No further action can be taken at this stage.

## **22/026 FINANCE**

- a) **Payments and receipts**

Council noted the following **payments** made in February 2022:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
271.20	Clerk's salary (January)	LGA 1972 s112

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
271.20	Clerk's salary (February)	LGA 1972 s112
52.50	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
135.60	PAYE (months 10 and 11)	LGA 1972 s112
9.40	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
6.00	Land Registry searches	LGA 1972 s111
18.00	Banking charges	LGA 1972 s111

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) Council noted the NALC **national salary award** for 2021-22.

## 22/027 CORRESPONDENCE

**Scottish Power** – Current rate to rise from 12p/kWh to 47p/kWh. Standing Charge to remain at 12p/day. Changes effective from 1st March 2022.

**SALC** – New model Code of Conduct for councillors has been published. This will be proposed for adoption by UMPC at the annual meeting in May.

**Shropshire Council** – Notification of fee (£100) to be charged for 2021 HPC uncontested election. This will be invoiced in financial year 2022-23.

**City Science** – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan for Shropshire. Info and survey sent to Cllrs by email.

**SALC** – Expression of Interest CIL Funding - Future Working (Shropshire Council) Online Briefing - Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 6pm - 7pm. Details sent to Cllrs to book individually.

## 22/028 PARISH MATTERS

Residents are reminded that **fixmystreet.com** is the best way of reporting maintenance issues.

NC requested that a proposal be put on the next agenda to earmark £2K for replacing the Wedgefields footpath (ref. also 21/093a July 2021).

## 22/029 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) Council reviewed the **asset register**. SP pointed out that the third Vehicle Activated Sign needs to be added. Footpaths are not independently realisable and therefore not listed as assets. AB agreed to help transfer the assets onto Parish Online.
- b) Council agreed appoint Lorna Pardoe to carry out the **internal audit** at a cost of £70.
- c) *The Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item to progress a confidential staffing matter, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Data Protection Act 1998.*
- d) Council received the report of the **Staffing Committee** and considered its recommendations (see separate confidential document). It was agreed unanimously to accept those recommendations.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

**The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting  
on 9th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Future meeting dates – 11th July, 12th September, 14th November.

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

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