

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

22/055 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies: Cllr Andy Brisbourne (accepted), Cllr Sarah Parker (accepted).

Clerk: Alison Utting

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

22/056 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident, who has been looking after the small garden area by the church, brought up the matter of the wall there. The plaque mentions the Parish Council and the W.I. The bricks are in very poor condition and it would seem that a new retaining wall needs to be built in front of it. HJ to speak to the builder who installed it, to discuss how to proceed.

It was reported that there are still faulty streetlights on Chapel Close. ND and JH to check after dark and report to the Clerk.

A resident of Blacksmiths View expressed concern about the maintenance of trees there. JH to go with him and identify the exact location of the relevant trees so that we can find out whose land they are situated on. BB to check for a previous minuted item regarding this. SJ to see whether we can get information on TPOs in the parish.

A resident queried the lack of mowing that has taken place on the grassed area next to the Moat. Clerk to contact Sansaw Estate to find out whether this is purposeful and whether it is temporary.

A member of the Village Hall Committee shared details of a family theatre production 'Toad of Toad Hall' taking place at the hall on Sunday 17th July at 2pm.

A resident reported growth of ragwort along the Shropshire Way footpath between the A49 and the railway crossing. Clerk to notify Sansaw Estate.

22/057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

22/058 MINUTES

It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th June 2022 as a true and correct record.

22/059 ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING AND AWARDS NIGHT

JH shared a report (separate document) and thanked all those involved with making it happen. Around 60 residents attended. Some of the issues discussed are to be fed into the Community Led Plan.

22/060 PROGRESS REPORT

a) Local Plan (Regulation 19 process) update

BB summarised the efforts that he and JH have gone to to represent the views of the parishioners in this matter. There has been a huge amount of data to wade through.

With regard to the **hierarchy of settlements**, it is clear that Hadnall has been accurately assessed as meeting the criteria to be a hub and we do not have any grounds to challenge that. He clarified that the new criteria now in place supersedes previous iterations of the hierarchy scheme.

The **recommended site for future development** (L06) has emerged from a long list of sites which has been whittled down using various selection criteria. All other proposed sites have been designated as 'recommended to keep as countryside'. However, the recommended site ignores the majority view of parishioners that development should be East/West of the village centre, not along the A49. BB and JH will be able to argue that point at the next round of hearings.

All Regulation 19 hearings are now being held online, following a number of people testing positive for Covid after the initial hearings.

b) Haston Road/lane towards Pimhill surface repairs

The works scheduled for 31st May to 7th June were not carried out (adverse weather conditions). The Streetworks Team have not replied to queries on a new date. Some temporary hole filling has been done. Clerk to follow up again.

c) Installation of new vehicle-activated speed sign in 40mph zone

We are still waiting for the post to be installed.

d) Jubilee trees – planting to be organised in the autumn.

- e) **Building work at Infil House** – The Parish Council was asked to monitor the work being carried out. There has still been no planning application submitted. The Parish Council has now handed this matter over to Planning Enforcement.
- f) **Streetlight repairs**
Some repairs completed but some issues outstanding. ND and JH to do survey and report to the clerk. Work recommended on streetlight No 8 (Hermitage Farm) to replace bracket, LED and box will cost £482.50. Clerk to find out whether this is urgent.
- g) **Invasive weed problem**
Still no progress. Clerk to contact John Bellis, drainage team Shropshire Council.
- h) **Bank signatories**
JS has been removed. HJ and existing signatories have signed forms which will now be submitted.
- i) **Damaged trees** (behind Chapel Road and on Shropshire Way) have now been sorted.

22/061 OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Police** – No communication from them, other than a survey which the Parish Council has been asked to complete. Council resolved that NC should complete the survey on its behalf.
- b) **Shropshire Council** – Cllr Simon Jones is just recovering from quite a severe case of Covid and therefore has not been working for the past few weeks. His main report is that Covid cases are definitely on the increase again: There are 100+ Covid patients in Shrewsbury and Telford hospitals currently and some care homes have been forced to close. He urged people to take sensible precautions to protect themselves, especially if vulnerable.
- c) **Village Hall** – New committee is making good progress. They have launched a new website, with help from NC. A link is in place on the Parish Council website. Parishioners are encouraged to support the Pantaloons production (see 22/056) and the Village Fete on 11th September.
- d) **Primary School** – They are still in need of a Local Authority Governor to join the school governors. BB said he would be willing. SJ to action.

22/062 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

A small number of volunteers has come forward (more always welcome). Council agreed that a working group should be set up to steer this, with ND and JH representing the Parish Council. Working group to report back to the Parish Council.

22/063 MAINTENANCE MATTERS

a) Tree maintenance at Wedgefields

NC quoted from a document he had received from Access2Trees (Quote No. 858, 04/04/2022) regarding work required on a couple of the trees at Wedgefields: Deadwood in maple trees overhanging the installed footpath; removal of a dead tree; and reduction/removal of a maple overhanging the road. NC stated that Access2Trees had surveyed all the trees on the site and that this work was urgently needed, saying that the deadwood above the footpath presents a real and present risk to seriously injure parents and young children who use the path daily to access the school.

NC proposed an amendment to the original motion as follows:

22/063A: 'That the Parish Council should undertake to have the recommended work carried out to the three field maples and the dead tree, as listed in the quote, at a cost of £372.00.' This amendment was carried.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- The quote given is vastly lower than an estimate given previously by a local expert. Council would like to check the quote, the previous estimate, and obtain another if necessary.
- There are many trees in and around residential areas of the parish. If the Parish Council sets a precedent by undertaking this work, it could result in many more residents seeking the same commitment.
- Newer developments have Service Charges built into the sale agreements for properties, allowing for this type of work to be funded. Unfortunately, this system was not in place when Wedgefields was built.
- Residents who already pay their own Service Charge should not be expected to subsidise (through their Council Tax) service work on other developments.
- Undertaking this work might result in the Parish Council being held legally liable for the land. (Current liability is clarified in 22/019(d))
- Council indicated that they would be happy to consider a grant application from a Wedgefields residents' group if one were to be formed.

The amended motion 22/063A was put to the vote and Council voted against by majority.

The following matters arising from this discussion are to be progressed:

- AM to continue efforts to identify the legal owner of the land. SJ to find out what the proper course of action is if those efforts are fruitless.

- NC to consult with Wedgefields residents.
- JH to consult with Access2Trees and Arthur Amos.
- Possible temporary closure of the footpath.

b) **Grounds maintenance schedule** – All seems to be sorted now. Any anomalies to be reported to the Clerk or AM. Hedgerows are on the schedule for later in the year.

22/064 PLANNING

a) **22/02365/FUL 7 Magdalene View**, Hadnall SY4 4AZ.

Proposal: Erection of a single-storey rear extension and erection of new detached garage following conversion of existing.

The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

b) Any further **planning applications** received in advance of this meeting – None.

c) Any **planning decisions** published in advance of this meeting – None.

d) Council noted the following information from Shropshire Council Planning:

“In relation to the site notice, these are sent direct to applicants to display the site notice, however case officers will still site them should the applicants not be able to. The site notice must be displayed for 21 days. We ask for confirmation that the site notice has been displayed and photographic evidence but that is not to say they are not removed after. Should you come across any concerns in relation to site notices not being displayed for the required 21 days then please let us know so that we can look into it.

The Local Planning authority no longer serve notice on adjoining occupiers, this is because The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requires us to do one of the following:

(a) by site display in at least one place on or near the land to which the application relates for not less than 21 days; or

(b) by serving the notice on any adjoining owner or occupier

Therefore we now only request that the site notice is displayed.”

22/065 FINANCE

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
278.60	Clerk's salary (June)	LGA 1972 s112
67.23	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
133.00	PAYE (months 2 and 3)	LGA 1972 s112
9.40	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
140.00	Community Awards (Chair's Allowance)	LGA 1972 ss15(5) and 34(5)

19.50	Key cutting (notice boards)	Local Government Act 1982, s. 142
100.00	Election fee (May 2021)	LGA 1972 s111
70.00	Internal audit fee	Audit and Accounts Regulation 2015
118.80	Annual charge for AED support number	Public Health Act 1875 s234
52.02	Printing and envelopes (Community Meeting)	Local Government Act 1982, s. 142
550.00	K&S Landscapes (mowing etc.)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10

b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.

22/066 CORRESPONDENCE

SALC – Chairmanship training available (online) Wed 5th & 12th Oct 9.30am – 1pm.

Shropshire Libraries – Consultation running until 3rd August (details on email).

Resident – Problems with A49 footpath overgrown. Has been cut back once.

SC - Survey re: EV charging equipment.

Neil Duxbury & Barney Leary – Letters of thanks re Community Awards

Cool Shropshire & Telford – Do we want to register? Free environmental tool to help small and micro businesses join the push for net zero carbon emissions in Shropshire by 2030.

Highways – Road Closure: Haston Road, Near Hadnall. 26th August 2022 (one day). Purpose: BT Openreach - replace one pole.

22/067 PARISH MATTERS

A49 resurfacing (scheduled for 14-21 June) did not happen. Clerk to investigate.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

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