

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

[The meeting scheduled for 12/09/2022 could not take place because of the Period of National Mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II.]

22/068 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs John Harrison (Chairman), Nigel Clifford, Neil Duxbury, Andrew Marston, Sarah Parker. Cllr Andy Brisbourne arrived before item 22/072.

Apologies: Cllr Barry Bell (accepted), Cllr Harmesh Jassel (accepted).

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Simon Jones, 3 members of the public.

22/069 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the Village Hall Committee thanked everyone for supporting the Village Fête. It was a great success. She also mentioned the fantastic job that the grounds contractors had done in making the village green look so smart in time for the fête. JH offered thanks in turn to all who had worked so hard to organise and put on the event.

A resident brought up a section of hedge that needs cutting – JH to report on fixmystreet.com

It was also asked whether there was any chance of Hadnall Railway Station being reopened. Residents could be consulted on this as part of the Community Led Plan process.

22/070 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

22/071 MINUTES

It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2022 as a true and correct record.

22/072 PROGRESS REPORT

a) Repairs to wall in garden area by church

This has been completed. Clerk to thank the person who did it.

b) Tree maintenance matters (Blacksmiths)

JH had met with the resident who raised the question and had been in touch with Alison Husker, Arborocultural Officer at SC. She confirmed that responsibility for maintenance of trees will lie with whoever owns the land they are on. The Clerk now has a map showing all the trees with TPOs.

c) Matters raised at last meeting with regard to land at Wedgefields

- i. Efforts to identify the legal owner of the land (AM) – no progress to report. Proper course of action if those efforts are fruitless (SJ) – this has not been ascertained. Clerk to follow up.
- ii. Consultation with Wedgefields residents. NC reported that he had consulted with “most of the residents” and that there was no willingness to take on responsibility for the land. There was no documentation to bear this out. During discussion, JH pointed out that adoption of the land by the Parish Council could possibly lead in the future to alternative uses for the land being considered (e.g. car park for the school, or for a community building) for the benefit of the parish as a whole. NC said this was a “veiled threat” but JH pointed out that it is important that residents are properly consulted and have information about all possible outcomes of the PC adopting the land.
- iii. JH to consult with tree experts. JH spoke to James from Access2Trees on Wednesday 13th July and he immediately gave reassurance that there was no likelihood “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”. In addition, he stated that he had only been asked to look at trees in the immediate area of the path and not an assessment of the full site.

In August, JH and SP met with professional tree surgeons from two companies to survey all of the trees on the site. Both clearly stated that there is no present risk and no urgent work is required. Looking at the longer term, Benbow Bros. report (separate document) recommended initial work (thinning out) at £2,000 - £2,500 + VAT and said that future budgeting should be <£1k p.a. (though an individual year could be more following storms or disease). Access2Trees gave a verbal quote of £500-£600 every few years, following initial work already quoted at £400.

- iv. Possible temporary closure of the footpath. Given the information above, this was not considered necessary.

It was agreed that once the necessary information is available, the proposal for the Parish Council to adopt the land should be brought again as an agenda item.

During discussion, NC again accused the Parish Council of 'fiddling the books' with regard to the funding application for the footpath project (SC CIL funding). This was absolutely rebuffed by the Chair and other councillors, and the Clerk offered to again share all of the relevant documentation with NC to demonstrate that this was clearly not the case.

d) **Mowing by Moat area**

This area of grass was left to grow as part of the 'No Mow May' scheme and has now been cut.

e) **Ragwort reported at last meeting**

Clerk to check with Sansaw whether this has now been cleared.

f) **Haston Road/lane towards Pimhill surface repairs, and also A49 village centre surface repairs**

Both sets of works scheduled for May/June were not carried out (adverse weather conditions) and the Clerk has been unable to get confirmation of a rescheduled date. SJ to follow up.

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

SP has chased this again. We are still waiting for the post to be installed.

h) **Streetlight repairs**

All repairs have now been completed.

i) **Invasive weed problem**

This is now being dealt with.

j) **Bank signatories**

HJ is now a signatory.

k) **Local Plan (Reg 19 process)**

The process is continuing, with no predicted finish date.

l) **Jubilee trees**

JH to liaise with Arthur Amos and arrange the tree planting for the weekend of 19th November. Council agreed to involve local groups in the planting of time capsules alongside the trees, as suggested by a resident. This is to be progressed alongside the organisation of the tree planting ceremony.

m) **RoSPA inspection**

This has not been completed yet (SC).

22/073 OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Police** – No report received.
- b) **Shropshire Council** – Cllr Simon Jones shared information about the Shropshire Healthy Weight Strategy consultation, which runs until 31st October. He also said that SC is hopeful for success with its current funding bid for public transport from the Levelling Up fund. Highway repairs are continuing with better quality pothole repairs being carried out using SC’s three Multihog machines.
- c) **Village Hall** – The Village Fête was a great success. There have been some changes to the Committee – more information to follow.
- d) **Community Led Plan** – A small steering group has been formed (more members always welcome).

22/074 STANDING ORDERS

Following a few minor amendments, Council resolved by majority vote to adopt the new Standing Orders. These will now be published on the HPC website.

22/075 PLANNING

- a) *22/03734/FUL Sunnyside Farm, Astley Lane, Hadnall SY4 4BJ*
Application under Section 73A of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use of existing paddock to seasonal caravan pitches to include toilet/shower block, erection of storage building, as an extension to existing holiday park. HPC has previously responded to the earlier application 22/00326/FUL and so no further response was submitted.
- b) No further **planning applications** were received in advance of this meeting.
- c) The following **planning decisions** were published by Shropshire Council:
22/02365/FUL 7 Magdalene View. Erection of a single storey rear extension and erection of new detached garage following conversion of existing. SC decision: Grant Permission.
22/03329/FUL [Supplementary to 22/02365] 2 Hawksmoor Lane. Erection of a storage building. SC decision: Grant permission

22/076 FINANCE

- a) Council agreed to set up a Direct Debit for the annual payment of the Data Protection Fee to the ICO (£35 pa)
- b) Council noted the following **payments** made in August 2022:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
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278.40	Clerk's salary (July)	LGA 1972 s112
370.73	Electricity for street lighting (April, May, June)	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
278.60	Clerk's salary (August)	LGA 1972 s112
39.50	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
133.00	PAYE (months 4 and 5)	LGA 1972 s112
9.40	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
26.96	Church floodlighting (April, May, June)	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
667.20	Streetlight repairs (Hermitage Farm and Wedgefields)	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
550.00	K&S Landscapes (mowing etc.)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
8377.89	Reclaimed VAT (2021-22)	Value Added Tax Act 1994, s33
250.00	Annual rent for Bowling Club	LGA (Misc. provisions) 1976 s19 (2)

- c) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- d) There has been no final report received yet from the external auditors (PKF Littlejohn).

22/077 CORRESPONDENCE

NALC/SLCC – Civility and Respect Project. Council agreed to set this as an agenda item in November and if agreed, to undertake the related training.

Village Hall – New hire charges have been published.

SALC - Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 11 November, 2022 via Zoom starting at 6pm. Each member council can send up to two voting representatives to the AGM, one of whom may be the Clerk.

SC Highways – New communication officer appointed (Laura Howells). To liaise regarding following year's roadworks.

West Mercia Police - Local Policing Charter Meeting Thursday, 13 October 2022 online. Info on request from Clerk.

Highways

Wood Road, Hadnall. 14th – 15th Nov 2022. Road Closure - WORKING ON HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES CROSSING WOOD ROAD.

22/078 MEETING DATES

The following meetings were scheduled for 2023: January 9th, March 13th, May 8th (Annual Meeting), July 10th, September 11th, November 13th.

22/079 PARISH MATTERS

AM pointed out that the **grounds maintenance contract for 2023** needs to be on the agenda for November.

SP mentioned that there is a **scheduled power outage** for Hadnall all day on 28th October. This had been communicated by a Scottish Power representative on the doorstep.

The tree surgeons (22/072 c) also surveyed the **trees on the village green** and had no significant issues to report. JH & SP were given some pointers as to things to watch out for and look at over coming years.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Next meeting – Monday 14th November.

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