

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 20th March 2025 at 7.00pm in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Sue Adeney, Alex Walker, Lesley Smith, Pippa Barkley, Angela Hartland, Steve Pennant,

Apologies: Cllr Sara Beadon, PC Johns, Graham Holmes (PFW).

In Attendance: The Clerk, C & DCllr Tom Wells, DCllr Kathy Wells, Steve Gogerty (NDP), Nick Harper (PW), Lucy Bird WCALC, 6 Parishioners.

32/25 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

33/25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors.

- a) Declarations of Interest: None were received
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

34/25 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20th February 2025 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

35/25 Lucy Bird – Health & Wellbeing WCALC: Cllrs Barkley & Hartland had attended a webinar for Parish Councils regarding Community Health and Wellbeing and had asked Lucy to attend and explain about her role and the assistance that was available to Parish Councils. Lucy explained what her role entailed and how she was there to assist with bringing groups and community together and to help bring resources like Age UK into the Parish. The importance of updating the Parish Plan was discussed especially with the current moves towards devolution. The last plan was 25 years old. It was hoped there might be a possibility of combining surveys or questionnaires to the residents for both the NHDP and the Parish Plan. There would be a webinar on the 25th March to discuss Signposting.

36/25 Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.

No questions were raised from the floor.

37/25 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.
- b) A follow up meeting was proposed for the 10th April in the Chapel at St. Mary's; parishioners and school staff would be invited to attend to discuss the ongoing school related matters in Hanley Castle.

ACTION: Cllrs Adeney & Barkley to arrange meeting.

- c) Fencing around the BL site had not been put up as harris fencing placed round the building site was in the way. The site was being monitored and the fence would be erected when possible.

38/25 Finance:

- a) The payments notified in writing prior to the meeting were considered and **APPROVED**.
- b) Receipts Received. None.

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39/25 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications:

<u>M/25/00252/CCO</u>	Pool House Hanley Road Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PA	Discharge of conditions 3 (Parking provision),4 (Flood Evacuation Plan),5 (External lighting) and 6 (Bat and bird boxes) of planning permission M/23/01033/FUL.
No objection – application approved prior to meeting		

b) Applications received after Agenda: None

c) Planning Decisions:

<u>M/25/00004/HP</u>	1 St Gabriels Terrace	Extension to first floor (retrospective).	Application Approved
<u>M/24/01752/FUL</u>	Broadacres Farm Haylers End	Proposed roofing over of a open livestock yard.	Application Approved

d) The Atlas Mast application in Welland was discussed. Cllr Hartland had spoken to a lot of parishioners and many were concerned about the poor mobile connectivity. Cllr Roberts thanked Cllr Hartland for her hard work.

e) 5 Horton Lea was discussed as a neighbour had reported that work had started even though the application had not been determined. Enforcement had been contacted and were investigating the complaint. It was agreed to contact the case officer to show support for the parishioner.

40/25 District and County Councillors' Reports: Cllr Tom Wells discussed a meeting that had been held with Welland PC, Hanley Castle PC, the Police and WCC regarding Danemoor Crossroads. It had been a very good meeting and the accident statistics were discussed in depth. New signage and dragons teeth had been installed. It was agreed to monitor traffic numbers coming down Hook Bank in the near future and then again when the Upton route was closed due to flooding to gauge the impact of the diversion.

A new community recognition scheme was being launched to celebrate local heroes and it was agreed to put Peter Goodyear's name forward. County Council Elections would take place on the 1st May. It would be for a shorter term due to Devolution.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the recognition scheme.

41/25 Reports.

a) **Path Warden** – Cllr Pennant had received his training and had taken over the role. He talked through his report and explained the interactive map that was on WCC website, with symbols that denoted reported issues. He shared the link that parishioners could use to report pathway issues directly to WCC.

b) **Pond Warden** – everything was well.

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- c) **Playing Field Warden** – The damaged decking on the climbing frame had been replaced by HAGS. The hedge from the Primary School was still encroaching on the play area. Cllr Adeney would ask if it could be trimmed back at the appropriate time.

ACTION: Ask the primary school if this can be done as it is on their side of the fence.

- d) **NHDP** – An update was provided.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to email received from RCA.

- e) **Local Police** – Nothing reported. The Clerk was asked if they had commented on the number of vehicle thefts that had taken place in the parish in recent weeks. The Clerk advised that nothing had been mentioned so would contact PC Johns. It was suggested that something was included in the Parish Link to advise parishioners.

ACTION: The Clerk to ask about the recent spate of car thefts and Cllr Walker to include in the Parish Link section.

- f) **Allotments:** A request for an update had been made to the Solicitors.

ACTION: The Clerk to repeat the request for an update ahead of the April meeting.

41/25 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman – to continue with his normal work.
b) Gilberts End – PC Johns had agreed to monitor the parking issue caused by parents waiting for students from the High School.

42/25 Hanley Environment Group

- a) Village Hall Cavity Wall installation – Cllr Pennant updated the Council on the installation project. No funding was available from other sources and therefore it was recommended that the HEG paid for the installation, provided the Village Hall Committee were in agreement, as put forward at the February meeting. As there were no other funding options available the Councillors were all in favour of the expenditure.

ACTION: To write to the Village Hall committee to extend the offer of paying for the cavity wall insulation.

- b) Environmental Talk held on 12th March – this had been a very successful event with speakers from the wildlife trust, it had the maximum capacity attendees.

- c) Litter Pick 22nd March – Everything was ready for 10am start in both villages.

ACTION: Clerk to ask MHDC to collect bags on Monday 24th.

43/25 Correspondence

- a) Zurich Insurance – Article on How to Recruit & Retain Volunteers.

ACTION: The Clerk to circulate it to the Councillors.

44/25 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners.

- a) Three Counties Free Tickets – Changes to the distribution process were noted; an app would be required to receive and to distribute the tickets. Cllr Walker offered to take over the distribution and Cllr Smith would send him posters for advertising.

ACTION: The Clerk to send the contact information to Cllr Walker and Cllr Smith to do a hand over.

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- b) Cllr Walker raised the issue of cars speeding past the Swan and concerns that someone might be knocked over. Possible solutions were discussed and it was proposed that if one half of the triangle could be blocked off it might help.

ACTION: The Clerk to ask WCC Highways and Cllr Wells if this would be possible.

- c) Cllr Adeney advised that Beer and Ethics on the 24th March was about Being a Parish Councillor and asked that the Council supported the event.
d) Cllr Smith raised the issue of the WCC tree planting and reported that a parishioner was still upset by the location of one of the trees.

ACTION: Cllr Adeney offered to contact the parishioner and discuss it with them.

- e) Cllr Hartland asked what the situation was with the Dream Lodge planning application as it looked like another lodge had been installed.

ACTION: Cllr Hartland to look at the site and the Clerk to contact Planning.

45/25 Items for the next agenda:

- a) Invite Three Counties CEO to a future meeting.

46/25 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 17th April 2025 (Maundy Thursday). [A post meeting request changed it to 24th April.]

Signed Date: 24th April 2025
Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 20th March 2025

Payments Approved at March Meeting

Payments to be Approved March Meeting

Red Penguin	Letter Printing	£120.00
Jackie Bass	HEG Refreshment	£22.73
Jane Jodan	Websaite Annual Fees	£52.39
HAGS	Decking Replacement	£1,210.80
HMRC PAYE	Q4 Payment	£22.08

Signed Date: 24th April 2025
Chairman