

# HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

**Apologies:** Graham Holmes (PFW).

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Steve Gogerty (NHDP), Nick Harper (Pond Warden) and 3 parishioners

**75/25 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the June meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

**76/25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors**

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that they must be kept up to date.
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

***Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.***

The question of payment to the Village Hall in respect of the parking contribution for next year for the parents at the Primary School was raised. **ACTION: It was agreed to put it on the August Agenda as an item of discussion.**

Concern was raised by a parishioner regarding the glamping pods application; the concerns were listened to and discussed. The agent for the planning application at Badgers, Church End, asked if there were any questions the Council had regarding the application as he was happy to try to answer them. Questions centred on the size and height of the proposed building.

**77/25 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 had been previously circulated, and the minutes were **approved**.

**78/25 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.

**79/25 Finance:**

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments - The payments in Appendix 1 were agreed.
- b) No receipts received.

**80/25 Planning:**

- a) To Consider planning applications received:

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Application Number	Location	Proposal
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00428/CU</u></a>	Little Hanley Farm Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 ODX	The use of land for siting of 3 glamping pods as holiday lets and erection of barn for ancillary storage, associated parking, hard and soft landscaping.
<i>Objection – Permanent Structure so Development in open countryside, no owners on site, gated entrance via the Workshops, too close to PROW.</i>		
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00755/FUL</u></a>	Badgers Church End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 OBL	Erection of two and a half storey self-build dwellinghouse, garage and associated parking, to replace existing single storey dwelling
<i>Concerns over height of proposed building and whether only 30% of the original footprint. Welcome the site being developed and that it is multigenerational accommodation, request condition garage cannot be converted to living accommodation.</i>		
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00808/AGR</u></a>	Severn End Hanley Castle	Prior Notification for a new agricultural storage building
MHDC determined a planning application was required to be submitted.		
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00806/AGR</u></a>	Merevale Farm Worcester Road Hanley Castle Worcester WR8	Construction of a farm track
Parish Council supportive of the application for safety reasons – Application Approved.		

- b)** To Consider applications received after Agenda – None received but new Atlas application had been submitted. **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to draft a response and circulate to Councillors.**
- c)** To Consider any Appeals received: **M/25/00438/PIP at Mortimer Lodge** – It was felt that no additional comments were required to be made to the inspectorate and the comments on the application were sufficient.

**d) Planning Decisions:**

<a href="#"><u>M/25/00573/CLPU</u></a>	Merebrook Farm Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 ODX	Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed change of use from agricultural to park land	Application Withdrawn
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<a href="#"><u>M/25/00438/PIP</u></a>	Mortimer Lodge Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DN	Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of up to 2 no. dwellings	Application Refused
Planning Appeal Lodged - <b>M/25/00438/PIP at Mortimer Lodge</b>			
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00481/FUL</u></a>	Land At (Os 8157 4258) Picken End Hanley Swan	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 18/01536/FUL (Proposed new dwelling)	Application Approved
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00539/HP</u></a>	The Chestnuts Gilberts End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AS	Front and side single storey extensions to replace existing bay windows and entrance porch and alterations to fenestration.	Application Approved
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00481/FUL</u></a>	Land At (Os 8157 4258) Picken End Hanley Swan	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 18/01536/FUL (Proposed new dwelling)	Application Approved
<a href="#"><u>M/24/01568/FUL</u></a>	Land At (Os 8157 4265) Winnington Gardens Hanley Swan	Erection of four dwellings, new access arrangements and associated works.	Application Refused

**81/25 District and County Councillors' Reports:** Monthly report circulated.

### **82/25 Reports of the:**

- a) Parish Paths Warden (Steve Pennant) – Cllr Pennant talked through his report thanking Marjorie Nelson for her assistance. He was arranging a full day of work for the Lengthsman to cut back reported vegetation.
- b) Pond Wardens – Duck houses had been cleaned. It was agreed that risk assessments would be helpful for work at the pond and for volunteers. A request was made for a drysuit as that was felt to be a safer option than wearing waders as the water could be deep in parts. **ACTION: Look at Risk Assessments for pond work and look into the cost of drysuits.**
- c) Playing Field Warden (Graham Holmes) – Broken Fence had been reported: **ACTION: Cllr Roberts would ask Malcolm to look at replacing the damaged sections.**
- d) NHDP (Steve Gogerty) – Steve provided an update on the NHDP and it was hoped that it would be made by the end of June. He provided good insight into what might be required to keep the Plan in place post 2030. The Chairman

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thanked Steve for all his hard work as it had been a mammoth task which was undertaken at very little cost to the Parish. All agreed it was a tremendous undertaking.

- e) Allotment Update - The email received from the Solicitor was read out.
- f) Local Police (Kev Johns) – June Bulletin Circulated

### 83/25 Highways Matters

- a) Road Safety Matters – The new VAS sign had been purchased and the Lengthsman had been asked to install it. A vote on White Gates in Hanley Castle had come out in favour and so Cllrs Beadon & Barkley would speak to Highways to find a recommended location for them. Once the site was located a quote could be obtained. A site visit would be taking place at Honeypots Lane to see what could be done to reduce the accident risk. Data from the VAS had been downloaded. It was talked through and it was agreed that regular data reports would be produced and shared with the Council and the Police.

Disappointment that the dropped kerb to the Village Green had not been approved by Highways. It was agreed to provide more detailed information as to why it was required, namely to provide access for parishioners with restricted mobility. **ACTION: Cllrs Beadon & Barkley to liaise with Highways over the matters raised and to produce regular data reports.**

- b) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – Cllr Pennant was taking over the request of work for the Lengthsman and would look to provide full days of work. He asked Councillors to email him with any jobs around the villages.

**ACTION: Cllr Pennant to prepare a list and ask the Lengthsman.**

### 84/25 Hanley Environment Group

The group were looking into who wanted trees in the future. Habitat group were doing some really good work. They were waiting for the cavity wall insulation at the Village Hall to take place.

### 85/25 Correspondence

- a) First Bus Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> June Cllrs Adeney, Beadon & Smith attending.
- b) The Seats Opposite the Swan required attention – Nick to remind Gigi of her offer to undertake the work.
- c) Have your say to shape Worcestershire Survey – Circulated/ agree if single response or individual. Closing date 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- d) Save the Date – Local Government Reorg Briefing on Teams – 7pm, 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### 86/25 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

- a) Three Counties Free Tickets – update on distribution provided by Cllr Walker.
- b) Smart Water – Decision to proceed with the purchase.
- c) Tree Warden – Cllr Pennant had agreed to take on the role of Tree Warden.
- d) Community Survey & Plan – The question was asked as to what should be included in the community survey to enable the Council to plan for the future. It would need to be a paper survey to reach all in the community. Cllr Pennant

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offered to write to the Councillors to find out what they would like to see included. A working party would be required to be set up to include councillors and parishioners and it would be advertised on social media in September.

**ACTION: Cllr Pennant to start collating ideas on what should be included.**

e) Possibility of Tree from Cllr Beadon – The Parish Council would like to look into using the tree that was offered by Cllr Beadon. **ACTION: Cllr Walker to look into the viability of transporting it to be used as a Christmas Tree.**

f) Cemex update – circulated ahead of meeting

**87/25 Items for the next agenda:** David Prescott CEO of The Three Counties Showground invited to attend.

**88/25 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025. This would be in place of a July Meeting.

Signed ..... Date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Chairman

### Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

New Farm Ground Maintenance	May Grass Cuts	£825.70
Elan VAS	Vehicle activated Sign	£3,000.00
S Bennett	Refreshments for HEG Event on 5th June	£38.00
R Abunassar	McAfee Renewal Subscription	£109.99
		<b>£3,973.69</b>

Signed ..... Date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Chairman