

# Hanley Castle Parish Council

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

**Apologies:** Peter Goodyear (PPW), Graham Holmes (PFW).

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, D&CCllr Tom Wells, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), Steve Gogerty (NHDP), David Prescott CEO Three Counties Showground and 35 parishioners.

**01/24 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2024, especially to guest David Prescott and the many Parishioners that were in attendance. Cllr Roberts accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

## **02/24 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors**

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that they must be kept up to date. The Monitoring Officer had requested up-dated signed forms from **SA, SB, AS, AW & PB.**

**ACTION: To complete and sign Declarations of Interest Forms.**

- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

**03/24 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved.**

**04/24 David Prescott (CEO of Three Counties Showground).** Mr Prescott addressed the meeting and gave an update on his first year. Overall it had been very good, each of the main shows had had problems but they all were overcome. They were facing challenges with increasing costs especially that of Marquee hire. They were pushing forward with green renewable energy and were aiming to get to net zero or better. He was asked about noise from the venue and contractual conditions regarding finishing times and noise levels. He confirmed that they were in place and that events were monitored; they have received very few complaints but have had confusion over noise from other venues. They were now offering a ticket for the whole year priced at £75; the Council said that they would promote the offer. Mobile coverage was discussed and the work that they had done was shared with the Parish Council. **ACTION: Circulate the information provided with Cllr Hartland.**

He confirmed that the chalets in Langdale Wood were going ahead, they shouldn't be obtrusive and they would request that the speed limit on Blackmore Park Road is reduced. They were looking to have a cycle path across the Showground and the Parish Council said they would investigate the conditions attached to the Blackmore planning applications as it was thought that it might be a condition.

**ACTION: Clerk to look at Conditions on Outline Permission for the Industrial Estate.** Cllr Smith thanked Mr Prescott for the allocation of tickets made available to Parishioners through the Council.

*The meeting was then closed for members of the public to ask questions.*

Marches Home had sent a letter to some parishioners with a link to a survey regarding the use of land adjoining Ambleside. Residents were concerned that it had not gone to all parishioners and only to a few roads within Hanley Swan. It was discussed and explained that Marches Homes were promoters and not the actual developers. At the moment no application had been put forward and it was a pre-application consultation exercise. It was clarified that the site was not nominated for housing within the NHDP and that if it had been put forward following the call for sites by the SWDP it did not mean that it would become an appropriate site for housing.

A second accident had happened on Worcester Road with a car going through a parishioner's hedge. It was within the 40 mph section. Cllr Barkley advised that they had met with the Highways Officer and agreed that the new VAS would be located 150 metres within that section of the speed limit, on a pole that would enable the VAS to face in both directions.

Approval for installing white gates had also been given so they could now be purchased. The use of the crouching Bobbies was also discussed and Cllr Barkley would discuss this with the parishioners who had their hedge damaged.

**ACTION: The Clerk to review the purchase of White Gates for the Worcester Road.**

**05/24 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.

**06/24 Finance:**

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments notified in writing prior to the meeting.
- b) Receipts Received – none received.
- c) Setting of Precept for 2024-2025 – a draft budget had been circulated and was discussed. It was agreed that it would be approved but Cllr Hartland agreed to work with the Clerk on the budget next year in November. A precept of £22,000 was proposed and voted on, all were in favour.

**07/24 Planning:** a) To Consider the following applications:

Application No.	Location	Proposal
<a href="#">M/23/01804/CLE</a>	Site Of Shaw Lane Cottage Worcester Road Hanley Castle	Application for a Certificate of lawfulness seeking confirmation that the development was lawfully implemented in accordance with the terms of the Planning Permission (allowed on appeal 10.03.2010 under reference APP/J1860/A/09/2115666/WF) for a replacement dwelling.
No Objection raised		
<a href="#">M/23/01775/FUL</a>	Land At (Os 8000 4350)	Erection of new ancillary storage building (B8 Use)

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	Blackmore Park Hanley Swan	
Ask why its is listed as a temporary building and that screening is a condition if approved.		
<a href="#">M/23/01745/HP</a>	Avalon Gilberts End Hanley Castle Worcester	Proposed Ground Floor Kitchen/Dining Extension and Porch. Partial raising of roof to create additional bedroom and bathroom accommodation.
No objection as long as the number of bedrooms are not increased.		
<a href="#">M/23/01619/HP</a>	Yew Tree House Hanley Swan Worcester	Replace current front boundary wall with fence and closure of a secondary entrance
Object as fencing is contrary to the NHDP.		
<a href="#">M/23/01600/HP</a>	The Orchards House Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester	New front and rear porches, and new first floor extension to existing cottage
No objection		

b) Applications received after Agenda –

<a href="#">M/23/01786/DEM</a>	The Royal British Legion Coverfield Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EG	Prior Notification of Demolition of existing building
Object as prefer it was reused as a commercial property.		

c) Planning Decisions:

<a href="#">M/23/01261/FUL</a>	Sink Farm Hangmans Lane Hanley Castle Worcester	Proposed erection of 6 no. 5m tall floodlights to serve existing an equestrian menage	Application Approved
<a href="#">M/23/01408/NMA</a>	Merebrook Farm Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DX	Non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission 21/02121/HP. Removal of one velux roof window to south (rear) elevation. Inclusion of two velux roof windows to north (front) elevation.	Application Approved

**08/24 District and County Councillors' Reports:** Tom Wells reported on the latest SWDP activity. He also said he aimed to improve communication this year and discussed the On Demand Bus and how best to spread the word. He also advised that he had £500 to allocate to projects within the parish. £250 was going to music therapy sessions and £250 would be allocated to Cafe Tuesdays with the grant being paid to the Village Hall account. Cllr Adeney thanked him and said it was most appreciated.

#### **09/24 Reports.**

- a) **Path Warden** – The report was read out.
- b) **Pond Warden** – The new bins were in place and would hopefully be on the MHDC list for collection. A map of the pond area had been found which showed the location of the overflow pipe. A price for getting it jettisoned to improve the flow would be sought.
- c) **Playing Field Warden** – No report was submitted but the location of where the 4<sup>th</sup> new bin was raised as it was needed to replace the broken one near the shop.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask the location of the 4<sup>th</sup> bin.**

- d) **NHDP** – An update on the latest work was provided. The Proposal was read out and all voted in favour.

e) **Local Police** – No report received.

#### **10/24 Highways Matters**

- a) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – Peter Sauntson to put up the new VAS. Ask Lengthsman to clean dirty road signs around parish.

**ACTION: Clerk to Report the damaged 40 mph sign by 1 Cygnet Cottages and Cllr Spakes to speak to the Lengthsman.**

- b) Road Safety Matters – Cllrs Beadon & Barkley updated the Council following various meetings they had attended. A Parishioner brought up the issue of school traffic on Church End - he asked to do a presentation at the February meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to include presentation on next agenda.**

**11/24 Carbon Neutral Working Group** - the Habitat Group was due to meet and would report at the February meeting. The Carbon Neutral Policy would also be on the February Agenda.

#### **12/24 Correspondence**

- a) Damage to the edge of the Green & Bench by the Swan – **ACTION: Cllr Smith to have a look at the bench & damage.**
- b) Poor Mobile Reception – email from John Clements - **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to meet with John Clements.**
- c) Ryall Community Liaison Group Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January- **ACTION: Cllr Barkley to attend**
- d) Free Home & Property Security Event – Invited to the March Meeting, it was discussed and requested to ask them to attend the Annual May meeting instead – **ACTION: Clerk to request May attendance.**
- e) Boundary Commission draft – Consultation open until 18<sup>th</sup> March
- f) Parish Housing Needs Survey – **ACTION: Clerk to email Kathryn Stevenson-Pugh and advise that the Council do not need one at the moment.**

- g) RCA/Marches Home NP Representation and Community Consultation – this was discussed in the Open section of the meeting. **ACTION: NHDP Steering Group to respond.**

**13/24 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners**

- a) Albion Lodge – Cllr Hartland asked if a letter could be sent to the owners to request an update on the work being undertaken. It was discussed and agreed that Cllr Adeney would draft a letter to be approved by the Council prior to sending. Cllr Smith ask for it to be recorded she did not approve of a letter.
- b) On Demand Bus - spreading the word.
- c) Village Hall Parking Fee for School Parents – **ACTION: To be put on next Agenda**
- d) Pollution at Pool Brook – Cllr Adeney asked for it to be added to the February Agenda. **ACTION: To be put on next Agenda.**
- e) Email Regarding British Legion Building – Email read out and it was agreed to request the details of the Agent and to contact them.

**14/24 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Signed ..... Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Payments to be Approve January Meeting**

Worcestershire CALC		Finance Training Course	36.00
Rebecca Abunassar		December Salary	606.40
Nick Harper		Bench Base Installation	387.28
Nick Harper		Bin Bags	25.99
			1055.67

Signed ..... Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Chairman