

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 21st March 2024 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Lesley Smith & Sara Beadon, Peter Goodyear (PPW).

In Attendance: The Clerk, Graham Holmes (PFW), Nick Harper (Pond Warden), Steve Gogerty (NHDP), D&CCllr Tom Wells, PC Johns, 10 parishioners.

30/24 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the March meeting and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

31/24 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.

32/24 Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 15th February 2024 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

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

The Community Safety Team from MHDC were in the hall from 18:40 to promote Free Home & Property Security Information. They gave an overview of the service they provide to parishioners. They also described the 'Smartwater Villages' project and the Council agreed to consider it at the next meeting.

A question regarding mobile phone coverage was raised, Cllr Hartland gave an update on the research she was undertaking.

The application regarding land off Bowling Green, Hanley Castle was raised, parishioners were concerned that it would create more traffic at the dangerous junction and would be the loss of valuable agricultural land.

33/24 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.

34/24 Finance:

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments notified in writing prior to the meeting. The payments in Appendix1 were agreed.
- b) Receipts Received – none received.

35/24 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications:

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Application No.	Location	Proposal
M/24/00214/FUL	Land At (Os 8114 4278) Hanley Swan	Erection of 2 no. dwellings
Object – altering the density of the housing in the area and a greater strain on the service road.		
M/24/00173/PIP	Land At (Os 8412 4173) Hanley Castle	Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of up to 9 dwellings (6 open market and 3 self build or custom build)
Object – Outside the Settlement Boundary, PROW through the site, loss of productive arable land, not in the NHDP additional traffic issue.		
23/000052/CM M/24/00197/CM	Land At (Os 8012 4361) Blackmore Park Hanley Swan	County Matter Consultation by WCC Proposed New Pet and Equine Crematorium with associated Chapels of Rest and Waste Transfer Facility. Hard landscaping to provide service yard with staff car parking and visitor car parking; and soft landscaping design including a Memorial Garden and attenuation ponds - ref 23/000052/CM
Object – outside the area of Blackmore Park industrial estate. Parish already has 1 incinerator, concern over air pollution from prevailing winds on footpaths and water courses. Traffic and noise of lorries		
M/24/00059/HP	Fern Cottage Church End Hanley Castle	Installation of air source heat pump
Object to current location, too visible to neighbouring properties, needs to be out of sight and closer to property.		

- b) Applications received after Agenda – none received
c) Planning Decisions:

M/23/01786/DEM	The Royal British Legion Coverfield	Prior Notification of Demolition of existing building	Application Approved
M/23/01804/CLE	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.	Decision - Other

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<u>M/23/01775/FUL</u>	Land At (Os 8000 4350) Blackmore Park	Erection of new ancillary storage building (B8 Use)	Application Approved
<u>23/0000046/CM</u>	Ryall House Farm, Quarry	Temporary Retention of aggregates Wharf & processing plant	Permission Granted

- d)** Planning Appeals: APP/J1860/W/3331962 for 21/01717/FUL at Land At (OS 8157 4265) Winnington Gardens – reiterate previous objections and also say the plan is not deliverable as the houses are too big they must be affordable housing, drainage is not suitable and there is a pinch point in Picken End that won't allow room for a pedestrian pathway.

36/24 District and County Councillors' Reports: A grant had been secured for Toastie Tuesdays, Hanley Swan Primary School for the outside play area & HCHS for quiet area for 6th Form. Cllr Adeney asked if there could be temporary traffic lights at Danemore when the Hanley Road is flooded and diversions are in place. Cllr Wells said he would speak to Highways.

37/24 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – The report was read out. It was noted again that Peter said he intended to step down this year - his help would be requested in drafting an advert for the Parish Link and Website.
ACTION: Clerk to ask for his assistance.
- b) **Pond Warden** – Waiting to see the outcome of the investigation into the blocked outflow pipes.
- c) **Playing Field Warden** – A grant was being applied for from the Football Foundation.
- d) **NHDP** – Report read out, the Regulation 14 process had been completed.
- e) **Local Police** – Rogue Traders were operating in Hanley Swan, their advice was to find a tradesman oneself not to let them arrive on the doorstep asking for work.

38/24 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – Ask for the VAS sign to be moved to the new pole in Worcester Road and the new VAS to be installed by the High School. Ask to fix the bracket for the Gilberts End sign. Request for a Honeypots Road Sign was made - Clerk to ask MHDC.
ACTION: Cllr Adeney to ask the Lengthsman and Clerk to speak to MHDC.
- b) Road Safety Matters – Cllr Barkley updated the Council on their activity and the accident that had occurred at the Church End junction the previous week. A meeting with the school is to be arranged with Cllrs Beadon and Barkley to attend and they will circulate the document they received from a resident of Church End. The Site Manager is keen to work with the Council to try and resolve the issues and they are moving containers to create 14 more parking spaces. The VAS pole had been installed on the Worcester Road. The Clerk to meet with Cllr Barkley to get dimensions of the White gates so that they could be ordered.

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ACTION: The Clerk to confirm correct White Gate Dimensions.

39/24 Carbon Neutral Working Group -

- a) Tree planting grant being applied for from Severn Trent.
- b) Brook pollution – a local person works for The Rivers Trust and will be asked for advice.

40/24 Correspondence

- a) Swifts Project– Email from Worcestershire & Malvern RSPB discussed and agreed to ask Hanley Habitats to get involved.
- b) Hanley Road Hedges – The gaps in the hedges will be filled by the landowner who was just waiting for farming grants.
- c) Free Portrait of His Majesty the King from MHDC – It was agreed to apply for one to be hung in the Village Hall.
- d) Pot Holes near the British Legion – Email from Parishioner circulated ahead of meeting. Cllr Roberts had found the contact details of the land owner so will contact them and ask about repairing the holes.

ACTION: Cllr Roberts to email the landowner.

41/24 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

- a) Notice of Vacancy Advertised – Confirmation had been received that it could be filled without election; it was agreed to put an advert of the casual vacancy in the Parish Link and on the Website, asking for applicants to submit for the April meeting.

ACTION: Clerk and Councillors to advertise casual vacancy.

- b) Parish Resilience – The Clerk to circulate the information that was found.
ACTION: Clerk to circulate Resilience Plan.
- c) Communications – Social Media Policy and Training to be put on future agenda.
- d) Spring Litter Pick Reminder – 23rd March 2024

42/24 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 25th April 2024.

Signed Date: 25th April 2024
Chairman

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Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 21st March 2024

Payments to be Approve March Meeting

Peter Sauntson	February Lengthsman	£	490.00
Rebecca Abunassar	February Salary	£	606.40
Jane Jordan	WIX Website Invoices	£	52.39
New Farm Grounds	November 2023 Invoice	£	402.65
HMRC	PAYE	£	45.20
WDBF Glebe	Rent	£	125.00
Rebecca Abunassar	March Salary	£	606.40
Malcolm Waggett	Fence Repair	£	155.00

Signed Date: 25th April 2024
Chairman