

# HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 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, Sara Beadon.

**Apologies:** Peter Goodyear (PPW), Hilary Fowler (Allotments), PC Johns.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, DCllrs Tom & Kathy Wells, Nick Harper (PW), Steve Gogerty (NDP), Graham Holmes (PFW).

**130/24 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the last Parish Council meeting of 2024 and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk. It was lovely to see all Councillors in attendance.

**131/24 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors.**

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

**132/24 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

**133/24 Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.**

No questions were raised.

**134/24 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.
- b) The Council all voted in favour of proceeding with the quotation from the Solicitor regarding the legal work for the Allotments and pond registration.
- c) A quotation for securing the BL boundary would be provided to Cllr Roberts.
- d) A new directional sign for Gilbert's End to be requested as the fallen sign had disappeared.

**135/24 Finance:**

- a) The payments notified in writing prior to the meeting were considered and **APPROVED**.
- b) Receipts Received. None.
- c) Budget considerations – the budget was discussed and it was agreed that a draft budget would be circulated ahead of the January meeting. Provisions for VE Day celebrations, Hanley Environment Group and NHDP funding were discussed.

**ACTION: The Clerk to issue a draft budget prior to the January meeting.**

**136/24 Planning:** a) To Consider the following applications:

<a href="#"><u>M/24/00409/HP</u></a>	5 Horton Lea Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 ODP	Proposed Two Storey Rear and Side Extension. (Additional Information)
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Objection raised to the tree plan as not correct and trees missing, it is over development of a site outside the settlement boundary, precedent set by previous application refusal.

### b) Applications received after Agenda

<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.
Outside the settlement boundary, properties too large contrary to NHDP policies MNGR1, MNGR4, MNGR6.		
<a href="#"><u>M/24/01616/CCO</u></a>	The Royal British Legion Coverfield Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EG	Discharge of conditions 3,5,8,9,10,11 of planning permission reference M/24/00479/FUL
PC not a consultee.		
<a href="#"><u>M/24/01489/CM</u></a>	Land At (Os 8012 4361) Blackmore Park Hanley Swan	(County Matter consultation by WCC) New Pet and Equine Crematorium with Chapels of Rest and Waste Transfer Facility
Objection remains and submitted to WCC planning.		

### e) Planning Decisions:

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#"><u>M/24/00050/FUL</u></a>	Maple House Gilberts End Lane Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0BX	Conversion of existing garage into a 2 bedroom single storey dwelling.	Application Approved

**137/24 District and County Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Tom Wells notified the Councillors that he was no longer Leader of MHDC; John Gallagher had replaced him. The accident on the B4208 at Danemoor Crossroads the 26<sup>th</sup> November was discussed and it was confirmed a police investigation into the cause was underway.

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The County Council would not take any action until the results were known. Cllr Adeney asked if temporary traffic lights could be installed when the flood diversion was in place to try to assist the flow of traffic and reduce the chances of accidents. Cllr Wells agreed to lobby on the Parish Council's behalf.

He advised that the Picken End application would be going to the December Planning Committee and that there would be an opportunity for the Parish Council to speak. Cllr Walker raised the matter of flooding at the Powick Roundabout and the major impact that it had on the economy.

Cllr Kathy Wells said that the County Council was going to do a survey of poor mobile data areas and that the findings would be published on their website.

### 138/24 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – The report was read out.
- b) **Pond Warden** – The pond outlet had been jetted but a Severn Trent pipe was found to be going through it which was causing the blockages. The Warden was liaising with ST requesting them to put it right. It was agreed to ask Oracle to investigate where the outlet flowed to once the problem with the pipe had been rectified.

**ACTION: Contact Oracle to ask about water flow.**

- c) **Playing Field Warden** – Pitch reported as in good condition. The large access gate has been damaged and the Hedge at the top end (Church Meadow) required cutting back.

**ACTION: Cllr Smith to find out who is responsible for the hedge.**

- d) **NHDP** – Report read out.

**ACTION: The Clerk to create a log of applications where the NHDP policies had influenced the decision.**

- e) **Local Police** – Report read out.

**ACTION: Contact PC Johns regarding concerns over the limited distance that would be covered if a Camera was sited at pond end of Worcester Road.**

- f) **Allotments:** The Legal quote to proceed with the lease negotiations was approved.

**ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Solicitors and confirm they can proceed.**

### 139/24 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC  
**ACTION: Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear footway at the Holloway, Roberts End and from the Cross Hands to Merevale. Report the Honeypots Junction flooding, and that the 30mph sign opposite the Catholic Church had been damaged. Cllr Adeney to contact the owners regarding the verge damage on Gilberts End.**
- b) Road Safety Matters – VAS by Highball is Solar and is working. The VAS that used to be in use by Mortimer Lodge should be checked to see if it could return to service.
- c) **ACTION: Ask Lengthsman if it can be put back into action.**

### 140/24 Hanley Environment Group

- a) Severn Trent Grant Expenditure – The trees were arriving and would be planted by the volunteers.
- b) Hanley Swan Highway Tree Planting – Report from Dean Hickton(WCC) read out and a plan of the proposed locations discussed.

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**ACTION: The Clerk to contact Dean to find out the timescales and whether consultation with owners of neighbouring properties has taken place.**

## 141/24 Correspondence

- a) Polling Station Consultation – Circulated
- b) Public Engagement Exercise: Worcestershire County Council Draft Streetscape Design Guide – Open until 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Circulated.

## 142/24 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners.

- a) Update on BL Boundary – Boundary confirmed with the Housing Association.  
**ACTION: Cllr Roberts to get a quotation for the cost now the boundary line had been confirmed.**
- b) **Atlas Mobile Tower Update** – Cllr Hartland advised that the owner at Hook Common had signed a Heads of Terms Agreement but MHDC were not in favour of the appearance of it. WCC had been very helpful and were wanting to assist rural communities.

## 143/24 Items for the next agenda:

- a) Precept setting.
- b) Celebration of Parish Footpath Warden.

**144/24 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 16th January 2025.

Signed ..... Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Chairman

## Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Payments Approved at November Meeting

Severn Trees	Trees	£880.00
First Drainage	Pond Jetting	£660.00
Wyevale Nurseries	Trees	£2,706.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	White Gates	£1,667.69
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	October Cuts	£1,207.94
		<b>£7,121.63</b>

Signed ..... Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Chairman