

# Hanley Castle Parish Council

**Minutes** of the July Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Pippa Barkley & Alex Walker; Peter Goodyear, C & DCllr Tom Wells, DCllr Katherine Wells.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), Steve Gogerty (NHDP) and 5 parishioners.

**84/23 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Roberts accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

## **85/23 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors**

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that they must complete the register of interests following the election – The Clerk had emailed a copy to each Councillor.
- b) Dispensations. Councillors had completed dispensation forms relating to precept setting and finance and these were granted for a period of four years.

**86/23 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

*The meeting was then closed to allow members of the public to ask questions or make comments.*

Poor phone connectivity was raised, Harriet Baldwin had been contacted and had replied but the Clerk was asked to contact the Three Counties Showground to ask if they have a mast on their land. No other matters raised.

## **87/23 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.
- b) MHDC view of additional brown signs sought before discussion on one for Village Hall.
- c) Ask Highways to place a pole on the Catholic Church side of Worcester Road to house a VAS.
- d) Habitat group to be asked about the actions from Angela's meeting at Blackmore regarding tidying of the verge. The knocked down sign to be reported to Highways.
- e) Cllr Walker to ask for parishioners' views on extending the wooden rails on the Village Green to curtail parking on the grass.

## **88/23 Finance:**

- a) Payments in the schedule of Appendix 1 were approved.
- b) Receipts: None received.

**89/23 Planning:** a) To Consider the following application:

<a href="#"><u>M/23/00666/FUL</u></a>	Girlguiding Worcestershire Blackmore End Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EE	Demolition of existing toilet building to be replaced with detached shower and toilet block.
No Objection		
<a href="#"><u>M/23/00781/LB</u></a>	Pool House Hanley Road Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 0PA	Replacement of defective external door
No Objection		

b) To consider any applications received prior to the meeting

<a href="#"><u>M/23/00854/FUL</u></a>	The Royal British Legion Coverfield Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EG	Demolition of former Royal British Legion and erection of detached dwellinghouse
This application was discussed at length and strong objection to be submitted.		

c) Planning Decisions:

<a href="#"><u>M/23/00732/GPDE</u></a>	Little Mead Worcester Road Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EA	Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Larger Home Extension
Prior approval not required.		

**90/23 District and County Councillors' Reports:** The Councillors were not present but had submitted a report which had been circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact them about applying for the £25000 funding mentioned in their report. The Adopt a Street initiative would be advertised through the Hanley Habitat's website.

**91/23 Report of the:**

**a) Parish Paths Warden** – Report read out and strimming request completed.

**b) Pond Warden** – A request had been made to have a memorial bench by the Pond in memory of Brian Robinson. If they would consider a picnic bench the request would be approved. The Parish Council voted to donate £500 towards the cost. It was reported that the duck houses were lying low in the water and would require floatation assistance which would incur a small cost. A working party had been active at the pond. Top soil had been used to level the bumps and green fencing was put up to protect it. The question of using rocks to reinforce the bank was discussed but it was felt it was not required at present.

**c) Playing Field Warden** No report.

**d) NHDP** – The Steering Committee updated the Council on their latest activity. There were 3 levels of planning NPPF, SWDPR and NHDP and all three needed to be aligned which had timing implications. A material review has been recommended and the committee were reviewing the plan bit by bit in preparation. The Clerk was asked to contact the Kempsey Clerk to ask if they were intending to review their NHDP.

**e) Local Police** – report circulated ahead of the meeting.

### **92/23 Highways Matters**

a) Road Safety Matters– The hedge at Picken End was reported as obscuring visibility and the Clerk was asked to ask Highways to cut it back. The overhanging trees on Park Lane were also mentioned and the Clerk would request an updated report from pathways.

b) Works for the Lengthsman – It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to attend to the overgrown pavement at Cross Hands that was raised by Cllr Walker.

**ACTION: Cllr Sparkes to speak to the Lengthsman with work requests.**

### **93/23 Carbon Neutral Working Group**

a) Green spaces – Chapman’s Orchard, The Clerk to provide Jane Jordan with a list of developments with green infrastructure areas.

b) Allotments - request to take over responsibility from the Housing Association had been sent.

c) Carbon Neutral Policy – Cllr Adeney talked through the main objectives of the Carbon Neutral policy. She would email the original documents to the Councillors for review. The Hanley Habitats group were reviewing the public areas; they would have a stand at the Village Show to promote their work.

### **94/23 Correspondence**

a) School Clothing Bank – The email received from MHDC was circulated ahead of meeting and had been forwarded to the schools.

b) Picken End Hedge – Circulated ahead of meeting, it was agreed to ask Highways to trim it back to help with visibility.

c) Boundaries Commission Review – The email regarding it was circulated ahead of meeting and the Clerk had contacted the County & District Councillors for their advice.

d) Letter from Marches Home – The letter was read out and discussed. It was agreed that they be referred back to the NHDP which outlined the type of developments that would be supported by the Parish Council. Unfortunately the site in question was outside the development boundary and therefore contrary to the NHDP. If they wished to host a public consultation the Parish Council would provide them with the Village Hall booking details.

### **95/23 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners**

a) British Legion Building – The planning application submitted had been discussed. Cllr Smith offered to attend the auction as the seller was not known to the Council and they were concerned it was being sold so quickly after purchasing with the suggestion that planning permission for a home had already been granted. It was suggested that a comment was placed on the Facebook group to advise that the Parish Council had made an offer to buy the building when it was initially put on the market and they wished to see it continue to be to be used as a community facility.

b) Truckfest – The noise and disruption was raised by Cllr Hartland; there was constant air horn noise from the trucks between 1pm and 4.30pm. It was agreed to write to the CEO of the Three Counties and ask if there was something that could be reviewed for next year and to mention the impact on the environment of the whole event.

c) Photos of Councillors for Website – a few had submitted but it was asked that all of them were received by the September meeting. The Clerk would take those that were missing to upload to the website.

d) Pavement between Cross Hands & Merevale Farm – overgrowing vegetation to be cut back by the Lengthsman.

**96/23 Councillors reports and items for future agenda:**

- a) It was requested that the bunting was removed from the Village Green.
- b) There were a couple of potholes by the British Legion Building but they were on the private land; Cllr Roberts would provide the contact details for the owner of Home Farm to request that any under their responsibility are filled in.
- c) It was reported that there could be Kennels being operated in Hanley Swan.

**ACTION: The Clerk to contact Worcestershire Regulatory Authority to ask if a Licence was required and if one had been granted.**

**97/23 Items for the Next Agenda:** Carbon Neutral policy.

**98/23 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 21st September 2023

Signed ..... Date: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023  
Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**Payments to be Approved at July Meeting**

Rebecca Abunassar	June Salary	606.40
Nick Harper	PROW Strimming	450.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	June Cuts	805.30
		<b>1861.70</b>

Signed ..... Date: 21st September 2023  
Chairman