

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 17th October 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.

Apologies: Cllr Sara Beadon. Peter Goodyear (PPW), Graham Holmes (PFW), Hilary Fowler (Allotments), PC Johns.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Nick Harper (PW), Steve Gogerty (NHDP), 11 parishioners.

113/24 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

114/24 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors

- a) Declarations of Interest: Cllr Roberts declared a potential Pecuniary Interest in the DIM Festival due to the proximity of the location of her Public House to the location of the site. During any discussion the meeting would be conducted by the Vice Chair and Cllr Roberts would leave the room.
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

115/24 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 19th September 2024 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

Meeting Chaired by Cllr Adeney. Cllr Adeney read out a statement detailing the Parish Council's actions relating to the Licence application for the Dubs In The Middle Festival at Severn End and their frustrations with its handling. She then invited Sir Nicholas Lechmere to speak.

116/24 Sir Nicholas Lechmere – Nick had asked to speak to address concerns surrounding the DIM Festival. He took questions from the floor. He outlined the traffic plan that had been agreed and which would limit the impact of traffic entering the site. When asked about the size of the festival he advised it would be half the size of the Mello Festival which was at the same location in previous years. The length of the festival was discussed and he confirmed it would be a 3 day festival with music starting at 4pm on the Thursday and finishing on the Sunday. The initial application for 10,000 tickets had been reduced to 7,000. He was asked about attendance figures for the Mello festival which he did not have to hand but said he would look to provide.

Members of the public were invited to ask questions.

The state of, and access to, the noticeboard in Hanley Castle was raised. It was agreed that it was not in an ideal location but parking in front of it would be discouraged. If this was successful updating it would be looked into.

Cllr Roberts returned to Chair the meeting.

118/24 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.

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- b) It was agreed to speak to Richard Vakis-Lowe about the defib map to try and identify the gaps. **ACTION: Look into the possibility of getting fridge magnets or something for the phone to display the locations of Defibs in the Parish.**

119/24 Finance:

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments notified in writing prior to the meeting.
 b) Receipts Received - £11,000 precept
 c) External Auditor's Report & Certificate for 2023/24 received
 d) Budget considerations to be provided to the Clerk ahead of November's meeting.

ACTION: Draft Budget to be circulated ahead of the November meeting.

120/24 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications: None received.

b) Applications received after Agenda – None.

c) Planning Decisions:

<u>M/24/01165/FUL</u>	Broadacres Farm Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AL	Full planning application for the roofing over of an open livestock yard.	Application Approved
<u>M/24/01050/HP</u>	White Cottage Church End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0BL	Proposed car port	Application Approved

121/24 District and County Councillors' Reports: 'Talk to Tom' had been held in the village hall. Parishioners had wanted to discuss the DIM Licence application and a few planning applications. An update on the SWDP was provided; a question regarding Marches Homes was asked and it was confirmed that the site in which they have an interest was not included in the draft plan.

123/24 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – The report was read out.
 b) **Pond Warden** – The pond outlet would be jetted the following week.
 c) **Playing Field Warden** – Meeting with Hags had taken place and quotations had been provided. It was agreed to replace the decking on the slide but not the safety flooring at the moment.
ACTION: The Clerk to proceed with quotation and to look at the amount and timing of the CIL payments to verify expenditure timeline.
 d) **NHDP** – Report read out.
 d) **Local Police** – Report read out.
ACTION: Ask at what distance the speed cameras can operate with regards to Worcester Road Location.

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- e) **Allotments:** ACV had been refused due to limited parishioners that would benefit. A site visit had taken place.
ACTION: The Clerk to report back to the Solicitor and to ask if they have heard from Platform Housing.

124/24 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – VAS by Highball had been reported as not working. Hanley Swan sign by Coverside Farm required replacement. **ACTION: Ask the Lengthsman to look at it as it is a Solar battery so should not run out.**
- b) Road Safety Matters - Damaged White Gate required replacement as it cannot be fixed. **ACTION: Speak to Highways and ask best method of replacing.**
- c) Potholes by Coverfields had been repaired.

125/24 Hanley Environment Group

- a) Environment Group Terms of Reference – being finalised.
- b) Report was provided on the work being undertaken; limited uptake on female cycling training, working on the verge planting by the High School, On Demand buses being well used and feedback very positive.

126/24 Correspondence

- a) MHDC Gambling Statement of Principles Consultation – deadline 25th October
- b) RBLI's Memorial Bench – agreed not to purchase.
- c) Monthly Fraud & Scam Report – Circulated.
- d) Invitation to Neighbourhood Planning Guidance on the 7th November 6pm-7pm.

127/24 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

- a) Proposal to have a Periodic Parish Council Newsletter – This was discussed and the Welland Newsletter was cited as an example. Powick also had one which would be reviewed. Welland have a Community Development Co-Ordinator who was responsible for the newsletter and the Clerk was asked to look into the role.
ACTION: AH to provide the email for Welland's CD Co-ordinator.
- b) Concerns around pupils walking to the Glebe had been raised.
ACTION: Cllr Adeney to arrange a meeting with Ally Skene to discuss walking to the Glebe.
- c) Date of the November meeting – it was agreed to move the date to the 28th November to enable the Clerk to attend.
- d) Blackmore Camping and Caravaning Site.
ACTION: AH to introduce herself and the Parish Council to the owners.

128/24 Items for the next agenda:

- a) Budget proposal

129/24 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 28th November 2024.

Signed Date: 28th November 2024
Chairman

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Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 17th October 2024

Payments Approved at October Meeting

PKF Little John	Annual Audit	£252.00
Peter Sauntson	July Lengthsman	£105.00
Malcolm Waggett	Path repairs	£75.00
New Farm Ground Maintenance	September Cuts	£805.30
	Total	£1,237.30

Signed Date: 28th November 2024
Chairman