

## **Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall**

### **24/061 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Present:** Cllrs Sarah Parker (Chairman), John Harrison, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston, Laura Tarburton.

**Apologies:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Andy Brisbourne.

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

**Also:** Ft.Lt. Jason Fretwell (RAF Shawbury), 10 members of the public.

### **Councillor Neil Duxbury**

Parish Councillors and Clerk were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Neil in August. A minute's silence was held in his memory. The Chair spoke of the huge loss that this brings to the Parish Council and the whole village, in particular the primary school which Neil has worked so hard to support over many years. She paid tribute to his dedication and public spirit, and also how very many people will miss him personally as a friend. The thoughts of us all are with Neil's wife and family.

**24/062 CO-OPTION** – There were no applications at this time.

### **24/063 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The following matters were raised:

- a) Why has the Community Led Plan not progressed? JH responded that there just haven't been the volunteers coming forward.
- b) Cameron Homes draft proposal – Many points were discussed, which provided useful information for the council as they considered item 24/069h. Specific questions raised: *What will the parish council be asking for?* Councillors responded that this will probably be based on unfulfilled aspirations from the last Community Led Plan, but that they are conscious of the need to further consult with residents as soon as possible. *Why has the council not acted sooner when they have known about this application for years?* Council responded that the draft proposal is, as yet, unpublished and that they certainly have not had any prior knowledge. The only aspect that we can be sure of is the proposed site, as selected by Shropshire Council. *Why haven't*

*residents been informed?* The contact from Cameron Homes has only come in the last few weeks. The meeting would certainly have been made public if it had gone ahead, as will any future meetings or actions. *What consideration will be made of drainage and sewerage issues?* This will be an important part of any formal application and can be raised by residents and parish council during the consultation. *Can we get Helen Morgan involved?* Parishioners can of course contact their MP on any issue.

- c) Planning permission granted at Station Yard (24/01212/FUL) – a resident asked why did the parish council support this application? AM asked what grounds the parish council would have had to oppose it? The resident welcomed the parish council's intention to review its policy for recording decisions (item 24/069f) but was concerned that councillors have not undertaken the training referred to in the Planning Committee Terms of Reference. Council responded that training opportunities are taken up as and when they become available.

**24/064 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.

**24/065 MINUTES** - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th July 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting. (Prop: HJ. Sec: AM. *Nem. con.*)

**24/066 PROGRESS REPORT**

- a) **Fence replacement** at the Ease – No invoice has been received yet, as the gate etc. still needs to be completed.
- b) **Violet street lights** – Highline have previously informed us that the fault has been identified and that the supplier will be sending replacement parts to fix the problem. Still no progress. Clerk to continue chasing.
- c) **School bus shelter** – Cllrs Tarburton and Parker agreed to carry this forward in Neil's memory.
- d) **Solicitor** (Wedgefield's Copse land reg) – No update.
- e) **Project Gigabit** – No issues at present.
- f) **Parish Council website and email** – Better deal possible from Hugo Fox. Info should be available soon. Decision held pending this.
- g) **Proposed barrier outside shop door** – Clerk has been unable to get a contact at SC for info. Will ask Cllr Simon Jones again to assist.

## 24/067 OTHER REPORTS

**West Mercia Police** – PCSO Oliver Morris sent apologies from the team. The policing newsletter for Wem area is available to read on the parish council website. Policing priorities for the parish have been renewed without change.

RAF Shawbury – Running the Helicopter Noise Liaison Group has passed from SALC to RAF Shawbury. With very low attendances, they have decided to no longer hold physical meetings. SALC has agreed to help distribute a half-yearly newsletter which will cover flying and engagement intent for the next six months, as well as reporting on flying and complaint statistics for the preceding six-month period. Any complaints may be communicated directly to the base, with contact details being available in the newsletter (and on the Parish Council website).

## 24/068 ASSETS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Playground equipment report (Cllr Marston) deferred to November meeting.
- b) Asset Inspection – Clls Parker and Tarburton to take on responsibility for this.
- c) Grounds Maintenance Schedule – The patch of grass by the notice board has been added to the schedule.

## 24/069 PLANNING

- a) Council noted the draft minutes of the Planning Committee held 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.
- b) Council considered the following **planning application**:  
(Cllr Parker left the meeting for the duration of this item. The Chair was taken by Cllr Marston.)

Reference: **23/03178/REM**

Address: Proposed dwelling south-west of Hadnall Hall.

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale, layout, landscaping) pursuant to 24/01337/OUT.

HPC decision: No comment (Prop: JH, Sec: HJ, unanimous)

- c) There were no further **planning applications** received in advance of this meeting.
- d) Council noted the following **planning decision** published by Shropshire Council:

Reference: **24/01337/OUT**

Address: Land south-west of Hadnall Hall.

Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection of a two-storey dwelling.

SC decision: Grant permission.

Reference: **24/01212/FUL**

Address: Old Station Yard, Hadnall

Proposal: Erection of two open-fronted stores (retrospective)

SC decision: Grant permission.

Reference: **24/02585/VAR**

Address: Land south-west of Hadnall Hall.

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission reference 22/01290/FUL allowed on appeal to provide internal and external alterations to the proposed dwellings and detached garages.

HPC (PAG) decision: No response necessary.

SC decision: Grant Permission.

- e) There were no further **planning decisions** published in advance of this meeting.
- f) Council briefly reviewed the **planning policy** and agreed that Cllr Parker should progress a draft recording system, with the aim of making the actions of the parish council and Planning Committee more transparent.
- g) Council agreed to appoint Cllr Marston to the **Planning Advisory Group** (Prop: AM, Sec: HJ, unanimous).
- h) Council discussed the request from representatives of Cameron Homes for a meeting with parish councillors regarding their **draft proposals for land south of Wedgefields (HDL006)**. A meeting was scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September but had to be cancelled due to lack of available venue. Council agreed that Cllrs Tarburton and Parker, and the Clerk, should attend an information-only online meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, prior to Cameron Homes' scheduled distribution of information to local residents beginning Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to be recorded and made publicly available. Councillors to consider holding an extra parish council meeting as soon as possible to discuss the draft proposals and the PC's response. It was agreed to request a system for postal responses to Cameron Homes' survey, in addition to their proposed online survey.

## 24/070 FINANCE

- a) Council agreed to make the £500 donation requested by the Village Fete team (fundraising for the Village Hall). (Prop: JH, Sec: SP, unanimous).
- b) Council noted the following **payments** made in August 2024:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
324.00	Clerk's salary (July)	LGA 1972 s112
57.60	Parish Online annual fee	LGA 1972 s111
73.51	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301

Council agreed to make the following **payments**:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
423.58	Clerk's salary & expenses	LGA1972s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
162.00	PAYE (months 4 and 5)	LGA 1972 s112
TBC	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
TBC	Room hire for meetings (Apr - Sept)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
605.00	Grounds maintenance (third quarter)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
35.00	ICO Data Protection fee	Data Protection Act 2018
500.00	Grant to Village Hall (fete)	LGA 1972 s145

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
250.00	Bowling Club lease	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s. 19 (2)
217.09	Interest on CCLA account	LGA 1972 s111

- c) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- d) Council reviewed its **ringfenced funds** (no change).
- e) Council reviewed the **Banking Report** and agree to continue with the use of BACS payments, and the Standing Orders and Direct Debits as listed in the report.
- f) Council resolved to appoint Cllr Tarburton to be a **signatory** to both the Unity Trust bank account and the CCLA investment account.

## **24/071 LEGAL MATTERS**

Council agreed to adopt the new **HPC Financial Regulations** (based on NALC model doc) with one small amendment.

## **24/072 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Shropshire Council – Garden waste subscriptions.
- b) Woodland Trust – Free tree packs available.
- c) SALC – Vacancy for Chief Officer.
- d) SC – Early Help Update.
- e) SALC – AGM 30th October 4pm Shirehall.
- f) Some minor concerns reported about new saplings by Moat. Arthur Amos kindly tended to them.
- g) SC Local Plan Stage Two hearings open 15<sup>th</sup> October.
- h) West Mercia Police – Information on theft prevention (links put on HPC website).
- i) NALC – new website incoming.
- j) Planning training offered by CPRE Staffordshire. Both dates filled up within hours of being published (Shropshire allocation). We have one place reserved.
- k) Woodland Trust free tree scheme.
- l) Streetlight opposite shop reported as faulty (day burner). Now fixed.
- m) Green Homes event October – see [www.greenopenhomes.net](http://www.greenopenhomes.net) for information.

## **Highways**

Road closure 15th – 17th October (all the time). Wood Road. Severn Trent sluice valve renewal.

Road closure 4th – 8th November 8am – 5pm. Hardwicke Grange Farm to junc with Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill, for resurfacing.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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