

Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

Cllr Andrew Marston, as Vice Chairman, opened the meeting. He announced the resignation of Cllr Sarah Parker, dated 12th October 2024. He recorded the sincere thanks of the councillors for Sarah's service, especially in her most recent role as Chairman, saying she would be sorely missed.

24/077 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Laura Tarburton was elected Chairman (Prop: AB, Sec: JH, unanimous)

24/078 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Laura Tarburton (Chair), Andy Brisbourne, John Harrison, Andrew Marston.

Apologies: Apologies were accepted from Cllr Harmesh Jassel.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: 12 members of the public.

24/079 CO-OPTION

It was resolved that Steve Downing be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council (Nom: JH, Sec: AB, unanimous). Steve was unable to attend this meeting but will take his seat at the next meeting.

24/080 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

24/081 MINUTES - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meetings held on 9th September and 30th September 2024 as true and correct records of those meetings.

24/082 DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HDL006 (LAND TO THE SOUTH OF WEDGEFIELDS CLOSE) – update.

(See also Planning Committee minutes 24th October 2024)

As agreed on 24th October, members of the Parish Council met with representatives of Cameron Homes on 5th November 2024. Notes from that meeting are available as a separate document.

24/083 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following matters were raised:

- a) **Local Plan** – A resident asked how the setback to Shropshire Council’s Local Plan will affect Hadnall and any proposed development. He pointed out that the ‘emerging plan’ due to come into effect in early 2025 could no longer be considered valid. Cllr Harrison replied that the setback may actually open the way for more development, as SC will have to revert to SAMDev for the present. Although this means that Hadnall will still be ‘Open Countryside’ (i.e. no development other than infill), SC will be on the back foot when refusing permissions as they do not have a plan to meet the required housing supply. More details on the reasons for the halt in the inspection process will be made available in December.
- b) **Flooding** – A resident pointed out the recent flooding of a new development in Hereford and said that we may be looking at the same situation in Hadnall before long. It was remarked that Cameron Homes do not have a good track record with existing developments in the village. Residents expressed concern that flooding on Wedgefields properties (already a problem) may be worsened as a result of the proposed development. Cllr Harrison said that the Parish Council has been, and will be, actively emphasising concerns about flooding in all communications with Cameron Homes regarding HDL006. He said that the biggest concern – and one that Severn Trent must respond to – is that the current pumping station cannot cope. The flooding that has been reported seems to be a mixture of sewerage and surface water. He will be contacting Helen Morgan MP with these concerns. A resident whose home has been flooded twice recently reported that Severn Trent had now cleared a pipe that they found to be 70% blocked. Abbot Drive – Sewerage problems are ongoing, especially properties on the north side. Individuals have been trying to get Severn Trent to take action. Cllr Parker had been pursuing this with Cameron Homes. Cllr Tarburton to take this up.
- c) **Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS)** – A resident had reported it not working on 8th October. An inspection shortly after found it working. Cllr Brisbane said that it needs a new battery and that the solar panel possibly

needs repositioning. If the key cannot be located, the engineer can break the lock and replace.

- d) **The Ease** – A resident reported that the paths are very overgrown. Cllrs indicated that there may be another working party soon (see item 24/089) and that this path maintenance could perhaps also be added to the grounds maintenance contract for 2025-26. The resident also expressed concern that the kissing gate is not accessible for wheelchairs and prams, but councillors explained that this type of gate is needed for safety reasons (proximity to the main road). The gate on the other side of The Ease is fully accessible.
- e) **Wedgefields Copse trees** - Residents from Wedgefields reported that some trees need branches removing (see item 24/089). Cllr Harrison expressed thanks to the couple for their ongoing efforts to keep that area tidy and well-kept.
- f) **Trees and shrubs on Blacksmiths View** – Not being maintained. Ownership is unclear. This is an ongoing problem.

24/084 DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HDL006 (LAND TO THE SOUTH OF WEDGEFIELDS CLOSE) – next steps.

The following actions were agreed:

- Cllr Tarburton to continue communication with Cameron Homes with regard to existing sewerage problems on Abbot Drive and relevance to current proposal.
- Cllr Harrison to contact Trevor Mennell (planning consultant).
- Clerk to submit Place Plan updates to Shropshire Council.
- Cllr Harrison to contact Helen Morgan MP regarding surface water and sewerage concerns.
- Clerk and Cllrs to continue contact with Cameron Homes, to keep abreast of any updates to the proposed application. CH have indicated that the full planning application could be submitted before Christmas.
- Chair of Planning Committee to stay in contact with Eddie West (Shropshire Council).

24/085 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Andrew Marston was elected as Vice Chairman (Prop: JH, Sec: AB, unanimous).

24/086 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The following appointments were resolved *en bloc* (Prop: LT, Sec: AM, unanimous):

- a) Planning Committee – Cllrs Brisbourne, Harrison, Jassell, Marston, and Tarburton.

- b) Planning Advisory Group – Cllrs Brisbourne, Harrison, and Marston.
- c) Staffing Committee – Cllrs Harrison, Marston, and Tarburton.

It was also proposed and agreed that Cllr Harrison should be Chair of the Planning Committee (Prop: AM, Sec: AB, unanimous). (To be ratified at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.)

Employee appraisal to be conducted within next two months.

24/087 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Fence replacement** at the Ease – The scheduled work has been completed. (Further work to be considered as part of the budget for 2025-26).
- b) **Violet streetlights** – Still no progress. Clerk to continue chasing.
- c) **Solicitor** (Wedgefields Copse land reg.) – Update requested, no response.
- d) **Project Gigabit** – Planting around cabinet at Wedgefields has been removed as requested. Plain green cabinet to be retained. Some work has been done at the church – to be turfed when weather permits viability of turf.
- e) **Parish Council website and email** – Still pending.
- f) **VAS (speed sign) data harvesting** – Cllr Brisbourne to get more recent data for next meeting.
- g) **Proposed barrier outside shop door** – Clerk has been unable to get a contact at SC for info. Will ask Cllr Simon Jones again.
- h) **Road repairs** – Haston road has now been resurfaced.
- i) **Bank signatory** – Cllr Tarburton is now a signatory for Unity Trust account. CCLA still to be done.
- j) **Proposed changes to planning procedure** (Cllr Parker) – To be taken up and progressed by members of the Planning Committee.

24/088 OTHER REPORTS

SALC has appointed a new Chief Officer, Chris Mellings. Dianne will retire fully once a staged handover of the role has been completed.

Village Hall contact info on the Parish Council website is out-of-date. Clerk to amend.

24/089 ASSETS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) **Playground equipment report** (Cllr Marston) – still pending.

- b) **Asset Inspection** – A full report was completed in October by Cllr Parker. The only matters needing attention are minor maintenance tasks (working party to be arranged soon). Bus shelter cleaning – Clerk to check when the last clean was done (probably overdue).
- c) It was resolved to approve retrospectively **tree maintenance work at The Ease** to the value of £120.00 that was requested before the Remembrance Service.
- d) It was agreed to request Access2Trees to carry out a **survey of trees on Parish Council land**, viz. Wedgefields Copse, the Village Green, The Ease, and the oak tree at the Bowling Club.

Cllr Harrison expressed thanks on behalf of the village for the purchase of new **lamp-post poppies** and for the work of putting them up, both done voluntarily by local residents.

24/090 PLANNING

- a) Council noted the **draft minutes of the Planning Committee** held 24th October 2024.
- b) There were no **planning applications** received in advance of this meeting.
- c) There were no **planning decisions** published in advance of this meeting.

24/091 FINANCE

- a) Council noted the following **payments** made in October 2024:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
18.00	Bank charges	LGA 1972 s111
324.00	Clerk's salary (September)	LGA 1972 s112
15.00	Planning training booked (23/01/25 LT)	LGA 1972 s111
1944.00	Replacement fencing at The Ease	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
76.26	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
5.40	Bank charges (now levied monthly)	LGA 1972 s111

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
429.90	Clerk's salary (inc. backdated pay award)	LGA 1972 s112
188.40	PAYE (months 6 and 7)	LGA 1972 s112
120.00	Tree maintenance work (The Ease)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
128.40	Streetlight repairs	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
23.07	Church floodlighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
TBC	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
108.00	Room hire for meetings (Apr - Sept)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
550.00	Grounds maintenance (fourth quarter)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
45.00	Donation in lieu of room hire (Sansaw)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
TBC	Monthly bank charge	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
204.35	Interest on CCLA account	LGA 1972 s111

b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.

24/092 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire seeks nominations (community champions) for invitation to the Garden Party on 4th June 2025.
- b) Training opportunities – sent to Cllrs.
- c) Pothole on A49 by Hall Drive junction, reported on 24th October, chased on 31st October. Has been repaired.
- d) Shropshire Council - Recycling centres now operating booking system.
- e) Bowling Club – request to trim hedges inside car park, passed to Sansaw Estate.
- f) HM Government is considering the following changes affecting parish councils: Making remote/hybrid meetings legal (as they were during Covid-19) – this is going through consultation currently, link sent to Cllrs. Removing the necessity for councillors' addresses to be made public. Introducing more effective sanctions for councillors who break the Code of Conduct.
- g) Moat area – hole in ground was reported. Has now been cordoned off, so presumably Sansaw is acting on it.

- h) Shropshire Council has ceased consultation with parish/town councils about the possibility of passing down some services/costs. The process would take too long and produce minimal financial benefits for SC.
- i) SC Tree and Urban Forest Apprentice – looking for contacts with available land for tree planting. Contact Clerk for info.
- j) Village Hall Committee – Thanks for grant towards Village Fete.
- k) SC/Veolia has Community Grants available for non-profit community groups/projects.

24/093 MINOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a) Faulty streetlight at Hermitage Farm (by Village Hall).
- b) Faulty streetlight behind The Ease – not HPC. Resident advised to report via FixMyStreet.
- c) West Mercia Energy is introducing the option for customers to select 100% renewable energy for 2025-26. Estimated additional cost for HPC is around £20 for the year. To be considered with budget.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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