

## **Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall**

### **25/001 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Present:** Cllrs Laura Tarburton (Chair), Andy Brisbourne, Steve Downing, John Harrison, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston.

**Apologies:** None.

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

**Also:** 6 members of the public.

### **25/002 CO-OPTION**

It was resolved that Ian Jackson be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council (Nom: HJ, Sec: AB, unanimous). Cllrs Jackson and Downing signed their Acceptance of Office, and Cllr Jackson joined the table.

### **25/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.**

**25/004 MINUTES** - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th November 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **25/005 DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HDL006 (LAND TO THE SOUTH OF WEDGEFIELDS CLOSE)**

- a) The planning application has now been submitted and is available to view and comment on via Shropshire Council's planning portal (see item 25/012).
- b) No contact has been made with Trevor Mennell. HJ to keep trying.
- c) The agreed changes to Hadnall's Place Plan have been submitted but are not yet published online. Clerk to follow up.
- d) JH to contact Eddie West again once the Parish Council's response to the planning application has been agreed.

## **25/006 FLOODING (SURFACE WATER AND SEWERAGE)**

- a) JH wrote to Helen Morgan MP in early December, outlining the concerns of residents. Helen is coordinating action across Shropshire on this issue. There is a need for as much information as possible. A survey is now available to Hadnall residents to submit information (paper copies and also on HPC website and Facebook). These should be submitted to the Parish Council via the Clerk or Councillors by 20th January.
- b) In correspondence dated 23/12/2024, Cameron Homes confirmed that the Abbot Drive sewers have now been adopted by Severn Trent.
- c) Walkabout with Cameron Homes technical director on 13th January, attended by Cllr Marston. In summary, all of the drainage on the Abbot Drive development appears to be working as planned. The problems are arising after heavy rainfall and it would seem that rainwater is somehow getting into the foul water system. The properties reporting problems with toilets are the ones on lower ground. Cllr Marston and a resident who also attended the walkabout were convinced that the problem lies firmly with Severn Trent.
- d) Severn Trent has been liaising with some residents, but not all those affected by the problems.
- e) There has still been no discovery of a drainage map for the village as a whole, which is necessary in order to understand where the problems may be happening.
- f) A public meeting about flooding issues has been scheduled for Wednesday 15th January at 7pm in the Village Hall, organized by Rev. Paul Cawthorne.

## **25/007 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The following matters were raised:

- a) **Drainage ditches** – A discussion was held regarding the responsibility of farmers and other landowners. *Key points raised:* Each landowner is responsible for not impeding water coming onto their land thereby causing problems for those upstream. Outfall therefore becomes the responsibility of the next landowner. Gulleys have definitely improved the situation in the village as a whole, with the A49 no longer subject to flooding after heavy rainfall. Shropshire Council no longer has a drainage officer.
- b) **Flooding** – Residents reiterated the need for an independent drainage survey. Cllr Harrison clarified the issues facing the community: The current problems – how can they be resolved? Future development – how can we ensure that existing problems are not added to?

## **25/008 PROGRESS REPORT**

- a) Streetlights – Most LED boards have now been replaced but a couple of purple ones remain (Ladymas Road and Lane). Residents to report any

others that may have been missed to the Clerk.

- b) Project Gigabit - Freedom Fibre will be hosting a resident engagement event at Hadnall Village Hall on Thursday 23rd January at 12-4pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
- c) Solicitor (Wedgefields land registration) – No progress to report.
- d) gov.uk website and emails – Clerk and LT to progress.
- e) Proposed barrier outside shop doorway – Clerk to contact Dave Gradwell.
- f) Proposed changes to recording of planning matters – To be considered at next meeting of Planning Committee.
- g) Bus shelter cleaning – Has been completed.
- h) Councillor training – Several opportunities recently have been booked out very quickly. Council agreed that training may be booked and paid for immediately as long as within the allocated budget for the financial year.

**25/009 OTHER REPORTS** – None.

**25/010 ASSETS AND MAINTENANCE**

- a) **Playground equipment report** – Cllr Marston reported that he and Cllr Harrison had completed the visual inspection of equipment (paperwork pending). No problems to report.
- b) **VAS speed data** – Cllr Brisbourne shared data from the speed signs, which showed that the large majority of vehicles are logged travelling below the speed limits. A minority travel at high speeds, mostly late at night or in the early hours so it would be hard to use speed traps. The VAS outside Saracens needs a new battery, which will be done as soon as weather allows, and the southernmost VAS needs settings adjusted so that it displays vehicle speed (AB to progress).
- c) **The Ease** – Fencing: Essential work was completed last year. JH to inspect and advise on any further work that may be necessary. Paths: Cllr Marston to instruct KS Landscapes to include an annual weed-spray in their schedule. It was mentioned that all the paths in the Moat area are in need of topping out with stone – JH to find out type of stone, and then we can ask KS Landscapes if they would be able to do this.
- d) **Cherry tree** – Council retrospectively approved the planting of a cherry tree on the Village Green in memory of the late president of the W.I. and agreed that HPC will take on maintenance of the tree.
- e) **Dog waste in public spaces** – Free lamp post signs and pavement stencils are available from Shropshire Council. Clerk has requested some, JH to collect.
- f) **Working party** – Council agreed that this should be postponed until an

updated Asset Survey has been carried out (SD).

- g) **Tree survey** – Council agreed that a general visual assessment (Access2Trees) should be completed.
- h) **Groundskeeping** – Clerk to request quote from current contractor for 2025 season.

### **25/011 COMMUNITY LED PLAN / NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

HPC has previously resolved to proceed with a Community Led Plan (CLP), rather than a Neighbourhood Plan which could cost £20-£30K.

The CLP should not be steered by the Parish Council but should involve people from across the community. A small group needs to be set up, ideally involving volunteers with experience in consultation, creating questionnaires, etc. This will then produce a survey for all residents to complete, the data from which will inform the finished CLP document.

Cllrs Harrison, Downing and Tarburton agreed to be HPC representatives to this group. Clerk to write to local businesses and organisations to seek volunteers.

### **25/012 PLANNING**

- a) The following **planning application** had been received in advance of this meeting:  
24/04834/FUL Land east of Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall.  
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Construction of 45 dwellings.

Councillors agreed to consider this application at a meeting of the Planning Committee within the next few weeks.

- b) The following **planning decision** was published in advance of this meeting:  
24/04457/CPE Old Station Yard, Hadnall.  
Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate  
SC Decision: Certificate - Lawful

### **25/013 FINANCE**

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

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to spend</b>
339.10	Clerk's salary (November)	LGA 1972 s112
84.80	PAYE (month 8)	LGA 1972 s112
40.00	Lamp post poppies	Local Government Act 1972 s 144
87.52	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
6.00	Bank charges	LGA 1972 s111

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

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to spend</b>
478.60	Clerk's salary (December) and expenses	LGA 1972 s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
84.80	PAYE (month 9)	LGA 1972 s112
110.00	Bus shelters annual clean	LGA (Misc. Provisions)1953, s4
172.80	Streetlight repairs	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
76.49	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
30.00	Training (planning x 2)	LGA 1972 s111
6.00	Bank charges	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to accept</b>
407.89	Interest on CCLA account	LGA 1972 s111

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) Council resolved to accept the proposed **budget** for 2025-26 (Prop: AM, sec: JH, unanimous).
- d) Council resolved to request a **precept** of £15496. This represents a 1.72% increase (68 pence) for a Band D household. (Prop: LT, sec: AB, unanimous).

## **25/014 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) National Garden Scheme – Looking for gardens to be open for 2025 booklet.
- b) Training – Opportunities have been forwarded to councillors.
- c) SALC – Opportunity to get a subsidized 'Wellbeing Bench' for £100 (via UK Shared Prosperity Fund). Clerk to express interest.
- d) SC – Autism Awareness Drop-In Event, Wem Library, 23rd Jan 10am – 12.30pm.
- e) ACRE – Village Halls Week 17th – 23rd March.
- f) Chris Child (Shropshire Wildlife Trust & Energise) – Advice and funding support available re Green Spaces and Active Travel projects. LT to contact regarding footpath maintenance.
- g) Highways – Road closure scheduled Newton-On-The-Hill 27th-28th March (overhead cable works).

**25/015      MINOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- a) Water running off field N of village (by 40mph sign) across footpath, danger of ice. Residents advised to report via FixMyStreet.com.
- b) HPC laptop now in urgent need of replacing. LT and Clerk to progress.
- c) It was noted that the Clerk's appraisal was carried out on 8th January. One of the agreed targets was that the Clerk produce an Action Checklist to accompany the minutes, and follow this up between meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

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