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## **Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall**

### **25/016 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**Apologies:** None.

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

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

**25/017 CO-OPTION** – There were no applications.

**25/018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.

**25/019 MINUTES** - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th January 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting (Prop: JH, Sec: HJ, unanimous).

### **25/020 FLOODING (SURFACE WATER AND SEWERAGE)**

Summary of main points from the meeting held with Severn Trent and Shropshire Council representatives on 26th February 2025:

- ST and SC acknowledged that Hadnall is facing a range of issues linked to drainage, sewage and problems at the pumping station – acknowledged that during heavy rainfall system does not meet needs.
- Assured they are listening, ongoing discussions between SC and ST, aware of extent of problems approx. 6 months ago and moving to get to solutions.
- Testing and investigations ongoing.
- ST keen to hold a drop-in session with Hadnall residents.
- Planning commented that at the time of the Local Plan being compiled, not aware of these problems. One potential option is for house building to be staggered until infrastructure sorted. However, also noted that Hadnall will get more house building due to the needs of the county (86%).
- Pump improvements under consideration – it is operating well generally but not during peak rainfall.

- Rising main might be looked at as part of a bigger ongoing project.
- Attenuation pond at Abbots is not working correctly, falls through the gaps as to who looks after this, currently talking to developers – currently surface water is draining into pipework.
- Timescale for scheme of improvement 1-2 years but would look to expedite, although we felt that was optimistic.
- May look at some short-term quick fixes.

Following this, the Parish Council has asked for:

- ST's current 5-year plan for Hadnall (asset management plan).
- ST are investigating whether water butts might be available to help some residents with drainage.
- Clarification as to what checks are completed before the drainage system of a new development is signed over to ST from the developer.
- Further information and updates about the SUDs on Abbots Drive development.
- Confirmation ASAP of date for drop-in session at Village Hall.
- Meeting with SC's land drainage officer on Wednesday 12th March to discuss issues at Old Farm Road with garden flooding.
- Update on ST internal meeting about Hadnall Thursday 6th March.

Summary of main points from the meeting held with Helen Morgan MP 28th February 2025:

- Some residents suffering from flooding and drainage issues were invited to the meeting.
- HPC opened by explaining current situation with SW and ST following the meeting earlier on in the week.
- Residents shared their experiences.
- Helen happy to offer her support by:
  - Asking ST to object to the application at Wedgefields.
  - Objecting to the application at Wedgefields herself.
  - Writing to SC detailing her concerns.

The Chairman thanked all parish councillors for their ongoing commitment and for the amount of work that has been done over the last few weeks on this.

## **25/021            PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The following matters were raised:

*Is anything planned to celebrate VE Day (8th May)?* The parish council does not have anything planned.

*Residents responded to the flooding update and asked some questions.* Cllrs clarified that Hadnall Parish Council is opposed to the 45-home Wedgefields development and that Helen Morgan is helping to try to have any such development postponed until the issues have been sorted. However, it will ultimately be Shropshire Council that makes the decision on whether to grant planning permission. Cllr Harrison pointed out that there have been interesting developments recently that may have a significant influence, notably the admission that both Severn Trent and Shropshire Council are aware of the existing problems and that action is needed to resolve them. This will have a bearing on future decisions, as it is matter of public record now that the existing situation is known.

*A question was raised about the SC Local Plan – see item 25/023.*

## **25/022            PROGRESS REPORT**

- a) **Streetlights** – All purple lights have now been fixed.
- b) **Place Plan** – A response has been received from Lucy Roberts, requesting some further information on a couple of items. Clerk to respond re: footpaths, LT to respond re: bus shelter.
- c) **HPC laptop and gov.uk website** – Cllrs had agreed to the purchase of a replacement laptop and software (decision made by email as existing laptop no longer working). This is being provided by Web Orchard, who will also be updating the website and providing gov.uk email accounts. Cllrs agreed that the old laptop should be properly destroyed. Clerk to action.
- d) **Planning Policy** – It was resolved at the last meeting of the Planning Committee (03/02/2025) to formalise the practice of using the checklist of Material Planning Considerations during the consideration of every application.
- e) **Councillor training** – LT and SD have attended training sessions.
- f) **Solicitor** (Wedgefields land registration) – No progress to report.
- g) **Possible barrier outside shop doorway** – Clerk has been unable to contact anyone at SC to give us details of what the cost/process would be, information which is needed before it can be considered as a proposal and consulted on (shop, nearby residents, etc.) SJ to see if he can help.
- h) **VAS battery replacement** – Has been completed. AB recommends that cleaning of the VAS solar panels be added to the annual bus shelter clean.
- i) **Moat footpaths redressing** – JH to pass info about material to AM, who will then request a quote from KS Landscapes. Cllrs also to investigate other

options for doing the work, e.g. Community Payback.

- j) **Dog waste signs** – JH went to collect but they weren't there. Clerk to chase.

## **25/023          OTHER REPORTS**

SC Councillor Simon Jones gave an update on the situation with the **Local Plan**, which has now been withdrawn following the response of the Inspectors. This means that Hadnall remains classified as Open Countryside (no development). However, it also leaves Shropshire Council in the situation where they do not have a 5 year land supply for development. This means that developers would be able to push applications through on appeal. He also reported on the **condition of roads** in Shropshire, 14.5% of which are in need of significant repair (slightly better than the national average). Some extra funding is coming through but inflation etc. affecting the efficacy of that funding.

The **Village Hall Committee** are running their 100 Club again this year (£24 per entry).

## **25/024          ASSETS AND MAINTENANCE**

- a) **Assets report** – Pending (SD is putting together new pro forma).
- b) **Playground equipment report** – Paperwork received from AM, next inspection now due.
- c) **Inspection schedules for 2025-26** – SD to take on Asset and Play Equipment Inspections as of April 2025.
- d) **Grounds maintenance contract** – It was resolved to appoint KS Landscapes to continue as maintenance contractor for 2025-26 at the quoted price of £2310 (including VAT).
- e) **Tree inspection report** – Pending.
- f) **Working party (minor asset maintenance tasks)** – Deferred pending report.

## **25/025          COMMUNITY LED PLAN / NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllrs Downing, Harrison and Tarburton had met to discuss next steps. It was agreed that nothing can be done until the outcome of the Cameron Homes planning application is known.

Letters to local businesses and organisations have so far resulted in 3 volunteers coming forward. LT to contact them.

## **25/026          PLANNING**

- a) Council considered the following **planning applications**:
  - 25/00348/FUL Holmleigh, 34 Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall.*
  - Proposal: Erection of a two storey rear extension
  - HPC response: None (agreed by PAG)

*25/00392/FUL Shropshire Brick & Stone (UK) Ltd, Old Station Yard, Hadnall.*

Proposal: Extension to existing building to increase roof height.

HPC response: Having considered the application, Council decided to neither support nor object, but to submit the following comment:

'The Parish Council would welcome clarification of the current planning use classification for this site and that SC are satisfied that the ongoing use remains within the current planning classification. The PC has no further comment to make on this application.'

b) There were no further **planning applications** received in advance of this meeting.

c) The following **planning decision** was published in advance of this meeting:

*25/00216/FUL Hadnall C Of E Primary School*

Proposal: Extension to enlarge classroom and headteacher's office.

SC Decision: Grant permission.

## **25/027 FINANCE**

a) Council noted the following **payments** made in February 2025:

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to spend</b>
339.10	Clerk's salary (January)	LGA 1972 s112
102.16	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>
420.50	Clerk's salary (February) and expenses	LGA 1972 s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
169.40	PAYE (month 10 and 11)	LGA 1972 s112
30.00	Website gov.uk registration	LGA 1972 s142
189.00	Room hire	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
108.30	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
165.00	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>
405.98	Interest on CCLA account	LGA 1972 s111

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) Council resolved to move £5000 from the current account into the CCLA investment fund. LT has been added as a signatory to CCLA and previous signatories removed.

#### **25/028      AUDIT/LEGAL MATTERS**

- a) **Risk Assessment** – Review deferred, until assets can be added (SD)
- b) It was resolved to appoint Richard Groome to complete the **Internal Audit** at a cost of £49 (Prop: LT, Sec: AB, unanimous).

#### **25/029      CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Royal British Legion – VE Day 80 8th May, materials available.
- b) SC – Avian flu updates (shared immediately online).
- c) Fallen tree on Wedgefields Copse (24th Jan) – dealt with same day.
- d) Training opportunities – shared by email.
- e) Project Gigabit updates – shared by email.
- f) Keep Britain Tidy – #GBSpringClean 21st March – 6th April

#### **25/030      MINOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

There was a concern raised about speeding on Astley Lane outside the school. Possible solutions were discussed, along with the fact that pupils from the school had contact the parish council to raise this previously. LT to renew communication with the school. It was agreed that an assessment of current speeds would be needed before taking any action. Clerk to contact WM Police.

SC Cllr Simon Jones said his farewells to the Council, since Hadnall will no longer be in Shawbury area after the May elections so regardless of the outcome, he will no longer be Hadnall's representative on the Unitary Council. He expressed his thanks to the community and wished everyone well. Parish councillors also thanked Simon for all his work over the years on behalf of the community.

NEXT MEETING: 12th May. Annual Community Meeting at 7pm, HPC annual meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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

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