

HADNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Hadnall Village Hall on 11th March 2019.

19/014 Public Question Time

All items raised and discussed are covered in the minutes below.

19/015 Present

Parish Councillors: Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Brisbourne.
Parish Clerk: Mrs. Smith-Wells. Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones. 7 Members of the Public.

19/016 Apologies

Mr. Clifford, Mr. Davies, Mr. Thompson, PC Heathcote.

19/017 Declarations of Interest

None.

19/018 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 9th and 14th January 2019.

Signed as correct records of those meetings.

19/019 Progress Reports

- a) Smart Water rollout: Councillor Duxbury is still to arrange visits to those households who had not yet come forward and to deliver information leaflets to Galliers' site office. **ACTION:** Councillor Duxbury to arrange visits to houses and to drop off information leaflets to the sales office at Abbots Lea.
- b) New Play Equipment (including RoSPA report): i) Councillor Davies was not present to provide a full update to the meeting. However, Councillor Slater reported that he had met with other suppliers in order to obtain the required 3 quotations for repairs to the existing equipment and provision of new. It was agreed that the repairs to the existing equipment, highlighted in the RoSPA are required urgently and should be made a priority; ii) The Parish Clerk reported that she had received an email from a Parishioner expressing concerns over the possible use of The Ease as a location for the new equipment. However, it was noted that other Parishioners with children had given their support as it would provide a safe environment for children while parents used the equipment. It was agreed to continue to assess the suitability of The Ease.
- c) Street Lighting Renewal Programme: The Parish Clerk reported that 2 faulty streetlights have been replaced with new LEDs instead of repairing the old lights. Councillor Duxbury reported that Highline Electrical have provided a quotation for the replacement of 13 streetlights located on the north end of A49 through to the junction with Station Road (phase 1) at a cost of £3,460. It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the quotation. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to place an order with the contractors.
- d) Proposed footpath past the moat: Councillor Bell reported that the approved path is complete, and the Archaeologist is to submit his report to Historic England. Once this has taken place, Councillor Bell will apply to put a path over the only piece that has, to date, not received approval. It was noted that several parishioners have already expressed how pleased they are with the path. Councillors Bell was sincerely thanked for his hard work in handling this project and seeing it through to completion so quickly. It was also agreed that the contractors were excellent when carrying out the work – a

sentiment expressed by parishioners too. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email the contractors with the Parish Council's thanks.

- e) Bowling Club Lease: The Chairman of the Bowling Club has given the Parish Council the Club's latest response to the draft lease, asking for the Parish Council's response. The Chairman opened the floor to the Treasurer of the Bowling Club who was present at the meeting and he advised that the proposed rent amount of £250 per annum is considered too high and that they had been given to understand (at the start of the process) that there would be a peppercorn rent. The Treasurer was advised that this was not an agreed Parish Council decision and the Bowling Club was unfortunate in being informally advised this. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would meet to discuss the counter proposals from the Bowling Club. **ACTION:** Chairman to arrange meeting.

19/020 Local Plan Review

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's formal response to Shropshire Council's proposals was submitted on the 4th of February. She is now waiting for Edward West (Planning Policy Officer) to advise when he is available to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss the way forward.

19/021 Community Infrastructure Levy

Councillor Harrison reported that he had met with Corrie Davies, Shropshire Council's Place Plan Officer for the north-west area, to discuss applying for funding (Community Infrastructure Levy) raised through development in the village to be spent in the Parish. The application deadline is the 22nd of March and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council should apply for funding for: i) the provision of a games/recreational area with equipment; b) the further improvement of pedestrian routes in the village (including the possible completion of the new path adjacent to the moat; c) a new parking area for church visitors etc. **ACTION:** Councillor Harrison to submit the CIL application to Shropshire Council.

19/022 Accounts

- a) It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following payments be approved:

£477.18	Salary, mileage and Working from Home Allowance for January and February
£55.17	Church floodlighting (4 months – interim payment made in January)
£1207.80	Streetlight repairs and 2 replacements
£30078.00	Construction of new path past the moat
£52.90	10 Laurel bushes for school/nursery boundary

- b) It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the latest accounts report and bank reconciliation prepared by the Parish Clerk, be approved.
- c) It was proposed, seconded and resolved the L. Pardoe be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the 2018/19 accounts. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to arrange audit.

19/023 Meeting Frequency

Councillors discussed changing the frequency of meetings from bimonthly to monthly, due to increasing work for the Parish Council. It was agreed to keep meeting every other month but to continue to monitor the situation.

19/024 Planning

Councillor Harrison reported the following:

- 17/05454/FUL: Construction of 4 houses on site of Saracens car park. Awaiting decision.
- 18/04465/FUL: Erection of free-range poultry unit at Painsbrook Farm. Awaiting decision.
- 18/05959/FUL: Mill House. Replacement of existing conservatory with a 2-storey extension. Awaiting decision.
- 19/00219/OUT: Erection of dwelling and garage at Beech Tree Lodge, Hadnall. Application withdrawn.

19/025 Highways and General Village Matters

- a) Abbots Lea development: i) At the Chairman's request, the developers have kindly jetted the blocked road gullies which has improved the drainage on the road at the entrance to the development. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to thank the Site Manager; b) Shropshire Council has advised that the open space at the development is not protected by an S106 agreement; c) the Parish Council has learned that, once the development is completed, the current car parks will be removed, and the areas reverted to grass and to the ownership of the former landowner. Shropshire Council will adopt the road through the development.
- b) Graduated Speed Limits through the village: Although the Safer Roads Partnership doubt the effectiveness of graduated speed limits (recommending instead one drop to 30mph) it was proposed, seconded and resolved (3 for, 1 against, 1 abstention) that the Chairman would approach Dave Gradwell of Shropshire Council Highways for his opinion. **ACTION:** Chairman to contact Dave Gradwell.
- c) Parking at the School: Councillors discussed the causes of traffic congestion at child dropping off and collection times at the school. It was agreed that residents living close by the school and staff at Crackerjacks permanently parking in the bus layby, greatly contribute to the problems experienced.
- d) Parking outside the shop: Residents neighbouring the shop are frequently experiencing difficulties accessing their properties due to visitors to the shop parking across their drives. It was agreed that a blocked drive is a traffic offence and can be reported to the police, with photographs as evidence. Double yellow lines are not the solution as these will apply to the residents too. **ACTION:** Councillor Clifford to report this back to the complainant(s).
- e) Shropshire Council survey on Area Committees: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to complete and return.
- f) Laurels at the school: Councillors Slater and Clifford and Mrs. Slater have planted 10 laurels on the school boundary, purchased by the Parish Council. Councillors wished to record their thanks to the Councillors and parishioner, for voluntarily carrying out the work.
- g) Infilled ditch at school: Councillor Duxbury reported he has met with Harvey Gould of Shropshire Council to discuss this. **ACTION:** Councillor Duxbury to continue to progress.
- h) Path behind the church: Councillor Duxbury and Mr. Collins are continuing to work on this path. The Parish Council wished to formally record its thanks to James Thompson for the kind donation of the stone.
- i) Car park near to Bowling Club: spaces are being taken up by residents who are parking there permanently.
- j) Siding out of pavement alongside A49: this has still not been carried out by Shropshire Council despite being first reported to Shropshire Council in January 2018. Richard Garbutt of Shropshire Council has advised that they are experiencing difficulties with their contractor (Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones confirmed this is the case). **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Richard Garbutt that the Parish Council will consider

funding the work (using the Probation Service) if Shropshire Council will provide the required traffic calming measures.

- k) Village Hall: Councillor Duxbury reported that the Village Hall accounts will be presented for auditing during week beginning 18th of March. He will then supply them to the Parish Council for information. He advised that the Village Hall has made a “slight profit”.
- l) Parish Magazine: The Parish Council learned that a volunteer has been found to take over the production of the Parish magazine. The Parish Council wished to formally record its thanks to Mr. Collins for his work in producing it over the years. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Mr. Collins.
- m) Litter picking: The Parish Council has been made aware of some parishioners carrying out voluntary litter picking in the village. It was agreed that this is an excellent community spirited act and those responsible should be thanked. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to include the Parish Council’s thanks in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.
- n) Shrubs at Wedgefields: The Parish Clerk reported that Mr. Price has removed the dead tree and shrubs and that Mr. and Mrs. Jones-Roberts have kindly offered to provide a replacement. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jones-Roberts for their generosity.
- o) Trees: Shropshire Council has advised that trees T1, T3 and T4 on the recent Tree Order are owned by the appropriate Housing Association; T7 is owned by the Parish Council (as owners of the Bowling Club); they do not know who owns the trees on communal land at Wedgefields.

19/026 Correspondence

The Parish Clerk reported that she had received an email from a parishioner concerning slow internet speeds. It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot offer a solution other than to advise the parishioner to persist in obtaining help from his internet supplier.

19/027 Councillors’ Reports

None.

19/028 Items for Future Agenda

No new ones suggested.

At this point, the Chairman closed the meeting to allow confidential items to be discussed.

19/029 Parish Council Vacancy

Those Parish Councillors present at the meeting held a secret ballot to elect a new Parish Councillors from the 3 excellent candidates who had expressed an interest in joining. It was resolved that Mr. A. Amos be co-opted onto the Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Mr. Amos and to also thank the remaining 2 for their interest.

19/030 Review of Parish Clerk’s Hours

(The Parish Clerk left the meeting for this item). It was proposed, seconded and resolved that i) the Parish Clerk’s hours be increased from 24 per month to 30 from 1st April; b) that the total amount of incremental increase missed for payment between 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 be paid as backpay; c) that the 36 hours and 15 minutes overtime worked between 1st November 2017 and 28th February 2019 be paid as backpay.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.30.

.....(CHAIRMAN)(DATE)

Date of next meeting: 13th May 2019

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