

Hadnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm in Hadnall Village Hall.

21/113 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs John Harrison (Chairman), Barry Bell, Andy Brisbourne, Nigel Clifford, Neil Duxbury, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston, Sarah Parker.

Apologies: None.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Simon Jones, 5 members of the public.

21/114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

21/115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

21/116 MINUTES

It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021 as a true and correct record.

21/117 PROGRESS REPORT

a) New footpaths

The footpaths have been completed and full funding received from the CIL fund (Shropshire Council). The work was carried out to a good standard and the contractors (Core) were very helpful. Cllrs Bell and Harrison were thanked for their work on this project and its funding, which has taken a lot of effort.

BB suggested that an ongoing maintenance plan should be put in place for the paths. JH suggested that a volunteer working group could be set up for this, working in liaison with the Parish Paths Partnership. **ACTION:** To be raised on future agenda.

Ownership of the land at Wedgefields could not be ascertained and so that section of path was not laid (as per previous agreement 21/093a). **ACTION:** The matter of the ownership of this triangle of land will be put onto the next agenda.

b) **Pedestrian crossing**

Response from Steve Smith, Assistant Director of Infrastructure, Shropshire Council:

“We appreciate and share your disappointment with lack of progress on the scheme and I apologise that the council have not been more proactive in keeping the Parish informed on issues arising.

“Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on all parts of the highways supply chain, not just in Shropshire but across the country. Many of the smaller materials and parts suppliers have faced issues in keeping up with normal productivity during the pandemic with the need to observe covid safety protocols and manage staff absences and as a result there has been a significant increase in the order times for many parts and specialist materials, indeed some are still very difficult to source. Our own contractors (Dylniq) and their sub-contractors have also experienced several periods of staff shortages due to either covid itself or the more recent “pingdemic” which has significantly delayed their programmes of work across the county.

“Whilst Dylniq and their staff are making every effort to catch up with the programme as quickly as possible I am afraid there have been unavoidable delays on many schemes including the crossing at Hadnall. I am unable to provide you with a date when works might be completed as yet as we are still trying to coordinate the availability of materials, parts and workforce so that we can provide certainty on when we can claim road space to undertake the works.

“Whilst the scheme will include the resurfacing of the road immediately either side of the crossing, CIL is unfortunately unable to fund broader highway maintenance beyond the crossing as it does not meet the criteria [...] We are currently prioritising a scheme [for the A49 through Hadnall] for next financial year.”

c) **Installation of additional vehicle-activated speed sign (VAS)** – The working group (AB, NC, ND & SP) met with SC Highways on site. For various reasons (including the way that the road is constructed and the near vicinity of the 30mph VAS at the New Inn), VAS posts cannot be erected in the 40mph zone to the south of Hadnall. SC has agreed to install two posts to the north of Hadnall, one on each side of the A49 (near the post box). The VAS will then be able to face in either direction as required. The installation of the posts is now on the schedule of works and expected some time in the New Year.

d) **RoSPA inspection & slide repair** – The slide steps have now been repaired. Playdale have been out to inspect the problems with the surfacing.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up with Playdale.

e) **Bin on Village Green play area fence** – SC reported this fixed. It isn't. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact SC.

- f) **Update on 2017 Community Led Plan** – NC has drafted a report on current progress. **ACTION:** NC to complete poster/report and publish in Hadnall News. Clerk will post on website. Also, the Plan is due to be refreshed in 2022. **ACTION:** To be put on agenda for January, to consider consultation process.
- g) **Haston Road potholes and flooding** – Has not been sorted. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact SC Highways again.
- h) **Hawkstone Close hedge** – Still not cut. **ACTION:** Clerk to report again.

21/118 OTHER REPORTS

- a) **SC Cllr Simon Jones** had nothing to report.
- b) **SALC** – JH had attended area meeting on Zoom. Eddie West gave information about the next stage of the Shropshire Local Plan (building development) which has gone to examination. JH asked about changes to development boundary. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Eddie West with details, cc SJ. (See also item 21/120)
- c) No other reports had been received.

21/119 OLDER KIDS PLAY FACILITIES

- a) Council received the **report from the working group (research and recommendations)**. This report is available as a separate document on the Parish Council website. The consultation on what older children want was carried out via school activities and social media. Over 60 children aged 7 to 16 years were consulted.
- b) Council **agreed to pursue Option 4 from the report, as per the working group's recommendation**, with Option 3 as a possible back-up.

Option 4: Explore in conjunction with Sansaw Estate the installation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the area of ground to the South of the Ease. Approx. cost £40K - £80K, depending on size/specification. Sansaw has agreed in principle. It would be subject to planning permission, suitability of land for installation, public consultation, etc. If a MUGA was not possible, then a spider web style high climbing frame (approx. cost £30K-£40K) could be considered instead.

Option 3: As above, but on The Ease.

- c) Council recorded huge thanks to all the members of the research working group for their hard work and enthusiasm. All agreed it was a very successful exercise

and gives the Council a really strong basis of information to progress from. It was agreed to now **close this working group**.

- d) Council agreed to set up a **new task and finish group** to consult with parishioners and progress the project. Members: SP, BB, NC, HJ, JH.
- e) Council agreed **to allocate up to £40K to the project** (including £20K already earmarked in HPC reserves). It is hoped to obtain the equivalent in external funding.

21/120 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

Council agreed to ask SC (Julie Ruler) to make a representation to the Inspectors regarding the following local issues raised regarding the Regulation 19 consultation:

- a) **Hub status – development allocation.** At a well-attended Extraordinary Meeting to consider the Local Plan, held on 09.01.19, the parish voted in favour of Option 1: 'No further development'. This consensus has been duly represented by the Parish Council throughout the consultation process, to no avail. However, even if hub status is applied, we have a query about our housing allocation. The following is from a meeting held on 30/07/2018 between Eddie West, Simon Jones, Jim Slater and Barry Bell: "Hadnall [is listed] in the third quarter of the list of 43 community hubs. The third quarter aims for 25% less development than [sic] the average 112 required in each rural area identified as a hub". According to this information, Hadnall's quota for development should be 84 dwellings. We have already had 70 houses built, so should only be allocated a further 14. Can this be confirmed?
- b) **Development boundary.** Earlier iterations of the Local Plan map (see separate document) clearly marked areas within the settlement boundary that would not be open to development – e.g. the Village Green, the church environs, the Historic England moat site. The latest map (Regulation 19 consultation, dated 2020) shows *all* land within the boundary as available for development. Is this an error?
- c) **Site allocations.** The Parish Council (representing the views of the community, see EM 09/01/19 as above) has always asked for future development to be away from the A49, giving safer routes to school and expanding the village widthways around its centre, avoiding further ribbon development. The preferred site allocation of Shropshire Council has repeatedly been HDL006 (land south of Wedgefields), ignoring this completely. Local views in this regard have consistently been ignored throughout the consultation process.

21/121 PLANNING

a) Applications:

The minutes of the Planning Committee were noted:

21/04368/FUL Marianna, Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall SY4 4AG

Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions.

Committee agreed to support the application.

21/04408/FUL Poolside, Astley Lane, Hadnall SY4 4BE

Proposal: Erection of a first-floor side extension.

Committee agreed to support the application.

b) Recently received applications:

No other planning applications were received in advance of this meeting.

c) Decisions published:

21/04368/FUL Marianna, Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall SY4 4AG

Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions.

Shropshire Council decision: Grant Permission.

21/122 LEGAL MATTERS

- a) Council agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference for the **Staffing Committee**, dated 08/11/21. Staffing Committee: JH, NC, SP.
- b) Council agreed to adopt a new **Planning Policy** (dated 08/11/21) and amend the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee (dated 08/11/21). It was agreed to delegate power to respond to applications to the Clerk and to appoint a Planning Advisory Group: BB, AB, SP.

21/0123 FINANCE

a) Payments and receipts

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
542.40	Clerk's salary (September, October)	LGA 1972 s112
39.50	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
135.60	PAYE (months 5 and 6)	LGA 1972 s112
44736.00	Second phase footpaths installation	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10

210.00	Archaeologist's fee (footpaths)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
1026.50	Reinstated service to streetlight	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
104.33	Electricity for streetlighting	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
9.40	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
42.75	Church floodlighting	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
30.00	Training for new Cllrs	Local Government Act 1972. s175.
2600.00	Grass and hedge cutting 2021	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
46000.00	CIL grant for footpath project	Local Government Act 1972, s.139

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

21/124 CORRESPONDENCE

Village Green events – Jan Tonge had asked about insurance cover. The situation is as follows: Parish Council insurance covers any claim arising from an incident involving the actual land itself, e.g. someone tripping on a tree root and injuring themselves. Anyone holding an event should carry out their own risk assessment and take out an appropriate insurance policy to cover any risk relating to the event itself.

Jill Evans – Emailed to let us know that she can no longer maintain the upkeep of the planted area at The Ease. The Chairman, on behalf of the wider community, raised a vote of thanks to Jill for all she has done. Jill also asked who is responsible for hedge cutting along her garden wall bordering the moat, since she can no longer maintain it now that it is more mature. **ACTION:** Clerk to follow this up.

West Mercia Police – Our contract has been amended as follows:

Top three concerns for Hadnall:

1. Speeding Concerns
2. ASB
3. Burglary

We would appreciate some visible police presence as often as practicable please.

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Mrs Anna Turner JP – Invitation to nominate individuals to be invited to the 2022 Garden Party. Deadline 31st March.

21/125 PARISH MATTERS

Land at entrance to Wedgefields – possibility of Parish Council adopting the land to be put on next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th January, 7.30pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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