

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 19th September 2024 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Sue Adeney, Pippa Barkley, Angela Hartland, Steve Pennant.

Apologies: Cllrs Sara Beadon, Alex Walker, Lesley Smith. DCllr Kathy Wells, C&DCllr Tom Wells, Peter Goodyear (PPW).

In Attendance: The Clerk, Nick Harper (PW), Graham Holmes (PFW), Steve Gogerty (NHDP), 15 parishioners.

99/24 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the September meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

100/24 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that they must be kept up to date. Cllr Adeney declared an interest in the Village Show payment as a recipient of the prize money.
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

101/24 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18th July 2024 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

Closure of the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

Several members of the parish wished to discuss the Licence application for the DUBS In the Middle Festival to be held at Severn End. They were extremely upset that it had been granted by MHDC Licensing Committee and were looking into appealing the decision. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to WRA to register its concerns with the procedure surrounding licence applications as Parish Councils were not automatically notified or consulted on applications. Local residents also felt that they should have been notified of the application so that they could make their feelings known.

It was reported that the village show was a real success and a request for assistance was made to the Parish Council to ensure its future viability. It was agreed to pay the two day hall hire for the Village Show for the next year. £500 to be put in the next year's budget.

An update was provided on the allotments. The Chairman said that a 20 year lease was being proposed by the Housing Association. The allotments are not covered by the 1950 Allotment Act and the Clerk was asked to advise the Solicitor. The Chairman asked if a site visit to the allotments could be arranged.

The Gilberts End Sign had still not been fixed, the Clerk was asked to contact MHDC again.

Seeds were to be made available once again with a discount code and the link would be put on the parish website.

The Councillors were asked what responsibilities they had for organising local/village events. The Chairman confirmed that they did not have a responsibility to organise them but they did support groups with funding and organisation where necessary.

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102/24 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated

103/24 Finance:

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments - The payments in Appendix 1 were agreed.
b) Receipts Received - none

104/24 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications:

Application Number	Location	Proposal
<u>M/24/01151/CCO</u>	Pool House Caravan Park Hanley Road Upton Upon Severn Worcester WR8 OPA	Discharge of Conditions 6 (Biodiversity Light Scheme) 12 (Surface Water/Foul Water Drainage) 13 (Foul Drainage Works) of planning application 21/01246/FUL.
No Comments		
<u>M/24/01165/FUL</u>	Broadacres Farm Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 OAL	Full planning application for the roofing over of an open livestock yard.
No objection but ask if solar panels could be included. Comment regarding inaccessible footpath through the farmyard.		
<u>M/24/00612/FUL</u>	Gilberts End Farm Gilberts End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 OAR	Proposed erection of a new dwellinghouse to replace an existing agricultural building (scheme in lieu of Class Q prior approval for conversion).
No Objection raised		

- b) Applications received after Agenda - None

c) Planning Decisions:

<u>M/24/00785/HP</u>	2 Haylers End Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 OED	Construction of a rear balcony	Application Approved
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<u>M/24/00793/FUL</u>	Broadacres Farm Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AL	Full planning application for the roofing over of an open livestock yard	Application Approved
<u>M/24/00440/HP</u>	Westward Annexe Westward House Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 ODN	Proposed extension of existing annexe to provide a carer's bedroom	Application Approved
<u>M/24/00657/FUL</u>	Albion Lodge Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 ODN	A hybrid application comprised of a detailed planning application for the erection of 16 extra-care apartments and an outline planning application.	Application Approved

d) **ACTION:** Clerk asked to enquire about Maple House, Dream Lodge and why LBC applications are being withdrawn.

e) **5 Horton Lea:** The revised plans were discussed.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to the planning officer's questions.

105/24 District and County Councillors' Reports: No Councillors present.

106/24 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – The report was read out.
- b) **Pond Warden** – A quote for the clearing out and inspection of the overflow pipe had been received and it was £1100. The Warden was struggling to find other companies that would provide a quotation for the work. It was a company that had been used previously and so it was agreed to proceed.
- c) **Playing Field Warden** – A meeting was being arranged with HAGS to look at the repair work required on the playing area. The BMX track had been strimmed by New Farm so could now be used.
- d) **NHDP** – Report read out. Ann Skippers had been appointed to examine the Plan and would start her work in October. It was noted that no responses had been received from Oakfield Developments or Marches Homes.
- e) **Local Police** – No report received but for the next quarter it was asked to concentrate on speeding and thefts from outbuildings.

107/24 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – The Hanley Swan Sign by Coverside Farm was obscured as was the Hanley Castle sign by Parsonage Farm.

ACTION: Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to make them visible.

- b) Road Safety Matters - Nothing additional reported this month.

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108/24 Carbon Neutral Working Group -

- a) The group has been rebranded and would now be called HE(d)G(e) (Hanley Environment Group) and would encompass all previous working parties.
- b) It was noted that not many women are confident cycling and so a female bike ability class would be held at HCHS - an article would be published in the Parish Link.
- c) The High School and the Environment Group plan to work together on the verges at the entrance to Church End to plant them up and create a nicer entrance to the village.
- d) The T.O.R would be finalised by Cllr Roberts in consultation with Cllrs Adeney and Hartland.

109/24 Correspondence

- a) Licence for Festivals at Severn End – Discussed in the Open Meeting
- b) Worcestershire CALC – AGM 26th September at 19:00 - invitation circulated.
- c) Talk with Tom – Request to hold on 1st Monday in October - meeting for the 7th October approved.
- d) Community Risk Management Questionnaire – Completed by SP

110/24 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

- a) Christmas Tree on Hanley Swan Village Green – Decision made to not continue.
- b) Atlas Tower Update – Cllr Hartland read through her report. It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to be alert for a planning application. Cllr Hartland offered to get a draft letter ready along with an article for the Parish Link.
ACTION: Cllr Hartland to prepare communications.
- c) Allotments – Update provided in the Open part of the meeting. It was agreed that if the ACV application was a stumbling block for the Housing Association then the Parish Council would be willing to withdraw it. The objective was to retain the allotments for the future and this could be achieved with a lease.
- d) Registration of the Pond – This was discussed and was progressing with the Solicitor.
- e) Ownership of Road by British Legion & British Legion plot – Cllr Roberts updated the Council on the correspondence that she had exchanged with various parties.
- f) Planting in the Hanley Swan Bicycle Planters – It was agreed that the Pond Warden would try and find out who had volunteered to look after them to see whether they were still willing to continue.
- g) Autumn Show Tickets Ballot – Now Closed. It had been extremely popular but it was noted that several outside of the Parish had applied but could not be entered.

111/24 Items for the next agenda: None.

112/24 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 17th October 2024.

Signed Date: 17th October 2024

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Payments Approved at The September Meeting

New Farm Grounds Maintenance		July Cuts	£805.30
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The Map Shop		Map of the Allotments	£20.28
Nigel Hawthornewaite		Mower for Hanley Environment	£94.69
Janet Lomas		Rattle Seed	£90.00
Hanley Swan Show		Prize Money	£25.00
NFU Mutual		Orchard Insurance	£230.56
Fisher Germsn		Glebe Rent	£125.00
			£2,196.13

Signed Date: 17th October 2024
Chairman