

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 16th January 2025 at 7.00pm in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Sue Adeney, Alex Walker, Lesley Smith, Pippa Barkley, Angela Hartland, Steve Pennant, Sara Beadon.

Apologies: Peter Goodyear (PPW), Graham Holmes (PFW), PC Johns.

In Attendance: The Clerk, DCllr Tom Wells, Nick Harper (PW), Steve Gogerty (NDP), Hilary Fowler (Allotments), 2 Parishioners.

01/25 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the first Parish Council meeting of 2025 and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk. It was again lovely to see all Councillors in attendance.

02/25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors.

- a) Declarations of Interest: None were received
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

03/25 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th November 2024 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

04/25 Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.

No questions were raised.

05/25 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.
- b) Cllr Hartland updated the Councillors on the Atlas phone mast application. She proposed to draft a letter in preparation for the application to raise the awareness of parishioners and allow them to comment on the application if they wished. **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to draft a letter in preparation.**

06/25 Finance:

- a) The payments notified in writing prior to the meeting were considered and **APPROVED**.
- b) Receipts Received. None.
- c) Precept setting – A draft budget had been circulated ahead of the meeting and was discussed in depth and a few adjustments were documented. Cllr Roberts proposed a £1000 increase in the precept to £23,000. This would be a 4.3% increase with the Band D cost increasing from £33.16 to £34.19 for the year. All voted in favour of a precept of £23,000 for 2025/2026. **ACTION: The Clerk to inform MHDC of the request.**

07/25 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications:

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Application Number	Location	Proposal
<u>M/24/01653/LB</u>	Brickwalls Farm Gilberts End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AS	Repairs to replace rotten and sagging roof purlins and rafters at front gable to property.
No Objections raised.		
<u>M/24/01752/FUL</u>	Broadacres Farm Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AL	Proposed roofing over of a open livestock yard.
No Objections raised.		
<u>M/24/01560/FUL</u>	The Orchards House Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AL	Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form a single self-build dwellinghouse
No Objections raised		
<u>M/24/01682/HP</u>	Blackmore End Cottage Priestfields Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AH	Single storey rear extension to partially replace an existing conservatory.
No Objections raised		

b) Applications received after Agenda:

Application Number	Location	Proposal
<u>M/25/00024/FUL</u>	Properties 1 and 2 St Gabriels Terrace Hanley Swan	Erection of one detached dwelling
No dimensions or details provided in the application. Looks too big and roof height too tall for the plot size. Contrary to MGN4 Infill, privacy of adjoining properties.		

c) Planning Decisions:

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Status
<u>M/24/01631/CLPU</u> <u>Parish Council were not Consultees</u>	Maple House Gilberts End Lane Hanley Castle	Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of oak framed garage (use class C3)	Decision – Other

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	Worcester WR8 0BX		Permitted Development
<u>M/24/01603/GPJ</u>	Haylers End Energy Recovery Plant Hangmans Lane Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AJ	Installation of solar PV panels totalling 44.4kW capacity on the roof of the clinical incinerator	Decision – Other Permitted Change
<u>M/24/00050/FUL</u>	Maple House Gilberts End Lane Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0BX	Conversion of existing garage into a 2 bedroom single storey dwelling.	Application Approved
<u>M/22/00471/FUL</u>	Land At (Os 8125 4252) Picken End Hanley Swan	Construction of 14 affordable dwellings comprising 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed and 6 x 3 bed houses with associated access, parking and landscaping	Application Refused

ACTION: The Clerk was asked to find out what was happening with the applications at 5 Horton Lea.

08/25 District and County Councillors' Reports: Cllr Tom Wells notified the Councillors that he had started a campaign to improve the safety at Danemoor Crossroads following 2 recent accidents. He had passed a petition to Marc Bayliss, County Councillor with responsibility for Highways. Welland Parish Council had a meeting scheduled with Highways to discuss it. The use of temporary traffic lights when the flood diversion was in place was raised and thought to be a good idea to trail. **ACTION: The Clerk to write to WCC to request traffic lights, copying in Tom.**

Cllr Wells was asked why dogs were not allowed on the demand response bus as it had been raised by the Blackmore Caravan park owners. He said that he would ask the question. Cllr Wells talked about the bus service; it was proving a success and he asked that the Councillors continued to promote it and use it. A meeting had been held at HCHS and the school is looking to reduce its carbon footprint. They are encouraging cycling, however there are no lockable lockers for pupils to leave their property in and therefore they may often have too much to carry on a bike. It is not an easy solution.

Cllr Wells went on to talk about the up and coming changes to local government and that Worcestershire had agreed to be part of the first wave. It was thought that district councils would be replaced by a single entity council but he was unsure of the

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impact on Parish Councils. CALC was holding information meetings and The Clerk was due to attend on the 4th February and would report back.

09/25 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – Cllr Pennant was in the process of taking over the role with training planned for the 7th March. A presentation to Peter was agreed for the February meeting.
- b) **Pond Warden** – Severn Trent had been and hopefully repaired the hole. First Drainage would come and finish the jetting when the water level had reduced since it is not known exactly where it drains and we do not want to flood parishioners' gardens. It is planned to clean the duck houses in the summer.
- c) **Playing Field Warden** – Nothing reported.
- d) **NHDP** – No response to consultations, nothing further to report. An email received requesting information on the Regulation 16 Consultation was discussed and, as Regulation 16 was handled by MHDC, they would need to respond to the request.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to email received from RCA.

- e) **Local Police** – Nothing reported.
- f) **Allotments:** Since the agreement to proceed was given to the solicitors no further updates had been provided. The vacant allotments have Parishioners keen to take them over once the lease negotiations are approved. **ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Solicitors to ask for an update.**

10/25 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC
ACTION: The Clerk to request that the Lengthsman continues with clearing grips and footways around the parish.
- b) Road Safety Matters – VAS by Highball is Solar but has been reported again as not working, Cllr Barkley to have a look at it. It was approved to purchase a replacement for the damaged white gate as it is not able to be fixed.
ACTION: The Clerk to order replacement gate and ask Highways to install it.

11/25 Hanley Environment Group

- a) Cllr Adeney provided an update on the various working parties. There was now a volunteer co-ordinator who was doing a great job. There would be a planning event on the 12th March which would be open to the public to talk about Wild Habitats and to publicise the rest of the projects.
- b) Hanley Swan Highway Tree Planting – WCC had responded to requests to change the location of a few of the trees planned to be planted.

12/25 Correspondence

- a) Parishioner request for Gilberts End Steet Signage – A request for street name signage at both ends of Gilberts End had been requested.
- b) MHDC Pavement Licensing Consultation – circulated. Responses open until 29th Jan.
- c) Ryall Community Liaison Group – meeting held on 20th December. There had been an issue with fish being caught but that had been resolved. Due to delays

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it would be early 2026 before the work finishes. The next meeting was scheduled for June.

13/25 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners.

- a) Upton Villages Together- Library Contribution had been requested. The Clerk had requested the accounts for previous years and had received bank statements. The Council were unsure of the number of Parishioners that used the Library and it was agreed to contact Cllr Martin Allen to note their concerns about the expenses and limited account information available. **ACTION: Clerk to email Cllr Allen.**
- b) Community Liaison Officer Role – It was thought that it was a paid role funded by MHDC and as such was likely to have limited future funding. **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to get the contact details of Welland’s Officer.**
- c) Big Lunch – Due to rising banking charges a request was made for the Parish Council to hold residual funds in their bank account for future use of the Big Lunch Committee. **ACTION: The Clerk to check if this is something the Parish Council could accommodate.**
- d) Tree works – The quotation was discussed and the works were approved.
- e) Table at the Café Market – Cllr Hartland agreed to have a table at the January Café Market representing the Parish Council.

14/25 Items for the next agenda:

- a) Devolution Revolution – CALC update
- b) Celebration of Parish Footpath Warden.

15/25 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 20th February 2025.

Signed Date: 20th February 2025
Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 16th January 2025

Payments Approved at January Meeting

Adrian Hope	Tree Inspection	£150.00
New Farm Ground Maintenance	November Cuts	£402.65
		£552.65

Signed Date: 20th February 2025
Chairman