

# Minutes of the Annual Community Meeting for Hadnall

held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm at  
Hadnall Village Hall

**Present:** HPC Cllrs John Harrison (Chair), Andy Brisbourne, Neil Duxbury, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston, Sarah Parker, Laura Tarburton; PCSO Liz Walmsley; Flt.Lt. Jason Fretwell; 23 members of the public.

**Apologies:** SC Cllr Simon Jones.

Minutes taken by the Parish Clerk, Alison Utting.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr John Harrison, welcomed all present.
2. **Minutes of ACM held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023** had already been approved and signed (July 2023).
3. **Parish Council:** Cllr John Harrison delivered the annual Chairman's report (available on HPC website). He encouraged members of the public to write down any comments or suggestions on some sheets that were made available.
4. **Shropshire Council:** Cllr Simon Jones had submitted an annual report (available on HPC website).
5. **Other reports:**

Susan Jassel gave a report on behalf of the **Village Hall Committee**. The Hall is seeing a rise in bookings, particularly regular bookings, which is obviously a good thing. Financially, the hall is doing OK. There are several big maintenance projects that need doing, but progress is slow with a small number of helpers and committee members. New volunteers would be most welcome. Cllr Harrison expressed thanks to Judi Pridding, who has retired from the committee, and Tony #####, for all their work over many years.

**RAF Shawbury:** Jason reported that Night Flying will be happening 3<sup>rd</sup> June until 18<sup>th</sup> July. Airfield works commenced in April and are expected to last for 18 months. The Cosford Air Show (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June) and Families Day (22<sup>nd</sup> August) will see some increased road and air traffic in the area, but no Red Arrows this time.

**Sansaw Estate:** Adam had sent a brief report, raising the following points:

- “No Mow May will be taking place across the Estate, including Hadnall moat. We will continue to keep the edge of the paths down, but the rest will be allowed to grow and flower.
- We are forever continuing to pick up litter and dog fowl around the moat, an area which needs to be addressed.
- Farm wise, the cows have now all happily calved and are out on spring grass, rotating across the pasture until late next autumn.
- Finally, the footpath behind Littlewood farm and over the railway is being slightly abused with dogs running far and wide, using the fields as their local toilet.

We are very grateful of the local community, and I don't want any of the above to come across as a moan. I'm just making sure people are aware.”

**West Mercia Police:** PCSO Liz Walmsley reported that there had only been two recorded incidents in Hadnall in the last five months. The only real issues are parking (school) and speed of traffic. However, police data (and HPC data) shows that the vast majority of drivers stay within the limit. Cllr Harrison pointed out that the parish council has worked closely with the police over the years to do all they can to combat speeding. Two residents raised the matter of the ongoing danger at the A49/Painsbrook Lane junction, from vehicles overtaking. Actions discussed: HPC to consider applying again for traffic engineering at the junction. Possible Community Speed Watch (see item 7). PCSO Walmsley said that one of the VAS signs needs re-calibrating.

## 6. **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA):**

Cllr Harrison outlined the current position: That the Parish Council, having refurbished the younger children's play area, had always planned to proceed to some sports/play provision for older children. HPC has £40K earmarked to help to pay for it. The need was identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and further consultation identified the preferred provision (MUGA). Lack of suitable/available land has always been a problem. HPC had planned to wait for new development and aim to have a MUGA as part of any new building. (This would be on the land beyond Wedgefields, as per the draft Local Plan for Shropshire). However, delays to the Local Plan mean that no new development will happen until probably 2026-27. Therefore, HPC resolved at their last meeting to proceed as soon as possible with installation of a MUGA either on The Ease or on the Village Green (the two available/suitable sites,

after all other possibilities had been eliminated). Cllr Harrison then opened up this discussion to all present. Key points raised were:

- The Ease was originally intended to be recreational space.
- We need to get on with providing facilities for older children. Another generation is growing up with a lack of recreation space.
- This facility would not just be for older children, but could be used by all ages, including adults.
- There is a lot of upkeep involved in keeping The Ease as it is.
- The Ease does not seem to be used very much.
- The Village Green is a valuable asset for the Village Hall and the wider community, as it is used for outdoor events as well as for play and leisure.
- A MUGA (hardstanding) would provide a valuable year-round play area for all ages. The recent very wet weather has highlighted this.
- The village had more opportunities for outdoor recreation in the 1950s than it does now.

Cllr Harrison said that although land to the south of The Ease was not suitable, because of underground systems and the historical ridge-and-furrow, he had had informal agreement from Sansaw that a slight extension to The Ease might be available for purchase, to allow more space and possibly garden as well as MUGA. The cost for this might be that the community (through HPC) took on the responsibility of grounds maintenance for all of the Moat area.

Cllr Harrison thanked everybody for their input, which will be invaluable to the Parish Council as it considers this matter.

## **7. Community Speed Watch Initiative**

Following conversations between Cllr Harrison and PCSO Walmsley, the possibility of a Community Speed Watch Initiative was put forward. It would need a minimum of six volunteers prepared to undergo speed gun and highway safety training and then to mount occasional patrols. Liz pointed out that volunteers may occasionally be subject to verbal abuse from drivers. Everyone present agreed that the parish council should advertise this and see whether sufficient volunteers come forward.

## **8. Defibrillators**

Cllr Harrison had published a detailed article in the last parish magazine, clarifying the current provision. To summarise: The defibrillator mounted on the wall of the Village

Hall is now owned and maintained by the parish council. It is an excellent model (as used by emergency services). The Bowling Club may also be installing a defibrillator.

9. **Re-opening the railway station**

A resident raised this again as a possibility to be considered. Cllr Harrison pointed out that in order to reopen Baschurch Station, that community had to take on a huge amount of housing development. However, this matter will be considered when we do our next neighbourhood plan consultation.

10. **Correspondence**

The Clerk pointed out that the parish council receives a huge amount of email correspondence, including many matters that may be of interest to members of the wider community. See minutes of HPC meetings for details. If anyone would like correspondence on particular matters forwarded to them, please let the Clerk know.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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

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