

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

23/021 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs John Harrison (Chairman), Barry Bell, Andy Brisbourne, Nigel Clifford, Neil Duxbury, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston. Cllr Sarah Parker joined the meeting at 8.05pm having previously sent apologies for late arrival.

Apologies: None.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Simon Jones, Luke Robbins (RAF Shawbury), 4 members of the public.

23/022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Luke Robbins from **RAF Shawbury** gave a brief update. Night flying will recommence on 29th March. As always, RAF Shawbury is really appreciative of the support and understanding of local residents during this vital aspect of training. If any organisation is in need of manual labour, the base can provide groups of 8-12 willing volunteers, as long as tools and clear instructions are provided for them. (Contact via the Clerk if you wish to arrange this). Luke provided copies of the Aries magazine. There were no further questions and Luke left following this item.

Two residents of **Wedgefields** read a statement to the council regarding issues around the patch of land there. The statement is available to read in full alongside these minutes on the website. The Clerk apologised that no reference had been made in 9th January minutes to the correspondence received from many residents of Wedgefields regarding this matter but assured them that all comments had been read and considered prior to that meeting. The Chairman wished to put on record the thanks of the current parish council to the two residents who have worked hard over the years to keep the area of land maintained and looking attractive. He also repeated the assurance that any future change of use regarding this land would be subject to full consultation with all residents of the parish.

Judi Pridding gave a brief update on the **Village Hall** (see also item 23/029). The roof leaks have been repaired and the damaged ceiling tiles replaced.

23/023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

23/024 MINUTES

Councillors had read the draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th January 2023 and had also considered a document requesting several amendments to those minutes, submitted by Cllr Clifford. (This document is available to read in full with the minutes on the website.) Cllr Clifford formally proposed that his amendments be adopted but there was no seconder for this motion. Council resolved that the Chairman should sign the original minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting (Prop: AM, Sec: BB. 5 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).

23/025 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Installation of vehicle-activated speed sign** (40 mph area) - No further news at present. (The person responsible for communicating with SP is currently on sick leave).
- b) **Jubilee tree plaques** - There is now a commemorative plaque in the foyer of the Village Hall and there will also be a stone marker (Grinshill stone) by the trees themselves. Thanks to some kind donations, there will be no charge to the council for either of these.
- c) **RoSPA inspection** - The final report arrived just a couple of hours prior to this meeting. BB has reviewed it. There are no serious or urgent matters, so BB and JH agreed to meet and prepare an Action Plan to put to the council at its next meeting.
- d) **Land Registry (Wedgefields)** - The Clerk has been advised that this should be carried out by a solicitor. Estimate to be provided at next meeting.

Cllr Parker arrived during the following item.

- e) **Phase 3 footpath installation (Wedgefields)** - Cllr Marston had obtained 3 further quotes for this. Council resolved to engage J.D. Brown to lift and renew the slabbed path (wet mortar, 1.2 metre width) at an estimated cost of £2500 plus VAT (Prop: BB, Sec: HJ, all in favour). Councillors thanked Cllr Marston for his work on this.
- f) **Tree maintenance (Wedgefields)** - Clerk to engage the services of Access2Trees, as per their quote.

- g) **Streetlights** – Cllr Duxbury will do a full survey, reporting any faulty lights to the Clerk.

23/026 OTHER REPORTS

SC Cllr Simon Jones confirmed that Shropshire Council's budget for 2023-24 has been agreed, along with a Council Tax increase of 4.99%. This still leaves a £10m shortage, which will have to be met through savings. The Local Plan (property development) is progressing slowly through the stages of scrutiny prior to adoption. It has passed Stage 1 (Duty to Cooperate) and will now enter Stage 2. All information is on the SC website. The good news is that the 5-year land supply is in place. Cllr Jones also encouraged residents to be involved with the NHS Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation. There will a meeting on 30th March at Elim Church, Harlescott (registration required).

23/027 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER

Council agreed to submit the following priorities for policing within the parish: Speeding, anti-social behaviour, burglary.

23/028 BUS SHELTERS

Council resolved to engage the services of Outdoor Restore to complete an initial intensive clean of both shelters, followed by an annual clean. Cost: £65 per shelter, followed by £55 per shelter annually. (Prop: BB, Sec: AM, all in favour).

23/029 CORONATION OF CHARLES III

The Village Hall Committee is organising a Coronation Garden Party for Sunday 7th May 2-4pm, on the Village Green if the weather is fine (in the hall if not). It will be bring-your-own gazebos, rugs, food and drink. The Village Hall will provide free tea, coffee, and soft drinks, hopefully a bouncy castle and run Fancy Dress competitions. It will be a not-for-profit event. The Chairman encouraged all councillors to give their individual support to this event. (See also item 23/031a).

23/030 PLANNING

- a) No **planning applications** were received in advance of this meeting.

b) The following **planning decision** was published by Shropshire Council:

23/00271/FUL 2 Chapel Crescent, Hadnall SY4 4EQ. Erection of single storey and first floor extensions to rear and internal remodelling. SC decision: Grant permission.

Council also noted that an appeal has been launched against the decision regarding *22/01290/FUL Proposed residential development land to the south of Hall Drive, Hadnall* (SC decision: Refuse permission).

23/031 FINANCE

a) Grants

Council agreed to donate £100 to the Village Hall Committee, towards publicity, prizes etc. for the **Coronation event**.

Council also agreed in principle to commit up to £500 in anticipation of expenditure likely to be incurred by the **Community Led Plan** working group, due to meet next week.

b) Capital investment of reserves

Council considered three options (see Investment Account Report February 2023) and resolved to open a Public Sector Deposit Fund account with CCLA (Churches, Charities & Local Authorities), moving £40K of council's reserves into this account. (Prop: BB, Sec: NC, all in favour).

c) Council noted the following **payments** made in February 2023:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
176.56	Electricity for streetlighting (Oct, Nov, Dec)	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
278.40	Clerk's salary (Jan)	LGA 1972 s112

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
478.55	Clerk's salary & expenses	LGA 1972 s112 LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
305.00	PAYE (months 8, 9, 10 and 11)	LGA 1972 s112
TBC	Room hire (Oct-Mar)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)

100.00	Grant (Coronation Event)	LGA 1972 s145
9.40	Contribution to Office365 fees (Feb, Mar)	LGA 1972 s142
18.00	Banking fees	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
70.00	Donation from Hadnall Women's Institute for one of the Jubilee trees.	LGA 1972 s.139

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

23/032 INSURANCE

Council noted the renewal of the insurance policy with BHIB at £475.09 (final year of 3-year deal).

23/ 033 CORRESPONDENCE

Sansaw Estate – Email regarding unacceptable use of Bowling Club car park. Not appropriate for council to get involved as this is private land.

Registrar - Following the outcome of the public consultation on the above and the subsequent decision paper, we plan to go ahead with the formal closure of the Wem peripatetic service which as you know has not been operational since March 2020.

Resident – Concerns about traffic volume data not being available for the North-West Link Road.

Local exercise classes – Two instructors would like to do outdoor sessions on the Village Green (Monday and Thursday evenings from April). Council is happy for this to go ahead.

Hadnall C of E Primary School – The school board of governors is still in need of an additional member. This can be any adult from the area, as long as they are not a parent of a current pupil (parents are already represented on the board).

Highways – Planned temporary road closure: Haston Road, Hadnall 4th-5th April 2023 (Severn Trent Water remedial works).

22/034 OTHER MATTERS

- a) Council approved the annual **risk assessment**. There were no resulting actions.
- b) Council resolved to appoint Lorna Pardoe to complete the **internal audit** for 2022-23 (£70).
- c) It was agreed to ask the Community Led Plan working group to take the lead on calling the **Annual Community Meeting**. (Must be held between 1st March and 1st June).
- d) There were no items suggested for inclusion on the **next agenda**. **Minor matters reported:** Cllr Duxbury reported that SC's engineers are struggling to complete street light repairs and therefore we can expect delays in this service.

The following agenda items were deferred:

23/035 *The Council is advised to resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item to progress a confidential staffing matter, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Data Protection Act 1998.*

23/036 STAFFING COMMITTEE – To receive a report and consider any actions.

Before the meeting ended, Cllr Clifford again raised grievances about the minutes of 30th January (see item 23/024).

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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