

Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

24/011 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Sarah Parker (Chairman), Andy Brisbourne, Neil Duxbury, Harmesh Jassel, Andrew Marston, Laura Tarburton.

Apologies: Apologies were accepted from Cllr John Harrison (holiday).

Absent: Cllr Nigel Clifford

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: Flt.Lt. Jason Fretwell (RAF Shawbury), SC Cllr Simon Jones, 8 members of the public.

24/012 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

a) Flt.Lt. Jason Fretwell introduced himself as the new Parish Council Representative from **RAF Shawbury**. (He also lives in Hadnall.) He reported the following:

- Night flying will continue until 9th May (with a 3 week break in the middle)
- The chinooks are on base until 15th March.
- Local contracts are currently being reviewed.
- Hi-vis items for horse riders are currently out of stock, but more should be available soon.
- Drone operators are reminded to check out the CAA website and the RAF Shawbury website for advice and rules.
- Groups of volunteers (trainees) are available for community tasks.
- RAF Shawbury is grateful for the tolerance that local people continue to have regarding the base's important operations.
- Any comments or complaints may be communicated via Jason or directly using the public phone lines.

- b) A resident asked whether there is any deadline on using the **funds reserved for the MUGA**. The Chairman replied that no, there is not.
- c) A resident asked SC Cllr Simon Jones why there had been **repairs carried out on the A49** (11th March) without traffic lights or stop/go signs. SJ to follow this up.
- d) A resident asked whether **street-sweeping** vehicles had been seen working in the village recently. Several people said they had been seen, but that there is currently an excessive amount of debris on the roads so they are having limited effect.
- e) A resident pointed out that some of the **footpaths** in the area around the Moat, Ease and church are in need of attention and may soon represent a trip hazard.

24/013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Laura Tarburton reported a pecuniary interest in item 24/024.

24/014 MINUTES - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th January 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting. (Prop: AM. Sec: ND. *Nem. con.*)

24/015 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Fence replacement** at the Ease – The contractor is to complete this as soon as the ground is dry enough.
- b) **Violet street lights** – Highline have informed us that the fault has been identified and that the supplier will shortly be sending replacement parts to fix the problem.
- c) **Training** – Cllr Tarburton had attended ‘Fundamentals for Councillors’ and said that it was very informative.
- d) Possibility of **additional bus shelter** – ND to bring report to next meeting.
- e) **A49 surfacing** to be carried out in June.
- f) **Haston Lane (bridge) road repairs and surfacing** is on 2024-25 schedule.
- g) **Tree survey** – SP has not had any response from the contractor but will keep trying.

24/016 OTHER REPORTS

SC Cllr Simon Jones reported that Shropshire Council is on course to find the £62m in revenue savings necessary before the end of the 2023-24 financial year. Further significant savings must be found in 2024-25. This inevitably means that hard decisions are having to be made regarding discretionary services, etc. He highlighted that the

biggest part of the budget has to go on statutory social care obligations. As an example, he said that for every £5 that Shropshire Council receives in revenue, £4 is eaten up by social care, 50p pays for waste collection services, and the remaining 50p has to cover everything else, from highways to libraries. He explained that large projects, such as the link road and new development at Raven Meadows, are from a separate budget category (capital expenditure).

West Mercia Police – PCSO Oliver Morris sent his apologies. The policing newsletter for Wem area is available to read on the parish council website. Any concerns may be addressed to the team via the Clerk, or directly.

Village Hall – AGM to be held on 21st April. Committee members and other volunteer support will be welcomed.

Community Led Plan – An update had been expected from Cllr Clifford regarding the possibility of Neighbourhood Plan and/or progress towards CLP. In Cllr Clifford's absence, this was deferred to the next meeting.

24/017 PLANNING

a) Council noted that the following **planning applications** had been responded to by the Planning Advisory Group prior to this meeting:

Reference: **23/05500/FUL**

Address: Linden House, Hadnall SY4 4AG.

Proposal: Proposed infill single storey extension.

HPC decision: Support

Reference: **24/00431/FUL**

Address: Hill View, Station Road, Hadnall SY4 3DD.

Proposal: Loft conversion.

HPC decision: Support

b) There were no further **planning applications** received in advance of this meeting.

c) Council noted the following **planning decision** published by Shropshire Council:

Reference: **23/05500/FUL**

Address: Linden House, Hadnall SY4 4AG.

Proposal: Proposed infill single storey extension.

SC decision: Grant permission.

d) There were no further **planning decisions** published in advance of this meeting.

24/018 FINANCE

a) Council noted the following **payments** made in February 2024:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
300.00	Clerk's salary (Jan)	LGA 1972 s112
204.00	PAYE (months 8 and 9)	LGA 1972 s112
69.33	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
429.34	Clerk's salary & expenses	LGA1972s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
162.00	PAYE (months 10 and 11)	LGA 1972 s112
69.33	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
64.80	Room hire for meetings (Oct - Mar)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
550.00	Grounds maintenance (second quarter)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
35.00	Training (Fundamentals, LT)	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
600.00	Sew'n'Sews donation for picnic bench	LGA 1972 s139
773.83	Interest on CCLA account (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)	LGA 1972 s111

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

24/019 AUDIT/LEGAL MATTERS

- a) Council approved the 2024 Risk Assessment.
- b) Council agreed to appoint Richard Groome as Internal Auditor for 2023-24, at a cost of £49 (Prop: SP, Sec: LT, *Nem.con.*)
- c) Council noted the formal quote from the solicitor regarding work to complete the Land Registry for Wedgefields Copse (£500 + VAT, plus Land Registry fee of £30,

assuming land value is <£80K). The solicitor has requested a more detailed plan. Clerk to produce one using Parish Online and/or SC services in the first instance. If this proves inadequate, finance for surveyor costs to be approved at future meeting.

24/020 ASSETS

- a) Councillors approved the updated **Asset Register**.
- b) The review of **inspection schedules** was deferred to the next meeting, with the note that tree inspections and laid footpaths should be added to the schedule.
- c) Council resolved to engage Shropshire Council's **RoSPA inspection** service (£80 + VAT).

24/021 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN / CLP

This item was deferred to the next meeting (NC and JH absent).

24/022 MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

Councillors considered the latest information regarding the adoption of Shropshire's Local Plan. Delays in the consultation and examination process mean the plan is unlikely to be implemented until mid-2025, meaning any local building development is unlikely to happen until mid-2026 or beyond.

With the above in mind, council resolved to abandon the idea of linking a MUGA to a future development and instead progress with its installation as soon as possible on one of the previously considered sites. (Prop: HJ, Sec: AB, majority in favour).

Council resolved to devote discussion at the Community Meeting in May to the selection of the site, allowing as many residents as possible to be involved in the discussion, with a formal vote by the parish council on the site selection to be on the agenda for the May parish council meeting. (Prop: LT, Sec: HJ, majority in favour).

24/023 DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

- a) Council resolved to cease the 'Numbers Plus' call out system, as the AED is registered with The Circuit and that is all that is necessary.
- b) Council resolved to add the AED to its Asset Register and take on responsibility for maintenance, repair or replacement as necessary. Members of the public were keen to support this and so may present donations of funds to the Parish Council

towards the upkeep of the AED. It was also noted that the Bowling Club is hoping to acquire an AED of its own.

24/024 BOWLING CLUB PAVILION

Cllr Laura Tarburton left the room for the duration of this item. SC Cllr Simon Jones left the meeting before a decision was made by the Council.

After discussion, Council resolved to submit the planning application for the new pavilion, which is on parish council land, in its own name. (Prop: AM, Sec: HJ, majority in favour). This will mean a 50% reduction in the planning application fee. The Bowling Club will cover the remaining cost of the fee and complete all the associated work of preparing the application. As landlord, the Parish Council will need to approve the plans in advance, in order that the Bowling Club can apply for a grant. Clerk to investigate how this is possible under rules about predetermination.

24/025 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Council discussed the SC proposed protection order with regard to dogs in public areas. They agreed that:

- Fixed penalty notices for failing to clear up dog faeces should be at least £100, preferably more.
- Dogs should be required to wear a lead on a public highway.
- Officers should have the power to ask for a dog to be put on the lead if out-of-control or acting aggressively.

They disagreed, however, with the proposal that dogs should be excluded from play areas and sports areas. They felt that while dogs should not be allowed to foul on play/sports areas, or to interfere with sports in progress, there are many areas where playing fields are necessary spaces for dogs to be exercised and that in most instances, the exercising of dogs in these places has peacefully coexisted with sports/recreation for many years.

Council authorised the Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of HPC, expressing the above responses.

24/026 POLICING PRIORITIES

Council agreed that the following priorities for local policing be submitted to West Mercia Police, and that these should remain unchanged unless brought up as a future agenda item:

- Speeding
- Rural crime (theft, etc.)
- Anti-social behaviour

24/027 ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

This will be on Monday 13th May at 7pm, preceding the annual meeting of the parish council. It was agreed to provide refreshments and to encourage as many residents as possible to attend.

24/028 CORRESPONDENCE

School of Coding – free courses available

SC Highways – appointment of Juan Hernandez as Alliance Executive Lead for Street Scene.

Early Help Update (SC) - lots of really helpful information for families with children

'The Right to Grow' scheme – newsletter.

Warning from Shropshire Council about cold callers promising 'energy efficiency and improvements'. Please make vulnerable people aware.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (for Green Spaces and Active Travel) - have joined mailing list.

WMP 'We Don't Buy Crime' - SmartWater kits/support still available.

Hospitals Transformation Programme (Shropshire NHS) - drop-in session Wem Town Market 4th April 9.30am - 12pm.

The Big Lunch 1st & 2nd June 2024 – communities coming together. Find out more on the Big Lunch 2024 website.

Flooding in Hadnall – correspondence with Cllr Ian Nellins.

Marches Energy Grant – deadline extended (to give more businesses the chance to access free advice, and funding for eligible projects.)

North Shropshire Project Gigabit progress update webinar on Wednesday 27th March, 4pm-5pm. Also information sent about the process of requesting Wayleave

and Permission to Work agreements, where access is needed on private land. Also list of telegraph poles to be installed in the parish.

Leader Update from Lezley Picton (forwarded to Cllrs)

Easter Holidays Activities & Food (HAF) programme (see Shropshire Council website)

NALC training: The future of neighbourhood plans 25 Sept 2024 12.00pm – 13.15pm

SALC training:

Councillors Need to Know – Wednesday 20th March 2024, 6pm – 8pm

Biodiversity – Practical Measures to Enhance Wildlife and Address New Biodiversity Legislation - Thursday 28th March 2024, 6pm – 8pm

Class 3, Hadnall Primary School: Request for 20mph zone outside school at drop off / pick up times.

Highways

Resurfacing A49 Hadnall 4th – 7th June, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-4pm. Astley Lane will also be closed as an additional safety measure.

Planing out and relaying road surface Haston Lane (Hardwicke Grange Farm to junction with Shotton Lane) – scheduled for 2024-25.

Plex Lane – closure to install telegraph poles 3rd – 11th June, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

The annual meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm, following the Community Meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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