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**Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on
Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.30pm
at Hadnall Village Hall**

25/085 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Laura Tarburton (Chair), Henry Crow, Tom Dickson, Steve Downing, Andrew Marston.

Apologies: Cllr Ian Jackson

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Brendan Mallon. 12 members of the public. 3 representatives of Severn Trent (see separate report).

25/086 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Downing declared an interest in item 25/087 and did not take part in the discussion or vote for that item.

25/087 CO-OPTION

There was an application from Ella Jones and council resolved that she should be co-opted (Prop: LT, Sec: TD, unanimous). The Chair welcomed her. She signed her declaration of acceptance of office and joined the table.

This leaves one vacancy on the parish council. Applications are welcome.

25/088 MINUTES - It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meetings held on 8th and 18th September 2025 as true and correct records of those meetings. (Prop: SD, Sec: LT, unanimous.)

25/089 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Flooding** – see separate report.
- b) **Fencing at The Ease** – The work has now been completed. Cllrs expressed thanks to Joe Brown for a good job done and to Cllr Ian Jackson for his work on this.
- c) **Footpath dressing** – In progress. More gravel has had to be ordered, but there is a delay on delivery. The footpaths should be finished on Monday 17th and also the maintenance work on the wooden benches (weather permitting). Thanks to

the Clerk and Gordon Tarburton for their work on this.

- d) **Payroll transfer** – This is now complete and payroll is now managed by DM Payroll Services. Invoice to follow.
- e) **Dog waste signs** – These are now up, thanks to Cllr Downing. There are a couple left for any specific sitings (please send request to Clerk).
- f) **Tree maintenance** – This should be carried out once the permission for work on the Bowling Club oak has come through.
- g) **Place Plan** – It was agreed that the question of whether to progress with the bus shelter outside the school should be put on the CLP questionnaire.
- h) **Car park at the Bowling Club** – Sansaw (landowners) have agreed to deal with the weeds and hedges once the car park is clear of vehicles. There are a couple of vehicles that have been there for some time. The parish council agreed to put something into the parish magazine, and to suggest that the Bowling Club puts a notice on the entrance into the car park.
- i) **Vehicle-activated speed signs** – Cllr Downing has still not been able to get the handover from AB. There is also the problem that the data download process requires an Android device. The solar panels have been cleaned. Morelock, who manufactured the units, has gone into administration, but Cllr Downing is confident that we will be able to obtain spares elsewhere.

25/090 OTHER REPORTS

SC Cllr Brendan Mallon apologised that his attendance at HPC meetings had not been regular so far, due to work and other commitments. His full report will be made available on the HPC website. He assured those present that he would be committed to promoting full cooperation between Severn Trent and Shropshire Council on the flooding issues affecting Hadnall. He also added that SC is still struggling financially and that a loan application has been submitted to central government. If this loan is approved, it could avert the council having to declare S114 status (which would lead to commissioners being appointed to make sweeping cuts).

West Mercia Police newsletter for September has been put up on the parish council website. The contacts for our area have been updated and are also on the website.

Community Led Plan. Cllr Tarburton reported that on 6 October she had contacted all parties who were interested in being part of the CLP (residents, businesses, councillors) and asked them to respond to the draft survey that she had created, with a deadline of 20 October. Regrettably, only one response was received so it is very difficult to move forward at this time. A Community Led Plan cannot be produced by one person. She did report that she had had a very successful session at the school,

with lots of input and suggestions from the children (see separate report).

25/091 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following matters were raised:

A resident had offered to help with the CLP but had not received the email mentioned? LT to look into this. A resident also said that he had not seen the survey forms available in the shop, but it was pointed out that the survey has not been created yet, and cannot be without the volunteer input that is needed.

What happened to the idea of installing a barrier directly outside the door of the shop, to keep exiting pedestrians safe? The parish council want to consider this as a formal proposal but need information from Shropshire Council about the process, cost, etc. The Clerk has been unable to obtain this information due to staff shortages. SC Cllr Mallon said he would look into this.

Why was the gravel laid on top of weeds on the Moat footpaths? The parish council's groundskeeping contractor carried out chemical weed spraying in advance of the dressing work being done. This will kill the weeds effectively, which will then rot away beneath the gravel.

Who is responsible for the hedge between 47 Blacksmiths View and the church path? It does not belong to the parish council or to Shropshire Council. Clerk to check Land Registry to see if ownership can be clarified.

A galvanized pole has been installed on private land north of the village close to the A49. Who has installed this and why? SD to advise the landowner to photograph and report via fixmystreet in the first instance.

25/092 PLANNING

- a) To note the receipt of a new Planning Guidance document from Shropshire Council, advising parish councils of how they can usefully and effectively respond to planning applications in the period pending a new draft Local Plan.
- b) Council considered the following **planning applications**:

25/03703/TPO Hadnall Bowling Club, Station Road

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Proposal: End weight reduction by 20% & remove major deadwood and failed branches of 1no Oak (T13) protected by the Shropshire Council (Blacksmiths View, Hadnall) TPO 2018 (Ref: SC/00326/18)
HPC decision: No response necessary.

25/03901/FUL Painsbrook Farm, Painsbrook Lane, Hadnall

Proposal: Proposed Secure Dog Exercise Field.

HPC decision: Support (Prop: LT, Sec: SD, passed by majority).

25/03902/FUL Painsbrook Farm, Painsbrook Lane, Hadnall

Proposal: Proposed Covered Yard.

HPC decision: Support (Prop: LT, Sec: SD, passed by majority).

- c) There were no further **planning applications** published in advance of this meeting.
- d) Council noted the following **planning decisions** published by Shropshire Council:

25/02117/REM Hermitage Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (Appearance Landscaping Layout and Scale) pursuant to 24/02221/OUT for the erection of 5 dwellings.

SC decision: Grant Permission

- e) There were no further **planning decisions** published in advance of this meeting.
- f) Council noted the **Tree Protection Order** TPO 2025 (6 trees on land south of Wedgefields) published 23/10/2025.

25/093 PLAY EQUIPMENT

Council reviewed the RoSPA report and the accompanying report prepared by Cllr Downing. The recommended repairs are not classified as urgent. The timber frame is under warranty through Playdale. SD to do some more research into suppliers for the other repairs before recommending actions to the council. Council agreed a spend of up to £300 for swing parts and £200 for the sign (Prop: LT, Sec: SD, passed by majority).

It was noted that the council has now scheduled an annual inspection every summer, at the reduced rate which is offered for planned inspections.

25/094 MEMORIAL FIGURES – This item was not debated, as the purchase had been made already by the Village Hall committee.

25/095 FINANCE

a) Council noted the following **payments** made in October 2025:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
350.30	Clerk's salary	LGA 1972 s112
87.40	PAYE (month 7)	
195.75	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
508.80	Gravel for footpath redressing	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
69.37	Maint. Materials (benches)	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
15.99	Cable ties (dog waste signs)	Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 s 19, s 30, Part 6
504.00	RoSPA inspection (play equipment)	LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976 s19
6.00	Bank charges	LGA 1972 s111

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
500.78	Clerk's salary and expenses	LGA 1972 s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
113.09	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
40.00	Training (TD)	LGA 1972 s111
189.00	Room hire Apr- Sept	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
777.50	Grounds maintenance	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
140.00	Bus shelter + solar signs clean	LGA (Misc. Provisions) 1953, s4
101.02	Churchyard lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
4080.00	Replacement fencing (The Ease)	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
6.00	Bank charges	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
445.24	Interest on CCLA account	LGA 1972 s111

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

It was noted that some funds need to be transferred from the CCLA investment fund bank into the current account, in order to meet remaining payments for the financial year (£10,000 agreed).

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25/096 ADMIN – LT and SD reported that the **Clerk's appraisal** had been carried out on 23 October 2025. It was a positive appraisal, both Clerk and Staffing Committee being happy with the current working relationship. Some positive goals were set for the coming year.

25/097 POLICING

Council agreed to continue with the policing priorities unchanged, to wit:

1. Speeding 2. Rural theft (outbuildings) 3. Antisocial behaviour

25/098 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Hawkstone Close resident – hedge has now been cut.
- b) West Mercia Energy (our electricity supplier) – Offer to switch to 100% renewable energy for 2026-27 at a projected cost increase of £6 for the year.
- c) Shropshire Council – consultation on new Design Guidance documents, open until 14 Jan 2026. Links have been forwarded to cllrs.
- d) BT Digital Switchover – free guidance sessions available online 18 Nov 11am and 27 Nov 6.30pm.
- e) Shropshire Together – coordinating litter picking (equipment provided). Contact Clerk for details.
- f) Rural Funding – lots and lots of different pots of money available.
- g) Shropshire Council – parking tariffs have been reviewed.
- h) **HIGHWAYS:**

Planned closure of Sansaw to Pimhill road for essential carriageway repairs.

25th November to 2nd December (9.30am – 4pm, excluding weekends).

Planned closure of Astley Lane on 4th February for one day, for ST to replace defective manhole frame and cover.

25/099 MINOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NEXT MEETING: 12 January 2026