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Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

26/001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Following the resignation from the council of Laura Tarburton, Cllr Steve Downing was elected as Chairman (Prop: AM, Sec: HC, *nem con.*) It was suggested that a different Chair be elected at each meeting, until a permanent chairperson can be found. Clerk to check legalities of this arrangement.

Gratitude was expressed to Laura for the amazing work she had done while on the council. She will be greatly missed.

26/002 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies: Cllr Ian Jackson (personal) – accepted.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: 9 members of the public.

26/003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

26/004 CO-OPTION

There were no applications. There are now two vacancies. Clerk to continue advertising and to emphasise the possible repercussions for the community if people do not volunteer for the positions.

26/005 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Andrew Marston was elected (Prop: SD, Sec: HC, *nem con.*)

26/006 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

Cllr Dickson was elected to the **Staffing Committee**, along with the Chair and Vice Chair. It was agreed to postpone the election of a **Planning Committee** and **Planning Advisory Group** until the annual meeting in May. Council agreed that in the meantime, non-controversial planning applications may be responded to by the Clerk in

consultation with councillors (via email or WhatsApp). Prop: AM, Sec: SD, unanimous.

26/007 MINUTES

It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th November 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

26/008 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **SC Planning Committee outcome (Wedgefields 24/04834/FUL)** – The decision has not yet been formally published. As far as we know, they are trying to determine whether Severn Trent can confirm the completion of remedial work to the drainage systems before the end of 2027, as the committee's approval was conditional on this.
- b) **Severn Trent** – Representatives will be present at the next Parish Council meeting on 9th March to give an update.
- c) **A49 resurfacing** – This is to be carried out within the village 26th – 30th January. More details are available on our website and Facebook page. The yellow signs are giving the wrong date – Clerk to report.
- d) **Tree maintenance** – This has now been done.
- e) **Play equipment repairs and play park sign** – Cllr Downing shared details of quotes he had received for the repair works needed. Council resolved to go with Ray Parry at a total cost of £1125 + VAT (Prop: SD, Sec: AM, unanimous). The sign order has been submitted (design approved by LT and Clerk).
- f) **Car park next to the Bowling Club** – Sansaw (landowners) have done the majority of the work, with weed spraying to be carried out in spring.
- g) **Footpath dressing and benches** – Complete, apart from one bench (within the play area). SD to follow up.
- h) **Vehicle-activated speed signs** – AB has agreed to send data to Cllr Downing. It was asked whether the signs need to be calibrated? SD to follow up.
- i) **Defibrillator** – This needs checking once a month. SD, TD and EJ to do this, with possible help from volunteers not on the parish council. SD to offer training.
- j) **Information regarding possible barrier outside shop door** – An email had been received from the proprietor, expressing concerns about this proposal. We have still not been able to obtain information from SC. Residents are still very concerned about pedestrian safety. Possible alternative solutions to be discussed with shop manager.
- k) **Training** – EJ to attend Fundamentals training online 3rd March.

26/009 OTHER REPORTS

West Mercia Police - Latest newsletter has been put up on the parish council website.
Community Led Plan – Cllr Downing shared a short presentation regarding the proposed roadmap for the CLP. The Parish Council, as stakeholders, agreed to this. The CLP working group is to convene shortly.

26/010 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Some residents said how pleased they are that the tree maintenance work has been carried out (Wedgefields Copse).

26/011 FINANCE

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
350.10	Clerk's salary	LGA 1972 s112
130.76	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
100.80	Payroll service (annual payment)	LGA 1972 s112
6.00	Banking fees	LGA 1972 s111

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
437.10	Clerk's salary and expenses	LGA 1972 s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
138.73	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
125.00	Admin charge for May elections	LGA 1972 s111
30.00	Room hire (Astley V Hall, CLP meeting)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
147.60	Play area sign	LGA 1976 (misc provisions) Act s19
29.60	Churchyard lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
6.00	Bank charges	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

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

- b) Council received and approved the **account sheet** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) It was resolved to add Cllr Dickson as a **signatory** to the Unity and CCLA accounts. (Prop: SD, Sec: EJ, unanimous).
- d) The council resolved to adopt the proposed **budget** for 2026-27 (Prop: TD, Sec: SD, unanimous).
- e) It was resolved to request a **precept** of £16648, which represents 9% increase (+£3.03 per year) for an average Band D household. (Prop: SD, Sec: EJ, passed by majority).

It was also agreed that the VAT reclaim should henceforth be carried out before the end of the financial year, and that the accumulated interest be added to the £40K ringfenced fund for play equipment.

26/012 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER

As the meeting had been running for 2 hours, it was resolved to suspend Standing Order 3(x) in order to complete the business on the agenda. (Prop: AM, Sec: EJ, unanimous).

26/013 PLANNING

- a) Council considered the following **planning applications**:

25/04532/HHE Fairmead, Wood Road SY4 3DF

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

HPC response: None.

SC/00564/25 Hermitage Farm and Coppice House

Proposal: TPO (Shropshire Council)

HPC response: None.

25/05746/HRM Land north and west of Hadnall (Sansaw Estate)

Hedgerow removals (20no. sections totalling 210m) on to accommodate temporary construction access points for the installation of a water pipeline (Severn Trent).

HPC response: None.

b) The following **planning application** was also received in advance of this meeting:

25/04804/FUL South Of Honlon, Shrewsbury Road

Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding, stable, and garage, and the erection of a new dwelling with a detached garage.

HPC response: Support, with remarks regarding drainage.

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

25/03301/VAR Sunnyside Farm, Astley Lane SY4 4BJ

Proposal: Variation of Condition No.s 2, 12, 13 and 14 attached to permission 22/03734/FUL dated 22 November 2022

Decision: Grant Permission

25/03703/TPO Oak tree close to Hadnall Bowling Club

Proposal: Maintenance work (on behalf of Hadnall Parish Council

Decision: Grant Permission

25/02709/FUL The Beeches, Shrewsbury Road SY4 4AE

Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Decision: Grant Permission

25/02855/FUL East of 33, Shrewsbury Road

Proposal: Erection of single dwelling and detached garage

Decision: Grant Permission

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

26/014 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SALC – new online training calendar.
- b) School governor/SC Arboricultural Officer – query regarding trees on the narrow strip of land between Wedgefields Close and school land. This land does not belong to SC or HPC. It may still belong to the developer, or form part of the land parcel of one of the nearby properties.
- c) Community Resource Oil Buying Club – Local charity joint-buying scheme to save you money on heating oil. www.community-resource.org.uk/service-community-support/#oil-buying-club for more information.

d) **HIGHWAYS:**

Planned closure of A49 in Hadnall for resurfacing, 26 – 30 January. Road closed 9.30am till 4pm daily.

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

26/015 MINOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

SD raised the matter of the flooring in the play area, which will need relaying at some point in the near future.

26/016 MEETING DATES 2026

The following meeting dates were agreed:

9 March. 13 July. 14 September. 9 November.

It was suggested that the meeting date for May be changed, to avoid councillor absence (SD). It was proposed to reschedule the meeting to Monday 18 May (TBC).

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____