

Minutes of a meeting of Hadnall Parish Council held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall

26/017 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Tom Dickson was elected as Chairman and signed his Acceptance of Office (Prop: SD, Sec: EJ, *nem con.*)

26/018 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Steve Downing (Chair), Tom Dickson, Ella Jones. Cllr Andrew Marston arrived at 8.09pm (during item 26/024).

Apologies: Cllrs Henry Crow and Ian Jackson – accepted.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Brendan Mallon. 6 members of the public.

26/019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

26/020 CO-OPTION – There were no applications.

26/021 MINUTES

It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th January 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

26/022 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Severn Trent** – The planned in-person report has been postponed until the next meeting. Reasons for the postponement, along with a written report on the current position, are available to read in full on our website. ST reps will now attend the Hadnall community meeting on Monday 18 May 7pm at Astley Village Hall.
- b) **Wedgefields planning application 24/04834/FUL** – The Severn Trent update shows that proposed completion dates for the infrastructure improvements are already being pushed back. The parish council contacted Shropshire Council's

Planning Officer to discover how this will affect the Cameron Homes development. They replied as follows: "The Grampian condition approved by committee was specifically drafted to address uncertainty around delivery timescales. It prevents the occupation of any dwelling until adequate wastewater capacity is available and requires a phased occupation strategy to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with Severn Trent Water, should the improvement works not be completed by 31 December 2027. The more recent update provided to the Parish Council does not indicate that the works are undeliverable or that Severn Trent Water's planning position has changed and therefore does not affect the committee's resolution."

The Planning Officer also confirmed that the sole reason for the fact that the planning decision has not yet been issued is because the associated Section 106 legal agreement is still being finalised.

- c) **Maintenance work** – Tree work is complete. Play equipment repairs: contractor has been instructed. The playground sign has been installed. The remaining bench is still in need of work (SD to follow up). VAS data collection is also still pending.
- d) **Registration of land – Wedgefields Copse**. This is now complete, with the Parish Council registered as owning the land (on behalf of the community).
- e) **A49 resurfacing** – All work now complete.
- f) **Training** – Cllr Jones completed the Fundamentals for Councillors training.
- g) **Parish council email accounts** – All have switched apart from Cllrs Jones and Marston. **This is to be completed before the end of March in order to comply with new national requirements.**
- h) **Signatories** – Cllr Dickson has now been added as a signatory to both Unity and CCLA accounts.
- i) **Grounds maintenance** – The contract with KS Landscapes has been renewed for 2026.
- j) **Meeting dates and venues** – Following a review of Cllr and venue availability, the following meetings have now been agreed:
 - Monday 18 May 7pm start (for Annual Community Meeting) at Astley Village Hall.
 - Monday 13 July 7.30pm at Astley Village Hall.
 - Monday 14 September 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall.
 - Monday 9 November 7.30pm at Hadnall Village Hall.
- k) **Pedestrian safety at entrance to shop** – The proprietor of the shop has taken steps to prevent vehicles pulling up directly outside the door, by placing a freestanding sign there. This seems to have been successful. Our thanks to him for his action on this.
- l) **Damaged bin at southbound bus stop** – Thanks to Cllr Downing for fixing this.

26/023 OTHER REPORTS

Shropshire Council – Cllr Mallon shared a detailed update on current issues, including Council Tax, the future of the Shire Hall buildings, and Battlefield planning application. His report is available on our website. He is also hoping to update us soon on progress towards safety measures on the road outside the school.

Community Led Plan – Cllr Downing reported that the working group has six members who have made good progress in producing a plan and delegating tasks. Two meetings have been held, with the next one scheduled soon. They are working on producing a new survey form for all local residents and businesses which they hope to launch at the Community Meeting on 18 May.

26/024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident expressed concern about people parking vehicles outside the village hall fire exit doors. This will be passed on to the village hall committee.

SC Cllr Mallon was asked whether the proposed Battlefield development would be connected to the same drainage system and sewage treatment plant as Hadnall. His answer was yes, that is what is proposed, which is obviously a key concern being raised with regard to this application.

SC Cllr Mallon was asked to find out who owns the land used by Harlescott Park & Ride, as it is not being maintained and is looking very untidy (littering, unkempt grass areas, dirty bus shelter).

A resident asked who is responsible for removing flags that have been put up on public infrastructure without permission. This is a Highways matter. Cllr Mallon said that Shropshire Council is currently preparing a new statement on this issue.

It was asked whether the parish council had tried negotiating with Cameron Homes with regard to the need for a play area for older kids. The answer was yes, the council did all it could to achieve this but their wishes were ignored. The matter of the recreation area will form a key part of the CLP consultation.

26/025 FINANCE

a) Council noted the following **payments** made in February 2026:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
583.25	Clerk's salary & HMRC payments	LGA 1972 s112

Alison Utting (Clerk) clerk@hadnallparishcouncil.gov.uk 01691 622093

149.96	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
6.00	Banking fees	LGA 1972 s111

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

Amount	Details	Power to spend
TBC	Clerk's salary, HMRC payments & expenses	LGA 1972 s112, LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
146.28	Electricity for street lighting	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3. Highways Act 1980 s301
13.33	Printing & stationery expenses	LGA 1972 s111
141.00	Room hire (HPC & CLP)	LGA 1972, s134 (1-3)
509.20	Final payment for land registration	Local Spaces Act 1906 LGA 1972 s111
1668.00	Tree maintenance work	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9, 10
290.16	Website fees	LGA 1972 s142
6.00	Banking fees	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Power to accept
367.57	Growth of CCLA investments	LGA 1972 s111

- b) Council received and approved the **account sheet** and **bank reconciliation** to date.
- c) Council received and approved the **Neighbourhood Fund report** to date. It was also noted that the £40K ringfenced for play equipment has grown to £45089 (growth on CCLA investment).
- d) It was resolved to appoint Richard Groome to be the **internal auditor** for 2025-26 at a cost of £49, unchanged from last year.

26/026 PLANNING

- a) It was noted that the following **planning applications** were considered by councillors prior to this meeting:

26/00262/FUL Fairmead, Wood Road, Hadnall SY4 3DF

Proposal: Single storey extension

HPC decision: No response necessary.

26/00423/TPO The Cottage, Shrewsbury Road, Hadnall SY4 4AN

Proposal: Maintenance work to yew tree protected by TPO
HPC decision: No response necessary.

- b) No further **planning applications** were received in advance of this meeting.
- c) Council noted the following **planning decisions** published by Shropshire Council:
25/03902/FUL and 25/03902/FUL Painsbrook Farm SY4 4BA
Proposal: Proposed Covered Yard and Secure Dog Exercise Field
Decision: Grant Permission
25/04756/HRM Sansaw Properties land
Proposal: Removal of hedgerow sections (20 sections totalling 210m)
Decision: No Objection
- d) No further **planning decisions** were published in advance of this meeting.

26/027 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) National Garden Scheme – information available for anyone interested.
- b) Member of the public – query about pole-mounted cameras by church lay-by. Police ANPR cameras, it seems.
- c) It was agreed that the Clerk can book a place on the NALC webinar about the Planning and Infrastructure Bill on 13 May, £35. Cost to be shared with Atcham Parish Council.
- d) Public Rights of Way - extended date of 1 January 2031 for recording footpaths and bridleways on the Definitive Map. Ask Clerk for more information.
- e) **HIGHWAYS:**

A53 (A49 Battlefield roundabout to Bings Heath) will be closed overnight from Monday 18 to Friday 22 May as part of work to introduce a 50mph speed limit. Road closed 7pm-5am each night, with a signed diversion in place.

Severn Trent – possible closures for survey work.

26/028 MINOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA – None.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____