

Minutes of the Annual Community Meeting for Hadnall held on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7pm in Astley Village Hall

Present: HPC Cllrs Tom Dickson (Chair), Henry Crow, Steve Downing, Andrew Marston; SC Cllr Brendan Mallon; Marcus Willday and 3 representatives of Severn Trent; 10 members of the public. Minutes taken by the Parish Clerk, Alison Utting. Full reports are available on the HPC website.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Tom Dickson, welcomed all present.

2. Flooding issues – Severn Trent:

Marcus Willday shared an update on progress so far and next steps. (Report available on HPC website). He emphasised that Severn Trent is fully aware that Hadnall has a problem regarding flooding issues and that they are committed to providing fully effective and future-proof solutions, rather than rushing into short-term actions. The survey and monitoring work completed so far has shown that the situation is more complex than first thought. One of the key questions yet to be answered is why the system reacts very differently during storm events to the way it operates under normal conditions. More detail is needed. ST cannot yet give a guaranteed outcome or complete timescale.

Questions raised:

Will the detailed mapping of the system be made available? ST to liaise with Shropshire Council on this.

Is the plan for a new rising main still on the table? ST: Yes, with the route to the east of the village most likely.

Has the low rainfall of this last winter affected the research? ST: We hope not. We are also taking into account all instances reported to ST over the last 10 years as well as resident surveys, and are still encouraging residents to send in as much photographic evidence as possible of past flooding events.

What about gulleys and watercourses? ST will be surveying gulleys and liaising with SC regarding their maintenance.

When will Phase 2 of the research end? The CCTV survey is scheduled for June. Bore holes for ground investigation will be late summer.

Is the Severn Trent project solely concerned with the foul water system? Yes. Surface water drainage is SC, drainage across private land more complicated.

What model is ST using for future growth (dwellings)? ST: The previous draft Local Plan, but the system modelling will test for various development scenarios.

Any reports, photos or questions may be sent to: Marcus Willday, Community Communications Officer. Email: marcus.willday@severntrent.co.uk. Mobile: 07483 529258

3. **Community Led Plan:** Cllr Downing shared an update on progress.

The survey (for residents of all ages, plus businesses etc.) will be launched on Saturday 6 June 1.45pm-2.45pm in the Village Hall. The survey will run until 6 July, with online and paper versions available. Please encourage as many residents as possible to contribute their views, so that the vision for Hadnall can be as fully-informed and democratic as possible. It is hoped that a draft report will be ready to present at the parish council meeting of 14 September.

4. **Parish Council:** Cllr Dickson delivered the annual Chairman's report.

5. **Shropshire Council:** Cllr Brendan Mallon delivered a report.

6. **Other reports:**

Sansaw Estate: No news to report. Please contact them with any issues that arise. Residents raised concerns about the use of the Village Hall car park. Clerk to pass on.

Hadnall & Astley News: Lesley asked for feedback on the new style of the magazine and its developing content. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with thanks being expressed both to Pam Stephenson for her dedication to the magazine over many years, and to Lesley for taking it forward. Discussion took place on how to make the magazine free to all residents. This would cost approximately £1500/yr. Sponsorship by large local businesses and organisations a possibility. The magazine costs about £2500/yr to produce but produces approx. £1000 income from advertising.

7. **Any other business:** All congratulated Henry Crow on his recent jockeying successes at Cheltenham and Aintree.

Signed: _____ Date: _____