

Hadnall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Zoom on 12th October 2020 at 7.30pm

20/081 PRESENT – Councillors: Jim Slater (chair), Nigel Clifford, Barry Bell, Barrie Davies, John Harrison, Arthur Amos. Neil Duxbury joined the meeting at 7.45pm.

Clerk: Alison Utting. **Also:** Cllr Simon Jones, 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Andy Brisbourne (work).

20/082 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There was a query about the two vehicular access points being created to the north of the village. These have previously been given planning permission for agricultural access, with the reinstatement of hedgerow as a condition.

It was asked whether part of Saracens car park would be reserved for residents in the Saracens flats. This is not the case.

20/083 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

20/084 MINUTES – The Council agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the 14th September 2020 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

20/085 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **Car park purchase** – JH and Clerk have submitted the application and accompanying documents to SALC for comments. CIL money has been requested for December. RICS valuation has been arranged by JS. It was agreed that up to £400 + VAT could be spent on this. **ACTION:** PWLB application to be signed by JS & Clerk. JS to chase valuation. Clerk to keep vendor informed.
- b) **Moat footpath** – Clerk to progress planning application.
- c) **Attenuation pool and flow control chamber** – BB met with James Thompson at the pool. Sansaw not responsible for flow control chamber. SJ still chasing drainage/WSP consultants to ascertain who has maintenance responsibility for it. BB warns that flooding may result if the chamber is not seen to. **ACTION:** SJ to progress.
- d) **A49 culvert** – Work has been done. Contractors have left their large sign. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact them to remove it.

- e) **Trees at Wedgefields** – **ACTION:** NC to liaise with Wedgefields residents. Clerk to apply to Land Registry to ascertain ownership (approx.. £25).
- f) **Ditch at Wedgefields** - Carl Wellington (SC) now in contact with Diocese.
- g) **Streetlight No. 29** – Still awaiting connection. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Highline/Scottish Power.
- h) **Abbots Lea adoption by SC Highways** – The road and footpaths have been finished. It may now take up to a year for the adoption process to be completed. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact SC to ask for confirmation when process is complete and full information about land ownership and maintenance responsibilities.
- i) **Speeding** – Police have continued with speed enforcement activity within the village and have forwarded all speed data. **ACTION:** Clerk to request speed enforcement activity in the 40mph zone to the south of the village. Following this, a full report to be compiled.
- j) **Rock bed** – Councillors were very impressed with the work that residents have done and are delighted with the result – a real asset to the village.
- k) **Website accessibility** - Clerk is now using accessibility checking software on all Word documents that are uploaded to the website.
- l) **Highway signs** – Major problems have been reported.

20/086 OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Shropshire Council** - SJ reported that Shropshire has been designated Tier 1 in new COVID control system, so no increased restrictions at present. He has arranged for a site meeting to assess the feasibility of installing traffic lights at Hadnall pedestrian crossing and is also actively pursuing possible sources of funding for the same. JS asked whether the road surfacing that has been completed to the north and south of the village will be carried through to the village centre – **ACTION:** SJ to chase. NC raised the matter of the New Inn being under imminent threat of closure. **ACTION:** Clerk to put on next agenda.
- b) **SALC North Shropshire Area Committee Meeting** – BB gave a report of the significant discussion points raised. **ACTION:** Clerk to forward Minutes & Local Plan presentation slideshow to Cllrs.

20/087 PLANNING

- a) Council noted that applications 20/02282/FUL and 20/02498/FUL have been refused.
- b) There were no further planning applications received before this meeting.

20/088 FINANCE

- a) It was resolved that the following payments be approved and that two signatories are authorised to sign the cheques:

240.95	Clerk's salary, WFH allowance, mileage (Sept)
14.39	Zoom account 27/09/20 – 26/10/20
350.00	CiLCA registration
54.00	Play area sign
48.60	Repair to streetlight No.29

- b) Council approved the accounts and bank reconciliation to 12/10/20.
- c) It was agreed to move both HPC bank accounts to Unity Trust, on condition that clear checks are in place to protect the Council's dual-authorisation payment procedure as set down in its Financial Regulations. **ACTION:** Clerk to send details to Cllrs and to arrange for opening of new account/s.
- d) Proposed outsourcing of HPC payroll – to be put on next agenda, once quote has been received from SC.

20/089 TREE PLANTING IN THE EASE

Requests had been received from a local resident and from the W.I. regarding planting of memorial trees in The Ease. Cllrs felt that this would possibly set a precedent and that The Ease might become defined as a memorial garden, restricting alternative uses of the land. It was decided to refuse the requests, but Cllrs very much hope that alternative planting spots can be found nearby for the trees.

20/090 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A resident had contacted the Council regarding regularly overflowing bins along the A49 and beside the school. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact SC to see whether larger bins are an option.
- b) Shawbury Parish Councillor Adrian Brown offered data analysis of crime incidents. HPC felt it was not necessary at this time.
- c) Resident highlighting the problems to pedestrians (esp. with children and buggies) caused by mud left on the lane - cattle crossing before the railway bridge, Hadnall Church to Haston. Unfortunately, occasional mud/sand on lanes is a feature of rural life. No action to be taken by Council.
- d) Post Office Area Manager contacted the Council seeking feedback on Hadnall Post Office. Cllrs agreed that all residents should be encouraged to complete the survey.

- e) Cllr Allan Wilson, Vice-Chair of SALC, offered to talk to HPC about Shropshire Climate Action Partnership if required.
- f) Steve Jenkins Fitness – permission sought to continue sessions on village green using lighting, with due consideration for neighbouring properties and traffic. HPC is happy for the sessions to continue and very pleased with the way they are being run.
- g) SALC – draft consultations: Community & Rural Strategy (ends 5th Dec), and Cultural Strategy (ends 6th Jan). Cllrs to complete consultations individually, and to contact Clerk if a Council response is considered necessary.
- h) A resident reported a section of hedgerow missing on A49 just north of Abbot Drive. This is covered in item 20/082 above.
- i) Resident asking about latest stage of Place Plan consultation – all HPC comments (informed by public consultation) have been submitted at earlier stages of the consultation process and still stand as documented. Any further responses were to be made by individual Cllrs. The same resident also asked about the adoption of Abbot Drive – answered in item 20/085 above.
- j) RAF Shawbury – cancellation of Annual Reception communicated to the Chairman. Announcement that the new Station Commander from 20th December will be Group Captain Phil Wadlow. Gliders arriving within next couple of weeks.
- k) An email was received requesting help with identifying the location of an old photograph. Some keen detective work by the Clerk and members of the village Facebook group solved the mystery.

20/091 PARISH MATTERS

Concern raised about state of fence bordering The Ease. **ACTION:** No immediate action. Clerk to produce full maintenance schedule for HPC assets such as the fence, linked to updated asset register.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FUTURE MEETINGS – November 9th, January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 12th.
Meetings to continue online until further notice.

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