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**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)**

**Held on Monday 28th November 2016 in Hanbury Village Hall at 19.30.**

**Present** Chairman Roger Weaving (RW)

 Councillors Neil Cook (NC)

 Roy Raxter (RR)

Clare Stallard (CS)

Ian Few (IF)

John Evans (JE)

David Ford (DF)

County Councillor Peter Tomlinson (PT)

2 members of the public were also present.

#### To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs A Bingham and M Bishop and also from District Councillor A Steele.

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

a) Register of interests; Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

b) No Councillors declared any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

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d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

1. **To consider the approval of the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 24th October 2016.**

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly with the addition of the words “to ground level” inserted at the end of bullet points 2 and 3 under Public Question time in indicate how the hedges had been cut.

**The meeting was adjourned for public question time**

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

#### Progress reports from the previous minutes for information;

4.4 The boiler has been installed in Byways. RW is to see if a free first service in

Included in the installation price.

1. **Correspondence received to date:**

Correspondence was noted and was available for inspection and discussion at the meeting.

* Letter to VHMC re Rent/admin/pony paddock/caravans/mowing.

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* Letter from Laurie Pym re improvements to bridge at rear of West Lodge
* Email communication between C Cooke and A Ellson – Highways
* Email communication from St Richards Hospice
* Calc Updates 33,34,35
* Email to enforcement at Wychavon.
1. **County and District Councillors Reports:**

6.1 County Cllr Tomlinson - report attached.

6.2 District Cllr Steele sent her apologies.

**7. Planning:**

7.1Planning applications

 **W/16/02708/PP**

Ridge End

 Hanbury Road

 Hanbury

 B60 4HJ

 Proposed open fronted single storey garage

 The Parish Council **approved** this application.

7.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

 **W/16/01872/CU**. Woodrow Farm, Hanbury road, B60 4BU amendment of PP 94/01521/COU

 **W/16/02272/PN** Land off Droitwich Road, Hanbury. Clerk is to contact the planning officer with regard to this approval notice.

7.3 Other planning issues

 The Clerk is to contact Cllr AS to see if the application for the archery (16/022900) is to be considered at the planning committee meeting.

**8 To Receive Reports and discuss matters regarding;**

8.1 Playground Committee

 Nothing to report.

8.2 Cricket and football clubs

It was noted that the football pitch had not been maintained recently and the Clerk is to contact the current team to see if they wish to carry on using the pitch.

8.3 Hanbury Village Hall new front porch

 Nothing to report.

8.4 Village Hall Management Committee

JE noted that the bonfire had left debris on the recreation ground. NC noted that the area had been cleared and re-seeded. IF volunteered to lend a magnet to VHMC to clear the remaining nails etc.

8.5 Recreation ground

 JE and AB met prior to the meeting to discuss a proposed mowing contract for the

 recreation ground. They agreed that a contract was not necessary and that the

 current arrangements should remain in place.

* Lee Strobel would cut the main part of the field
* Chris Cooke would continue maintaining the edges of the field and the play area.
* The sporting clubs would continue to maintain their pitches.
* Everard Pugh would provide hedge cutting.

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* The timing of the cuts would be according to need and would be organized via the Clerk.

**9 Finance**

9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council

 The following invoices were approved and the cheques signed accordingly.

 **C Cooke -** Lengthsman work for November 2016 **£264**

 **C Cooke -** Fuel cost for mileage in October 2016 **£39**

 **Harpers Heating Ltd** - Balance of payment for installation of boiler at Byways –

 **£1005.83**

 **Droitwich Spa and RCVS** Postage October 2016 - **£6.**

9.3 Finance committee –

* The draft budget for 2017-18 was circulated and approved by the finance committee prior to this meeting. The Parish Council **approved** the budget.
* The budget includes an addition of £500 for an additional dog waste bin. This will be discussed at the January meeting of HPC.
* The finance committee is also adjusting a contract for users of the village hall field which will be discussed at the next meeting of HPC.

**10 Parish Lengthsman and parish maintenance issues.**

10.1Progress reports of highways/drainage issues as reported to HPC, Wychavon or Worcester CC.

 It was noted that there were still ongoing drainage issues on Goosehill lane and that a new land drainage engineer – Mr. Clarke-Ellson had been appointed.

10.2 Mowing contract. See 8.5.

10.3 Any other parish maintenance issues are to be discussed.

* There are saplings in the area of the new pavilion, mainly Sycamore. The Council **approved** the proposal that CC should remove them
* Also **approved** - Around the base of the Oak Tree in the Recreation Ground car park is an elderberry and briar bush. CC to clear this.

**11 Highways and any Police matters:**

11.1To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.

* DF to forward details of the problems on the B4090 to PT.
* Accident reported at Goosehill Junction, the Police were attended.
* JE made a suggestion that the Local Crime Commissioner should attend the HPC meeting.

**12. Parish Councillors’ Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

* CS noted that she was having problems with broadband. PT noted that there is a broadband partnership with WCC and BT and that BT had subcontracted to “BTOpenReach.” Broadband is to be discussed at the next meeting.
* RR noted that he was concerned with regard to the condition of the garage on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the January meeting of HPC.
* NC noted that CRASH would like to write to the Safer Roads Partnership with regard to the speeding within Hanbury Parish. HPC **approved** this suggestion and asked that copies be sent to HPC.

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**13. Date of next meetings**

Unless there is urgent business to consider, the next meetings will be held on January 30th 2017 and February 27th 2017.

**Public Question Time**

2 members of the public attended the meeting and made a request for the following

* An additional dog waste bin to be installed on the recreation ground.
* That the current dog waste bin be emptied more frequently.
* That the rubbish bag which was near the picnic table be removed.

The Council are to discuss this at their next meeting and a provisional amount was placed in the budget for consideration.

**Abbreviations**

ABCC – Astwood Bank Cricket Club

CC – Chris Cooke – Parish lengthsman

Cllr – Councillor

Cty Cllr – County Councillor

Dst Cllr - District Councillor

HPC – Hanbury parish Council

RG – Recreation ground

VHMC – Village Hall Management Committee

HPC Councillors

AB – Alan Bingham, MAB – Mark Bishop, NC – Neil Cook, JE – John Evans, IF – Ian Few,

DF – David Ford, RR - Roy Raxter, CS – Clare Stallard, RW – Roger Weaving

County Councillor Report for November Parish meetings

A slightly less frenetic month I am glad to say. I attended parish council meetings at Elmley Lovett,Ombersley, and Hanbury. having had to apologise to Hartlebury and Dodderhill.

I have had meetings with Sander Kristel Director of Adult Healthcare and Sean Pearce, Chief Financial Officer at County. Sander’s portfolio takes the largest proportion of the County budget at around £200 million per year. Under the care Act 2004 (amended 2014) the county have a statutory duty to look after the health and well-being of adults. In the main this means the elderly in our society, in their own homes with carers calling, sometimes every day,(and in some cases more than once a day) in Care Homes funded by the county, and I was surprised to learn that the budget has to cover adults with learning difficulties, some 1300 of whom live in our county. The cost of caring for them is £52 million a year. I spent over 2 hours with Sander and only scratched the surface of the challenges he and his team face. I was really impressed with the system which now operates in the county which tells Sander’s department whenever an elderly person is admitted to hospital. This means that should it be necessary, social services can get involved at an early stage to prevent bed-blocking and provide care after the patient returns home.

The government has introduced a new programme called STP throughout the country. In my day STP was a fuel additive but as the NHS loves acronyms (and doesn’t tend to look to see if it is in use elsewhere) this stands for Sustainability and Transformational Programme. Basically it is an acronym meaning “joined up thinking”. In other words it means that GPs, hospitals, social services and other caring organisations now need to come together and work together with, and you’ve probably guessed this, a reduced budget ! Today, as I write, the issues within the STP seem to have reached the media and senior officials within the NHS are openly stating that this programme is a means of cutting budgets. I worry enormously about the future of the NHS as I am sure many of you do.

Sean Pearce, the Chief Financial Officer (ex PWC chartered accountant) explained his department in words I could understand..mostly. He illustrated graphically how the cost of Adult Social care has risen by £15 million over the last 5 years and appears to be stabilising but Children’s Social Care has risen by £25 million over the same period. These are the very real problems the county is faced with. In some ways they put our local issues with Highways, signage, broadband, even planning into a different context.

On the subject of Highways, David Hunter-Miller came to my home 2 weeks ago for the whole morning and I got to know him and his responsibilities rather better. He accompanied me for a whole morning around Ombersley to look at a number of problems which he is now dealing with. Others I have learned on my travels, I have delegated to fellow district councillors to pick up with him.

This is my first effort at trying to cope with the problems I have inherited and I know that you all have problems with Highways too. I will try and address them all but it will take time. I rave your patience !

I have also had a long meeting with Keith Beech who is the new Communications supremo at county. We happen to know each other from way back in the radio days when he was running BBC WM and I was running Saga Radio….and we were getting better audiences than he was !!. It seems as if county might want me to begin contributing to their work by using my experience, such as it is, in helping Keith improve communications.

A final word if I may. As your county representative my job is twofold. I have of course to represent your interests to the best of my ability at county, and at times this will mean sorting out problems which may occur at parish level but which are the responsibility of county. At the same time I have a duty to play my part in helping the officers of the county fulfil their statutory duties. Many of those as you now know may not affect our parishes which are comparatively affluent compared to the areas of deprivation which do exist in this county. I will try to play my part in involving myself in both duties and hope that I achieve some form of balance !

Cllr Peter Tomlinson Oct 31st 2016