

# HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Sue Adeney, Alex Walker, Lesley Smith, Pippa Barkley, Angela Hartland, Steve Pennant, Sara Beadon.

**Apologies:**, PC Johns, Steve Gogerty (NDP).

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, C & DCllr Tom Wells, Nick Harper (PW), Graham Holmes (PFW), Peter Goodyear (PPW), 2 Parishioners.

**16/25 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk. It was again lovely to see all Councillors in attendance.

**17/25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors.**

- a) Declarations of Interest: None were received
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

**18/25 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

**19/25 Thank you to Peter Goodyear** – Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Goodyear for his 11 years hard work as the Parish's Path and Tree Warden. A small presentation was then given of a summary of the work and actions he had achieved and he was presented with a small token of thanks and joined everyone in excellent cake!

**20/25 Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.**

The matter of Smart Water was raised and the Clerk said she would follow it up as the request to join the scheme had been made some time ago.

**ACTION: Contact the scheme manager to follow up on the original request to join the scheme.**

The poor visibility of walkers on Gilberts End was discussed. It was agreed to put a reminder in the Parish Link and on the website to help to ensure walkers were visible especially around dusk and early evening. Also it was suggest to ask PC Johns if there were any free high viz items which could be distributed to walkers and school children. **ACTION: Include a reminder and contact PC Johns.**

Some notes of approval of the new trees planted along the verges by WCC were mentioned.

It was reported that The Big Lunch Committee had folded and, as they had funds left over, they had asked if it could go towards Pond maintenance. The suggestion of using it for the National Volunteers Day was made as various parish groups were trying to recruit additional volunteers and a summer event for them could be held.

**ACTION: Ask for a list of volunteers from Steve Gogerty and look into the possibility of doing something for the Parish Volunteers.**

**21/25 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.

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- b) White gates had been installed on Worcester Road and parishioners were pleased with them. They had offered to plant bulbs around the base; if this were to be done it was requested that they be wild plants or native flowers.
- c) The quotation of £380 for the boundary fence by the old BL building was approved.

### 22/25 Finance:

- a) The payments notified in writing prior to the meeting were considered and **APPROVED**.
- b) Receipts Received. None.
- c) Precept setting – The Clerk had submitted the precept, it was substantially below the national average which was £90 for a band D household.

### 23/25 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications:

Application Number	Location	Proposal
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00161/NMA</u></a>	Mayfield Picken End Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DQ	Non-material amendment following a grant of permission 18/01536/FUL for relocation of window, door and bike shed
No Objection raised		
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00160/CCO</u></a>	Mayfield Picken End Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DQ	Discharge of Condition 3 (slab levels samples), Condition 4 (slab levels), Condition 6 (sustainability), Condition 7 (broadband), Condition 11 (archaeology), Condition 16 (cycle parking), Condition 19 (external lighting) and Condition 20 (landscaping) of planning permission 18/01536/FUL
No objections raised		
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00162/CM</u></a> <a href="#"><u>23/000052/CM</u></a>	Land At (Os 8012 4361) Blackmore Park Hanley Swan	County Matters consultation by Worcester County Council - Proposed new pet and equine crematorium with associated chapels of rest and waste transfer facility. Hard Landscaping to provide service yard with staff car parking and visitor car parking and soft landscaping design including a memorial garden and attenuation ponds.
No changes to the objection already submitted.		

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Application Number	Location	Proposal
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00004/HP</u></a>	1 St Gabriels Terrace Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DY	Extension to first floor (retrospective).
Out of keeping with the rest of the properties.		
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00024/FUL</u></a>	Properties 1 and 2 St Gabriels Terrace Hanley Swan	Erection of one detached dwelling
No dimensions or details provided in the application. Looks too big and roof height too tall for the plot size. Contrary to MGN4 Infill, privacy of adjoining properties.		

### b) Applications received after Agenda:

<a href="#"><u>M/25/00247/TC</u></a>  Application in Welland Parish but has implications for HC parish	Hillcourt Farm Welland	Prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications for installation of 25m lattice tower, 6 no. antenna apertures, 2 no. 600mm microwave transmission dishes and equipment cabinets inside an 8m x 8m compound enclosed by a 1.4m high stock-proof post and rail fence with a 1m wide gate and development ancillary thereto.
Application supported, as improved network coverage required in the parish.		

### d) Planning Decisions:

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#"><u>M/24/01752/FUL</u></a>	Broadacres Farm Haylers End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AL	Proposed roofing over of a open livestock yard.	Application Approved
<a href="#"><u>M/24/01682/HP</u></a>	Blackmore End Cottage Priestfields Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AH	Single storey rear extension to partially replace an existing conservatory.	Application Approved

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Application Number	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#"><u>M/24/01616/CCO</u></a>	The Royal British Legion Coverfield Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EG	Discharge of condition 3, 5,8,9 10 & 11 M/24/00479/FUL	Application Approved

**24/25 District and County Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Tom Wells advised that £1000 had been given to the primary school. The Danemoor saga continued - a meeting with councillors had been held and new signage and dragons teeth had been installed. A request has been made to have a closed meeting with Welland PC, Hanley Castle PC, the Police and WCC but this had not been confirmed. It was hoped that a discussion of temporary signals when Upton route was closed due to flooding could be included.

The movement towards unitary councils was discussed, there were a lot of unknowns at the moment but it has been agreed that County Council Elections would go ahead in May and the new unitary elections would be held in May 2027.

## 25/25 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – Peter provided his last report before handing over to Cllr Pennant.
- b) **Pond Warden** – everything was well and they would be looking for additional volunteers in the future.
- c) **Playing Field Warden** – The hedge at the back of the field had been cut but the hedge at the side by the play area still needed cutting back.  
**ACTION: Ask the primary school if this can be done as it is on their side of the fence.**
- d) **NHDP** – Report circulated in the absence of Steve.  
**ACTION: The Clerk to respond to email received from RCA.**
- e) **Local Police** – Nothing reported.
- f) **Allotments:** The Solicitors had been liaising with the Housing Association.  
**ACTION: The Clerk to request an update ahead of the March meeting.**

## 26/25 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman –to continue with his normal work.
- b) Gilberts End – parking issue from the High School with parents parking on the verge and blocking residents access to their properties. Cllr Barkley had emailed the Headmaster to see what they could do and he responded to say that he can't control it and said that residents should be encouraged to notify the police.  
It had been raised at the open meeting with residents in May 2024 as had the hedges protruding into Church End that are narrowing the access. Cllrs Roberts and Adeney agreed to review and to arrange another meeting with the School and residents.  
**ACTION: Cllr Barkley to contact PC Johns and raise the matter with him. Cllrs Adeney and Barkley to arrange another meeting.**

## 27/25 Hanley Environment Group

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a) Hanley Swan Highway Tree Planting – WCC had carried out the planting, they did relocate a few of the trees at the request of residents (and Cllr Adeney) as households had not been notified of the planting.

b) Village Hall Cavity Wall installation – the quotations were discussed and the proposed one was accepted but the group were asked to investigate whether there was any grant funding available first and also to get agreement from the Village Hall Committee.

**ACTION: To investigate if grant funding is available and to get approval from the Village Hall Committee.**

### 28/25 Correspondence

a) Invitation Free Webinar – Community Health and Wellbeing for Parish Councils 4<sup>th</sup> March – Cllrs Barkley & Hartland to attend.

b) Email from Cricket Club – The request for an additional £1000 donation was discussed, it was agreed but would be paid in the next financial year (after April 2025). They would be asked to provide details of how the previous donation was spent.

**ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Cricket Club and advise them.**

c) Invitation to Healthy Heart District Webinar – 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am. Cllrs Barkley & Hartland to attend.

d) Invitation to Face to Face Councillors Gathering at the Community Hub in Malvern 18<sup>th</sup> March at 18:30

e) Email from Katie Parsons of RCA Regeneration – It was agreed to respond that the current proposal is not in keeping with the emerging NHDP so there is little point meeting at this time.

### 29/25 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners.

a) Upton Villages Together- Library Contribution was discussed and, as the information provided was minimal, a full set of accounts was requested before a contribution would be granted.

b) Update on BL Boundary – quotation agreed so boundary fence could now be erected.

c) Signage for Hanley Community Orchard – Contact Malcolm Fare to confirm the committee is happy for it to now be installed.

d) Update on devolution following CALC Clerk briefing.

e) Lack of mobility access onto the Village Green in Hanley Swan. A request for a dropped curb had been received. The idea was approved.

**ACTION: Contact WCC to request it.**

f) Lorry stuck on Park Lane trying to deliver to the Tissue Paper Factory.

**ACTION: The Clerk to contact ESP/Lucart and ask them to advise all drivers that Park Lane is not an accessible route to gain entry to the site.**

### 30/25 Items for the next agenda:

a) Devolution

**31/25 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Signed ..... Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Chairman

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## Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Payments Approved at February Meeting

JACS	Replacement White Gate		£672.00
Peter Sauntson		Lengthsman Duties	£330.00
			<b>£1,002.00</b>

Signed ..... Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Chairman