

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 24th April 2025 at 7.00pm in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

Apologies: PC Johns, Graham Holmes (PFW), Nick Harper (PW).

In Attendance: The Clerk, C & DCllr Tom Wells, Steve Gogerty (NDP), 4 Parishioners.

47/25 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the April meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

48/25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors.

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

49/25 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20th March 2025 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

50/25 Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.

It was asked if the noticeboard at Hanley Castle could be replaced/repared/relocated as it was continually blocked by a parked vehicle. **ACTION: Cllr Adeney to speak to the owners of the vehicle to ask them not to block access to the noticeboard.**

A quotation had been received for the repair of the Cider Press on the Ewe & Lamb Green. AJB Joinery said they would be willing to undertake the work and had quoted **???**. **ACTION: The Clerk to email AJB Joinery and ask them to undertake the work.**

The brick wall on the Ewe & Lamb Green needed repair. **ACTION: Cllr Walker to ask a local bricklayer for a quote.**

It was mentioned that the roof of Avalon, Gilberts End, 23/01745/HP was extremely high; the application was reviewed but no measurements could be found. **ACTION: The Clerk to write MHDC Planning and raise the concern.**

The question was asked as to whether some planting could take place along the verge on the approach from the Three Counties. Following the cutting of the hedgerow the approach to the village was thought to look unappealing. Cllr Adeney explained that it should improve as the young trees planted as part of planning conditions start to grow but she would ask the Environment group to look at it.

ACTION: Cllr Adeney & HEG to look into possible tree planting.

51/25 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.

52/25 Finance:

- a) The payments notified in writing prior to the meeting were considered and **APPROVED**.

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b) Receipts Received. CIL payment.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm if it is correct.

53/25 Planning: a) To Consider the following applications:

<u>M/25/00573/CLPU</u>	Merebrook Farm Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DX	Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed change of use from agricultural to park land
Ask the planning officer if there are any implications for changing to park land.		
<u>M/25/00438/PIP</u>	Mortimer Lodge Hanley Swan WR8 0DN	Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of up to 2 no. dwellings
Object, contrary to MGR4 and outside the development boundary.		
<u>M/25/00539/HP</u>	The Chestnuts Gilberts End Hanley Castle, Worcester WR8 0AS	Front and side single storey extensions to replace existing bay windows and entrance porch and alterations to fenestration.
It was agreed that a better design could be proposed.		
<u>M/25/00481/FUL</u>	Land At (Os 8157 4258) Picken End Hanley Swan	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 18/01536/FUL (Proposed new dwelling)
No objection		
<u>M/25/00500/HP</u>	Benjamin Cottage Church End Hanley Castle Worcester	Proposed single-storey rear extension
No Objection		

b) Applications received after Agenda: None

c) Planning Decisions:

<u>M/24/00409/HP</u>	5 Horton Lea Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DP	Proposed Two Storey Rear and Side Extension.	Application Approved
Ask the planning officer for an update on the 2 nd application at the property.			

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<u>M/25/00252/CCO</u>	Pool House Hanley Road Upton	Discharge of conditions 3,4,5 and 6 of planning permission M/23/01033/FUL.	Application Approved
<u>M/25/00161/NMA</u>	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	Application Refused

d) The Atlas Mast application had been refused.

54/25 District and County Councillors' Reports: Cllr Tom Wells talked about the issues that had been raised to him while canvassing. The first was speeding on Picken End and the second was parking issues around the pond due to the pub. The Council were not aware of any issues with speeding on Picken End but they were aware that parking from the pub caused problems at times. It was felt though that at the moment it was not a regular issue and that the pub's success was very good for the parish but they would monitor it.

55/25 Reports.

- a) **Path Warden** – Cllr Pennant went through his report.
- b) **Pond Warden** – The submitted report was read out.
- c) **Playing Field Warden** – A request was made for the Council to pay for the grass preparation work that is due to be undertaken shortly and be reimbursed when the Football Association's Grant is received in October. The Council agreed.
- d) **NHDP** – An update was provided. It was hoped that the Plan would be made before the summer.
- e) **Local Police** – Nothing reported.
- f) **Allotments:** The Solicitor had advised that he was still waiting to hear back regarding the 10 year break clause. The Clerk would ask again if there were any reasons why people could not start working on the vacant plots and take over the leases as they are becoming overgrown and would soon become extremely hard to clear. **ACTION: The Clerk to ask about the Leases.**

56/25 Highways Matters

- a) Works for Lengthsman – None at the moment.
- b) Open Meeting with residents and HCHS held on the 10th April; notes from the meeting were circulated. The VAS data for the previous 12 months had been downloaded and was discussed. The readings would be downloaded on a monthly basis in future. It was felt that it was definitely acting as a deterrent to speeding. The possibility of installing white gates at Hanley Castle was discussed and it was decided to speak to residents to assess their opinion on them. **ACTION: Cllrs Beadon & Barkley to speak to residents.**

57/25 Hanley Environment Group

- a) Village Hall Cavity Wall installation – The village hall committee would arrange for the work to be undertaken.

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- b) The Litter Pick was a great success, fewer pickers than previous years but a lot of litter was collected. Hanley Castle to the Rhydd was still required to be cleared as some areas were still very littered. It would also be nice if The Three Counties could become involved in the litter pick.

58/25 Correspondence

- a) CALC – it was soon to be a requirement that all council's email addresses would end .gov.uk. It was suggested that councillors also had separate .gov.uk email address to use for Council work. **ACTION: The Clerk would look into setting up the email addresses and the move across.**
- b) Lychgate, Catholic Church – invitation received to celebration service on 27th April 4pm.
- c) Rural Farming drop-in sessions, 2pm-3pm 2nd Weds of the month at Clive's Fruit Farm.
- d) Community Facility Legacy Grant Scheme – Applications open until 8th June; the suggestion of applying for funding for the drop curb on the green was approved. It was also suggested to speak to the Village Hall Committee to ask about the installation of projectors in the village halls. **ACTION: The Clerk to apply to the Grant Scheme. The Clerk to speak to the VHC to ask if they would be interested in projectors.**

59/25 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners.

- a) Three Counties Free Tickets – The draw would take place on the 30th April.
- b) Smart Water – MHDC are no longer contributing 25% of the cost, the Clerk to get confirmation of the new price without their contribution.
- c) Date & Agenda for Parish Meeting – it was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held following a brief Parish Council meeting on the 15th May, 7:45-9:30 with refreshments provided.
- d) CALC Training Courses – Boosting your Council's Identity 13th May.

60/25 Items for the next agenda:

- a) Invite Three Counties CEO to a future meeting.

61/25 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 15th May 2025. 7:00-7:35 and it would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed Date: 15th May 2025
Chairman

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Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 24th April 2025

Payments to be Approved April Meeting

Hanley Swan Memorial Hall		Annual Hall hire 24/25 (inc. Café Tuesday)	£756.20
New Farm Ground Maintenance		March Cuts	£412.85
ROSPA		Area Inspections	£192.00
Peter Sauntston		March Lengthsman	£1,410.00
WCALC		Annual Membership	£1,099.15
		Total	£3,870.20

Signed Date: 15th May 2025
Chairman