

Hanley Castle Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 16th July 2020 – Via Zoom at 19:00.

Present: Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Sue Adeney, Alan Rogers and Pippa Barkley.

Apologies: Councillors: Alison Bolton, Alex Walker, Lesley Smith; Peter Goodyear (PPW), Marjorie Nelson (PPW).

In Attendance: The Clerk, DCllrs Andrea Morgan & Martin Allen, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), Steve Gogerty (Carbon Neutral Project).

30/20 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors

a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that they should have updated their register of interests and sent them to the Monitoring Officer at MHDC.

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: None declared

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature: None declared

d) To consider and agree all requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

31/20 Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 18th June 2020 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved**.

32/20 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

a) Park Lane – It was confirmed that it was a footpath and not a bridleway and cyclists were not permitted to use it without the permission of Mr Hunt, the owner of the lane.

b) Casual Vacancy – MHDC had been made aware of the vacancy and the notice had been put on the website. The Clerk would send a copy to Cllr Roberts to put up on the Parish Noticeboards.

33/20 Finance:

a) Payment of Accounts: Members **approved** the payments of accounts as in the presented schedule in Appendix 1.

34/20 Planning: a) To Consider the following application referred by MHDC for consultation:

20/00414/HP	Ballards Farm Quay Lane Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0BS	Retrospective approval for temporary building to provide multi-use storage shed/workshop
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The application was discussed and no objections raised. It was commented that the property suffered flooding and that the NDP had been considered when building it.		

b) The Cemex Application had been circulated and was discussed. It was felt that the building of the rowing facility would be a wonderful opportunity for Upton and worth the extra 18 months of work.

35/20 Highways Matters

- a) Collection of new VAS – The Clerk would arrange for collection of the VAS from WCC.
- b) Footway in the Holloway – The Clerk to speak to WCC regarding the state of it.
- c) Escape of water by the Swan – It had been reported to both Highways & Severn Trent.
- d) Sunken drain Covers – These had been inspected by Highways who had deemed them safe.
- e) Work for Lengthsman – Overhanging branches on the cycle path towards Hanley Castle where sections are reduced to 18 inches in parts and require siding out.

ACTION: The Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to undertake the work.

36/20 District and County Councillors' Reports

DCllr Morgan updated the Council on MHDC's activities. She advised that Splash was undergoing work and would not reopen for a while. Cllr Adeney asked whether there had been any changes regarding spending of the allocated cycling route funding. Unfortunately Mr Amos of WCC had not changed his mind.

37/20 Report of the:

- a) **Parish Paths Warden** – The Report was read out and it was agreed to ask the Lengthsman if he would be prepared to undertake the requested strimming work.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Lengthsman.

- b) **Pond Wardens** – It was reported that the signs by the bins appeared to be working and it was suggested a sign/sticker was made to explain that the bins were emptied by a volunteer. It was hoped that the pub landlord would take over emptying the bin by the pub. A meeting had been held with the owner of Black Swan Windows and he was still keen to sponsor the pond area. Information boards were suggested and Cllr Roberts said she would send the details of Blake to Nick Harper and Cllr Adeney would contact Malvern Hills Trust with regards to what works well on their Information Boards.

ACTION: Information Boards to be considered.

- c) **Playing Field Warden** – Reopening of the Play area to be discussed in 39/20.

- d) **Local Police** – The report had been circulated and the email received by Cllr Bolton discussed. It was agreed that the email would be sent to SNT for their comment.

38/20 Environmental Working Group

The Quarterly Report from Carbon Neutral Project was delivered by Steve Gogerty. He talked about the planting of trees and the need for more locations to plant. Hanley Habitats had received an anonymous £3000 donation. Concern was raised that the green spaces set aside in new developments were not being used for habitat areas. It was agreed to contact MHDC to see what powers of enforcement they had but to also speak to a few residents to find out about any covenants on the new homes. The Energy strand were working on the base line and the survey had started, they need to get people to sign up to the newsletter so they can take part.

Steve asked that the Councillors helped by getting involved and signing up to the newsletter. He encouraged them to switch to a green electricity provider if they had not already done so and he asked that they encouraged everyone to use the website. Cllr Adeney said that the Parish Councillors needed to be champions of the Carbon Neutral motion.

39/20 Correspondence

- a) Re-opening of the Parish Council Play Area– Cllr Roberts had produced a risk assessment and MHDC had provided a sign to be put up. It was agreed that the signage should be sufficient as the Council would be unable to deep clean the equipment on a regular basis and therefore asking Parishioners to take precautions was the best approach.

ACTION: Cllr Roberts to erect the appropriate signage.

- b) Adoption of a Street for Litter Pick – It was agreed to adopt the play area and football pitch.

ACTION: The Clerk to Contact MHDC and complete the application.

- c) WCAG 2.1 compliance – New regulations for Websites comes into effect on 22nd September but the County Council’s MyParish Website should be compliant.
- d) H&WFR consultation – email circulated and the consultation was open until the end of September.
- e) MHDC Circular running or walking routes – Marjorie Nelson would contact MHDC to put forward any appropriate walks.

40/20 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

Cllr Adeney raised the topic of Charging Points for electric vehicles. Possible locations for them were discussed and the best option was considered to be the Village Hall.

41/20 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set as 17th September 2020 (Hopefully in the Village Hall).

Signed Date: 17th September 2020
Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 16th July 2020

Payment of Accounts: The under mentioned payments were approved:

July BACS Payments

New Farm Ground Maintenance	June Cuts	723.60
WCALC	Photocopying Carbon Neutral	16.50
WCALC	Annual Fee	963.99
D H Phillips	Gravel for footpath	141.26
Rebecca Abunassar	July Salary & Admin	442.00
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	443.65
Nick Harper	Pathways Strimming	450.00
Rebecca Abunassar	Zoom & McAfee Protection	44.38
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Signed
Chairman

Date: 17th September 2020