**Hanley Castle Parish Council**

**Minutes** of the July Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 19th September 2021 in Hanley Swan Village Hall at 19:00.

**Present:** Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Alex Walker, Lesley Smith, Alison Sparkes, Alan Rogers, Sue Adeney.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Pippa Barkley, Sara Beadon. The Clerk, Peter Goodyear (PPW), DCllr Andrea Morgan, CCllr Tom Wells.

**In Attendance:** DCllr Martin Allen, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), 25 Parishioners. .

**42/21 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors**.

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

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

c) To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – None received

**43/21 Welcome & Minutes:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the September Meeting of the Parish Council. The Minutes of the July Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 15th July 2021 had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved.**

*Closure of the meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions or make comments.*

 a)Retrospective planning application for lighting at the Incinerator. Several members of the public spoke of their objections to the lighting scheme at the Incinerator mentioning the fact that the incinerator is situated in open countryside and may be viewed from the Malvern Hills AONB. The lighting scheme was excessive, over-specified, visible from a wide area and the shielding provided by the trees was partial at best. The adverse effects of such lighting on wildlife, particularly insects, and on human health and wellbeing were also a concern. Further concerns about the operation of the incinerator, the monitoring of it and the traffic to the site were also raised.

 b)Julie Short had kindly brought along a Policeman ‘dummy’ for consideration as

a traffic calming measure outside the school(s). The idea was generally met with approval but it was felt a more high viz version would be needed. John Boardman raised the issue of the 20mph flashing lights at the school operating throughout the holidays and wondered if they could be programmed to only flash when school was open.

 c)Malcolm Fare reported on St. Gabriel’s Wood and the desire of the new owner, Linda Pearce, to keep it as her father wished. A management plan was being prepared and it was hoped that the Parish might help with this and that Parishioners might have access to the wood in the future.

 d)Nigel Hawthornthwaite was introduced as someone who may be willing to join the Hanley Habitats Project.

**44/21 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

a)Tree works quotations – It was noted that the Clerk had completed the required application.

1. **Action List –** The Action List was discussed and updated.

**45/21 Finance:**

1. To consider and **APPROVE** any payments notified in writing prior to the meeting. These were agreed.
2. Audit Result. The Clerk had supplied the extra information required to explain the large reserves held by the Council.

**46/21 Planning:** a) To Consider the following applications referred by MHDC and WCC for consultation:

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| [**21/01516/HP**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01516/HP) | Ivers Worcester Road Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EA | Demolition of existing garage, proposed front, rear and side single storey extensions |
| No Objection |
| [**21/01580/CM**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01580/CM) | Waste Incineration Unit Hangmans Lane Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AJ | County Matter consultation by WCC for retention of external lighting & CCTV provision (retrospective). |
| See appendix 2 |
| [**21/01494/HP**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01494/HP) | The Beeches Gilberts End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AS | Proposed detached brick orangery |
| No Objection |
| [**21/01390/HP**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01390/HP) | 1 Hawberry Close Malvern WR14 3PD | Extension to existing double garage. |
| No Objection |
| [**21/01399/HP**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01399/HP) | Blackmore End Farmhouse Blackmore End Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EE | Extension to existing dwelling |
| No Objection |

1. Planning Applications received after the Agenda produced:

 None Received

1. Planning Decisions:

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| [**21/01103/FUL**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01103/FUL) | St Gabriels Worcester Road Hanley Swan WR8 0EA | Renovation and improvements to existing domestic outbuilding to form holiday let/granny annexe. |
| Application Approved |
| [**21/01430/NMA**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/21/01430/NMA) | The Old Motor Pool Hanley Road Welland Malvern WR13 6NP | Non-material amendments to planning permission 19/01418/FUL to change the position of external doors and for revisions to the Phase 2 element (connected two-storey block for all ancillary functions). |
| Application Refused |

1. **NHDP:** Next Steps & Actions – This would be updated at the next meeting.

 **47/21 District and County Councillors’ Reports**

 Martin Allen reported on a further delay to the SWDPR which would now move to July/August 2022 with the Examination in May 2023. He also mentioned the boundary review at MHDC which would see the number of councillors reduced to 31. He talked about a new bus on a Monday which would see the 363 route extended to Tewkesbury; publicity for this was discussed.

**48/21 Report of the:**

**a) Parish Paths Warden –**  Received and read out.

**b) Pond Wardens** (Nick Harper) Nick said they would be meeting on 3rd October.

**c) Playing Field Warden** – None received.

**d) Local Police –** Cllr Roberts had spoken to Kevin Johns. He had now been joined by a CSO so felt he should have a bit more time to attend to the speeding issues reported within the Parish.

**49/21 Highways Matters**

1. Road Safety Matters – Cllrs Beadon and Barkley had been in contact with the schools and their report was read out.
2. Work for the Lengthsman – Overhanging branches on the path along the Worcester Road.
3. Traffic Survey. This had been completed between 0700 and 1900 on Wednesday 18th August and the main point of the report were read out. Members of the Road Safety Group had also received a copy for discussion at their meeting.

**50/21 Environmental Working Group**

 A meeting would be arranged to decide on how to take the project forward.

a)It was agreed to get the usual contractor to flail the usual section of verge on the Malvern Road.

b) Concern was expressed about a black pear tree in Hangman’s Lane; Steve Gogerty and Nigel Hawthornthwaite would investigate.

**51/21 Correspondence**

1. Thank you for bench repair – Elizabeth Green. This was noted.
2. Zurich Insurance – It was confirmed that this had been renewed.
3. Request for Memorial Bench by Pond. This was discussed with the Pond Warden and it was agreed that there were probably enough benches around the pond but that the picnic tables could be replaced and a plaque placed on one of them if that was acceptable to the family.

**ACTION: Clerk to liaise with the family.**

1. Email from Colin Rowley ref O2 signal. This was read out.
2. Queen’s Green Canopy. This was noted and referred to the Habitats Group.

**51/21 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners**

1. Autumn Show Tickets. The draw for this had taken place and Cllr Smith had distributed the tickets.
2. Business article in the Parish Link. There had not been any response so far.
3. Cllr Sparkes reported that she had been able to help the police with a problem of youth activity in Gilver Lane.
4. It was noted that the British Legion Club was due to close; a watching brief would be kept on the matter.
5. Fly Tipping in Gilberts End had been reported through the usual channels.
6. Cllr Adeney reported that former District Councillor, Syd Harrison was very poorly and that she would be visiting her.

**52/21 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 21st October 2021.

 Signed ……………………………… Date: 21st October 2021

 Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 16th September 2021.

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| Rebecca Abunassar |   | Aug Clerk Duties | 460.40 |
| Colin Smith |  | Fence | 128.87 |
| New Farm Ground Maintenance |   | July & August Cuts | 1480.80 |
| Nick Harper | Pathways Strimming | 450.00 |
| Ross Workman | Traffic Censor | 100.00 |
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Appendix 2: Objection to WCC Planning Application 21/000030/CM.

The Parish Council **objects** to this retrospective application for lighting at The Incinerator, Haylers End, Hanley Swan for the following reasons:

* The incinerator is situated in open countryside, well outside the village of Hanley Swan, and the lighting scheme proposed is not sympathetic to this rural environment which may be seen from the Malvern Hills AONB.
* The scheme seems to be over specified with column mounted lights at 8m and those on the building at 9m providing excessive illumination of the site and the surrounding area. The shielding provided by the surrounding vegetation is partial at best and, since the trees are deciduous, practically non-existent in the winter months. Since the scheme has already been installed it is already evident that the building can easily be seen at night from all the surrounding homes and local roads - even those quite distant from the site.
* If the purpose of the lighting scheme is to provide security and to enable working at night, these could both be accommodated with a more sophisticated scheme using appropriate technology not the crude and invasive solution proposed in this application.
* The adverse effects of excessive lighting and especially LEDs on wildlife in general, and on insects in particular, is a major concern. Hanley Castle Parish Council is committed to increasing biodiversity in the parish and this proposal is detrimental to that commitment.
* The application does not seem to be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.
* The adverse impact on human health and wellbeing caused by light pollution is also seen as a significant concern with this application.

Signed ……………………………… Date: 21st October 2021.

 Chairman