**Hanley Castle Parish Council**

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 17th February 2022 in Hanley Swan Village Hall at 19:00.

**Present:** Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Lesley Smith, Sue Adeney, Sara Beadon, Pippa Barkley and Alex Walker

**Apologies:** Cllrs Alison Sparkes & Alan Rogers. Peter Goodyear (PPW), CCllr Tom Wells, DCllr Andrea Morgan, DCllr Martin Allen

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), 1 parishioner.

**15/22 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.

**16/22 Welcome & Minutes:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the February meeting. The Minutes of the January Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 20th January had been previously circulated and the minutes were **approved.**

*The meeting was then closed to allow members of the public to ask questions or make comments. – No matters raised.*

**17/22 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

a)Tree works quotations – The Clerk had contacted Adrian Hope and asked him to carry out the tree work and make the application for works under the TPO.

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

* Speak to the VHC regarding a fixed projector in the small hall
* Write to Duncan Rudge regarding next steps on the Blackmore Park Farm Barns gazebo application
* Contact Chris Lewis-Farley and invite him to attend a meeting to discuss Green Infrastructure and TPOs as the Parish Council may want to apply for them on trees thought to be of heritage value to the Parish
* Follow up the Local Heritage List with MHDC

**18/22 Finance:**

1. To consider and **APPROVE** any payments notified in writing prior to the meeting. These were agreed.
2. Receipt Received - read out

**19/22 Planning:** a) To Consider the following applications referred by MHDC for consultation:

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| [**22/00078/CU**](https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/M/22/00078/CU) | Honeypots Farm Priestfields Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AH | Change of use of land from residential to equestrian and creation of manege. Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian. |
| Ask what materials are intended to be used and raise the environmental impact. | | |

1. Planning Applications received after the Agenda produced:

None Received

1. Planning Decisions: None received
2. **NHDP:** Next Steps & Actions – This would be updated at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to check whether the Local Heritage List had been approved by MHDC. The Clerk was also asked to contact the British Legion and enquire what was happening as work was being undertaken at the Club.

**ACTION:** **Clerk to contact MHDC & British Legion.**

**20/22 District and County Councillors’ Reports –** None present

**21/22 Report of the:**

1. **Parish Paths Warden –**  Received and read out.
2. **Pond Wardens** (Nick Harper) – No one had come forward to build the island so a landscaper might be required but he will continue to try to find a volunteer. Cllr Walker to look into a tree to have on the island and materials to remodel the island.

**ACTION: Cllr Walker to look into appropriate trees**

**c) Playing Field Warden** – Report read out. Request for financial assistance with seeding parts of the field was approved.

**d) Local Police –** Nothing received

**22/22 Highways Matters**

1. Road Safety Matters– Cllrs Beadon & Barkley updated the Council on the latest activity. The idea of Portable Policemen was explained to the Council and its merits discussed. Each one would be £192 + VAT with a one-off £40 template charge. It was agreed to purchase four.

They had spoken to the High School Leadership Team who were very keen to meet with Dave Tassell (new Liaison officer) and talk about safety measures.

The fact that they had lost part of the Rugby field was raised and possible locations for a full size rugby pitch were discussed. It was agreed that it was really up to the school to pursue this but the Council could make recommendations.

The use of VAS around the Parish was talked about and it was agreed that Councillor Beadon would get quotations to purchase an additional two VAS initially and then possibly a further one later in the year.

**ACTION: Cllr Barkley to arrange purchase of policeman. Cllr Beadon to get quotations for VAS machines.**

**23/22 Carbon Neutral Working Group**

1. Update - Cllr Adeney informed the Council that hedge laying had taken place at the community orchard. David Branch had offered to run a hedge laying workshop. The verge maintenance team were considering proactive planting so that habitat verges were more obviously being looked after. Concern was raised about the strong cutting back of hedges within the Parish and it was being investigated how to prevent it from occurring again.
2. Litter Pick – date set for 26th March, starting at 10am and notice to be put in the Parish Link.
3. Car Share Scheme – Welland were leading the project and the Parish hoped to be involved once Welland received funding.
4. Electric Bike – one was being loaned to the Parish Council to be loaned out to parishioners to trial.

**24/22 Correspondence**

1. Western Power Tree work – had been undertaken
2. Midsummer Malvern – Hanley Castle Walk, volunteer to assit had come forward.
3. New Homes in Welland – email circulated

**25/22 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners**

1. Jubilee Celebration – The Beacon would be on the Thursday and it would be up to residents to organise individual street parties. The Parish Council discussed funding of parties and whether applications for funding would be considered. There was also a discussion on a Parish event and it was agreed that it would be nice to have an open air service in some form.
2. The Queen’s Green Canopy – The planting of trees was talked about and it was determined that it would be lovely to have a section of land planted. The idea of writing to Nick Lechmere and ask for him to reinstate an area of woodland or to provide a corner of land to be planted was approved.

**ACTION: Cllr Adeney to draft a letter to send to Nick Lechmere.**

1. Spring Show Tickets – Contact the Three Counties and request tickets.

**ACTION: Cllr Smith to request tickets for the show and prepare for the Draw.**

**26/22 Items for the Next Agenda**

1. Local Boundary Review
2. Royal British Legion – Can it be added as an asset of community value?

**27/22 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 17th March 2022.

Signed ……………………………… Date: 17th March 2022

Chairman

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 17th February 2022.

**Payments to be Approved at February Meeting**

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| Peter Sauntson |  | January Lengthsman Duties | 518.00 |
| WDBF (Glebe) |  | Rent 25/03-28/09 | 125.00 |
| Rebecca Abunassar |  | February Clerk Duties | 460.40 |
| Ron Smith CO |  | Pond Warden Items | 1190.00 |
| Allan Rodgers |  | Enviornmental | 10.00 |
| Glasdon |  | Glasdon Verge Markers | 368.16 |
| Glasdon |  | Glasdon Bin | 321.08 |
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Signed ……………………………… Date: 17th March 2022