

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 19th April 2012 at 8.55pm in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman) Sue Adeney Tony Atkinson
Jackie Bass Alex Grimwade** Francis Harcombe
Wendy Roberts-Powell** John Taverner*

In Attendance: Mrs Susan Hughes (Clerk)

48/12 Apologies: Mike Andrews (PPW) DCllrs M Morgan & T Perry WCCllr T Wells

49/12 Declarations of Interest: a) Declarations of Interest (Personal & Prejudicial): Cllr Sue Adeney declared a personal interest in Min 52/12 below as former Leader of the Local Youth Club; Cllr Tony Atkinson declared a personal interest in Min 52/12 below as PC Trustee of the Village Hall & also in planning applications in general as the owner of a shop selling OS maps; Cllr Sue Roberts declared a personal interest in Min 52/12 as a Vice president of the Cricket Club: Cllr Jackie Bass declared a personal interest in Min 53/12 as a neighbour of the site detailed under 12/00085/FUL **and b) any Changes to be Notified to the Register of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality:** There were none.

Closure of the meeting to allow the public present to speak on any matters relating to Hanley Castle Parish. There were no parishioners present

50/12 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March 2012 having been previously circulated were **approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

51/12 Matters Arising & Progress Reports not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda

a) Min 43/12: Update on the Jubilee Celebrations: Cllr Adeney advised that the preparations were well underway for all events: a detailed timetable would be published in the May edition of the Parish Link.

Following discussion, members **agreed** to seek insurance cover for all events from the current company, Came & Co.

b) Min 45f: Benches: Members noted that the new bench along the Worcester Road had been sited.

Following discussions, it was **agreed** to leave the insurance details until the total number of benches and replacement value was known.

52/12 Projects Related to the Section 106 Funding

a) Arts: The project was progressing well and the latest designs were subject to consultation at the end of the month.

b) Cricket Club: The project was progressing and additional grant funding had been sought.

c) Parish Council: Alternative estimates to be sought for consideration at the next meeting.

d) Village Hall: In view of the extra-ordinary delays in the application process, the Management Committee had successfully applied for alternative funding for their project and therefore withdrew from the Section 106 process. Members **agreed** that the Working Group should consider reallocation of the £2k Section 106 grant.

e) Youth: The additional details requested by MHDC had been collated.

Action: The clerk to contact MHDC

53/12 Planning: a) *To Confirm the Actions of the Clerk in Consultation with at least three members in between meetings in submitting the following comments to MHDC:*

12/00352/FUL Change of use of part office to ancillary accommodation
The Balconies, Hanley Swan

Members noted the application and requested that if the LPA is minded to approve the detail, it should ensure that as the proposal is for 'ancillary accommodation' it should not only be tied to the main house and therefore not to be sold separately, but should also not be available as separate rented accommodation - in other words only available for members of, or visitors to, the occupying family.

b) *To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:*

12/00195/LBC Replace milestone plate
Milestone at (Os 8385 4402) Worcester Road, H/C

Members strongly supported this application

c) *To Consider under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting:* Members noted that two additional applications had been received and a further two were anticipated and therefore **agreed** to hold an extra-ordinary meeting on Thursday, 3rd May.

d) *Details of Decision Notices Received to-date:*

12/00085/HOU Split into two residences and extensions and new access
Old Parsonage Farm, Hanley Castle **Granted 22nd March**

12/00144/HOU Rear extension to lounge & kitchen, new canopy porch &
internal alterations Four Winds, Gilberts End
Granted 19th March 2012

12/00213/FUL Demolition of single storey extension and erection to two
storey side extension Orchard House, Hanley Swan
Granted 28th March 2012

12/00393/FUL Replacement pavilion building
Hillview Stud, Blackmore Park Road
Granted 18th April 2012

e) *Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document: Consultation 5th April – 21st May 2012:* Members noted that the proposed changes could be viewed at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs The item to be noted on the next agenda for feedback/comment.

* John Taverner arrived during the following item.

54/12 Highway Matters

a) *Surfacing, The Holloway and Worcester Road:* Members noted that the County Councillor was pursuing the serious concerns (cracks in the carriageway, drainage kerbs without tops, damaged footway) over the state of repair of the highway with the Highways Authority.

- b) *Lengthsman: i) Scheme 2012/13:* Members were pleased to note the extension of the Scheme for a further year with additional funding.
- ii) *Works:* The Lengthsman had completed siding out various footways within the parish and had expressed concerns over the construction of the footway adjacent to the B4209 and the increased Lengthsman work that it would cause in future.
- iii) *Footway, Outside 'Ewendine':* The Lengthsman to be asked to side-out the footway.

Action: John Taverner to contact the Lengthsman

- c) *VAS Signage:* Cllr Wells had arranged a site meeting with the appropriate Highways Engineer for the following day to agree suitable sites for the VAS sign. Members suggested two on the Upton/Worcester Road, either end of Roberts End and one in Worcester Road, Hanley Swan.

Action: The chairman to report back to the next meeting.

- d) *Footpath, Roberts End:* John Taverner highlighted the dangerous state of repair of the well-used footway between 1 Roberts End and The Holloway. The damage had been caused by WCC Highways using a large machine to side-out the footpath. It was unanimously **agreed** to highlight the area to both the Highways Authority and County Councillor for a replacement footway.

Action: The clerk to contact the Highways Authority & Cllr T Wells

- e) *Footway Repairs:* Members noted damage to the footway on the junction of Winnington Gardens/Picken End.

Action: The clerk to report to the Highways Authority

- f) *Verge Encroachment, Gilberts End:* Members noted that the verge was encroaching in several areas onto the highway (particularly near Gilberts End Farm) and although some areas/drains had been marked for action others had not.

Action: The clerk to report to the Highways Authority

55/12 'Localism'

- a) *Think Local in Worcestershire* – Members noted the Consultation on Worcestershire County Council's approach to Localism: Responses requested by 8th June.

- b) *MHDC Localism Workshop;* Two members volunteered to attend the workshop at Priory Lodge on 1st May at 6.30pm.

Action: The clerk to book two places

56/12 Environmental Matters

- a) *Report of the Environmental Working Group:* Sue Adeney advised that the *Litter-pick* had been very successful in both parishes and she thanked all for participating and help.

The idea of a *Quiet Sunday* had met with support and so would continue on the first Sunday from June to September inclusive.

- b) *Verge Planting B4209:* Three members had met with representatives from the County Council & Countryside Service (Wade Muggleton) to discuss the possibilities of a scheme of indigenous plants and shrubs on the new verge adjacent to the B4209. The officer agreed to make enquiries into the possibility of the planting and would contact Sue Adeney with an appropriate scheme. Cllr Harcombe reminded members that access to allow for both hedge cutting and ditch clearance must be maintained.

** Cllrs Alex Grimwade & Wendy Roberts-Powell left the meeting at this point.

57/12 Finance: a) *Payment & Receipt of Accounts:* Members **approved** the payments and receipt of accounts as in the presented schedule (attached).
b) *Annual Audit:* Members noted the date of the Annual Audit as 2nd July.
c) *To Consider a Request for a donation to MH CAB:* As there were currently no other requests for funding, members agreed to donate (Section 137 expenditure) £200 to the Malvern Hills CAB.
d) *Use of the Playing Field:* Members noted and **agreed** requests from the Village Show & Bee Keepers Association for the use of the field on 25th August and 8th September respectively subject to the usual restrictions in wet weather.

58/12 Topics Raised by Councillors, Committees and Parishioners

a) *Noticeboard adj to the Former Hanley Castle Post Office:* Members noted a request from a local parishioner to consider moving the noticeboard to a more appropriate site now that parishioners no longer access the area as frequently.

Action: Matter to be placed on the next agenda

59/12 Date of Next Meeting

Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council:

3rd May 2012
17th May 2012

Signed Date: 17th May 2012
Chairman