

## HANLEY CASTLE PARISH MEETING

**MINUTES** of the **PARISH MEETING** held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.00pm in Hanley Swan Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Sue Roberts (Chairman of the Parish Council)  
12 parishioners Sgt Ian Blanchard & CSO Sally McPherson  
Kevin Jones from Siemens and 3 representatives from the  
Safer Roads Partnership Susan Hughes (Clerk to the Parish Council)

**Apologies:** Apologies were noted from the John Taverner, Mike Andrews, Neil & Gigi Verlander, DCllrs M Morgan & T Perry and WCllr T Wells

**Welcome:** Cllr Sue Roberts welcomed parishioners, fellow councillors, Police officers, Kevin Jones from Siemens and three officers from the Safer Roads Partnership to the meeting.

### **1 To Tackle the Problem of Speeding within the Parish**

The chairman invited Kevin Jones & Rod Reynolds to address the meeting. Kevin gave a full and illustrated presentation of how the new technology associated with an average speed system would be of benefit to the parish and particularly to the village of Hanley Swan.

The system was used in various locations, motorways, urban streets, near to a Primary School (Corfe Mullen in Dorset) and had a proven track record of consistently reducing speed in the locality. It was not possible to monitor motor bikes within the system. The cameras could be placed between 75m and 2 miles apart, each camera would record both sides of the highway and could be programmed to interact on highways forming a crossroads. A camera plus necessary support equipment cost approx. £25k with a typical system of 4 cameras plus maintenance over a 3year period costing £130k.

A typical system for a crossroads layout with 4 posts, two cameras and two dummy cameras would cost approx. £75k.

In response to questions, Kevin advised that:

- he was not aware of any specific grant funding towards the purchase of these cameras although in various areas large employers had contributed;
- the equipment could be leased over a period of say 5 years rather than purchased outright, an initial deposit of approx £20k would be most useful;
- he was unaware of any minimum required distance for siting the cameras from speed limit signs (he would check);
- Siemens could provide the office staff backup and forward all relevant images to the Safer Roads Partnership for action;
- the equipment could be leased, with the Parish Council underwriting the costs and all additional revenue from fines returned to the Safer Roads Partnership (just 5 speeding fines every day of the year would pay for a suitable setup\*);
- the equipment could not be reliably run 24 hours per day by either solar or wind power;
- the system and costs, could be shared with neighbouring parishes.

\*At no time did any officer from the Safer Roads Partnership offer any funding for the scheme within the parish.

On the conclusion of questions, the chairman thanked Kevin Jones and the Safer Roads Partnership for attending and they took the opportunity to leave the meeting.

An interval (8.15 – 8.25pm) for light refreshments followed.

## 2 Minutes

The **Minutes** of the Parish Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011, copies having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3 Chairman's Annual Report for 2011/12

Cllr Sue Roberts spoke to her previously circulated report (copy on file) with particular reference to the amazing work of the pond wardens, the Lengthsman, all volunteers within the parish and her fellow parish, district & county councillors. Particular mention was made of Cllr Tony Atkinson for all of his work with regard to planning and the Affordable Housing Scheme.

## 4 Local Police

Sgt Blanchard referred parishioners to the previously circulated report and also highlighted the low annual crime figures within the parish:

22 thefts, 8 of which were catalytic converters	7 vehicle crime
14 road traffic calls	9 anti-social incidents
1 abandoned vehicle	2 attempted break-ins
8 burglaries	6 criminal damage

The police highlighted the use of 101 telephone number for non-emergency reports and the drop-in at Upton Library on the second Wednesday of every month. Members agreed to publish these further in the Parish Magazine.

The chairman thanked both officers for their report.

## 5 Reports of Representatives

In view of the hour of the evening, parishioners accepted all of the previously circulated reports as read (available on the website & local shop) ie Hanley Swan Village Hall (Andrew Milne), Parish Council Finance (John Taverner), Pond Wardens (Neil & Gigi Verlander), Playing Field and Play Area (Graham Holmes), Parish Council Environmental Monitoring Group (Sue Adeney), Youth Club (Sue Adeney) and Churches (Sue Adeney).

**Parish Paths Warden:** Mike Andrews had tendered his apologies for the meeting but had advised the County Council had completed much of the scheduled work within the parish. Two parishioners advised that there was a great improvement in the accessibility of the paths with new footbridges and metal kissing gates.

Colin Rowley had volunteered and been appointed as Parish Paths Warden from June.

**Café & Local Market:** In a written report Mrs Joanna Bowles had advised that:

the monthly market regularly attracted persons from Ledbury, Worcester, Malvern and the Hanleys plus a significant number of visitors staying at Blackmore camp sites;

the market provided a venue where local people could sell their products, socialise and provide funds for local projects. To-date funding had been provided for the restoration of benches, Hanley art project, Hanley Year book and young farmers, help for heroes.

The process had begun to turn the Café and Market into a co-operative.

## 5 Open Forum

No further matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed . . . . .  
(Chairman of the Parish Council)

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