

## **HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Meeting held at Castle Farm Community Centre, High Street, Hadley, Telford, on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**Members of the public:** 8 local electors were present.

**In attendance:** Cllr John Smart, Chairman of Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council  
Clerk to the Council, Jonathan Brumwell  
Bernie Jones, Chairman – Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust  
Phil Jones, Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust

### **2. CHAIRMAN**

In accordance with paragraph 17(1) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor J Smart, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided.

### **3. MINUTES**

The meeting confirmed that the minutes of the Parish Meeting which had taken place on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and were presented at the Annual Meeting of Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 where they were approved as a true record.

### **4. CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report, a copy of which is filed with the minutes and appears on the Council's website at [www.hadleyandleegomery-pc.org.uk](http://www.hadleyandleegomery-pc.org.uk).

### **5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017/18**

The meeting noted a report from the Clerk of the Parish Council which summarised the Council's income and expenditure against budgets for the period 1.4.17 to 31.3.18.

### **6. SHREWSBURY AND NEWPORT CANALS TRUST**

The Chairman welcomed Bernie Jones, Chairman – Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust and Phil Jones, Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust to the meeting.

Bernie Jones gave a presentation on the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust project to restore two 'guillotine' locks on the Trench Arm of the canal. Mr Jones asked if the Parish Council would be willing to support the Trust's aims of securing the transfer of land bordering the canal's route from the HCA to the Trust.

The Chairman offered to raise this at the next meeting of the Parish Council and instructed the Clerk to include the project on the agenda so that the Council could consider supporting the project formally.

### **7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF THE PARISH**

There were no comments from the local government electors present.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

## Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

We have come to the end of another busy year.

Unfortunately, we have had to say goodbye to Alastair Wood, a valued Member of this Council and Vicar of our Parish as he moved to Wiltshire.

Our Clerk, Jonathan Brumwell has completed his third year and we have kept him very busy. We are grateful to him and to Gail Lawrence, who take care of the Council's business to the highest standard of professionalism.

Planning matters have again dominated the year, with Horton and Apley having significant issues. This Council continues to work hard to try to achieve the best outcomes for all concerned.

Our environment continues to be our focus as we endeavour to make this Parish an attractive place in which to live and raise children. The biggest project was the landscaping at Apley Castle to create an attractive aspect for the visitors to the Severn Hospice. Because of the reorganisation of staff at Telford and Wrekin Council, we have lost Rob Jevons who worked so well with us to produce many of the visual improvements.

This Council agreed to employ a Parish Lengthsman to overcome the difficulties we faced. Clive Johnson is working well to ensure that our area is maintained to the highest standard through liaison with the Borough.

This year is the centenary of the Armistice and we are marking it by working with the community, in particular through funding school projects. We have purchased a 'there but not there' steel silhouette of a 'Tommy'. This will be sited in the schools in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday finishing with its installation at the saluting dais to honour all who were lost in conflict.

The Annual Concert for St. George's Day is now on the Parish Council calendar with Pat Smart making all the arrangements. Our Christmas concert with Hadley Orpheus, Apley Wood and Millbrook choirs, had to be postponed because of snow but we held a Spring Concert instead. The usual donations were made to support choral singing in the area.

The summer and Christmas events, including the pensioners' dinners, will take place as usual, weather permitting, of course.

HLC is now part of an academy with Dr. Eatough as Executive Principal. HLC Principal is Paul Roberts and we continue to enjoy an excellent working relationship with all our schools.

Our commitment to the young continues with the funding we provide. Our Youth Zone take part in many activities, thanks to our excellent youth leader, Mark Palmer-Burrage. The service is to relocate to the Methodist Church where the young people will have more space. Castle Farm will let the available rooms at a higher rate than we will be paying the Church so the move will benefit all.

Castle Farm is to undergo improvements and our thanks are extended to Building Manager, Carol Henderson, and her assistant Karen Walker, whose diligence keeps the premises in pristine condition. They contribute many suggestions for improvements and their input is greatly appreciated.

Our Cemetery Manager, Cliff Henderson, continues to maintain the grounds to an immaculate level and he receives countless messages of thanks and praise from visitors, not only for his work, but for his kindness. Cemetery Lodge is to undergo much-needed and long overdue improvements to bring the building up to a higher standard.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my vice-chairman, Cllr. Malcolm Smith, the Chairman of F&GP, Cllr. Bill McClements, and Cllr. Pat Smart for taking care of the Events Committee and the Environment. We have 2 non-councillors on Events, Sean Thomas and Rosemary Jones, and I thank them very much for their contribution.

I look forward to another productive year as we all work together for the people we represent, and assure them of our best attention at all times.

Councillor John Smart  
24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018