



HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on the 1st October 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)

Councillor Saj Younis

Councillor Carol Hughes

Councilor Jasmine Bennett

Councillor Amrik Jhawar

Councilor Julie Kaur

Councillor John Snell

Councillor Andrew Benion

Councillor Jordan Keeble

Councillor David Brown

Councillor Shaukat Ali

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk Jane Lees

Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie

Community Centre Manager Sarah Durnall

Community Centre Officers Sharon Hill, Leah Murphy

one member of the public

Two Police Officers

WELCOME

C24/105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. P. Millward, Cllr. U. Ahmed, Cllr. J. Callear

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. S. Younis seconded, all in favour to note the apologies.

C2/106 PUBLIC SESSION

None

C24/107 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr. A. Jhawar – Planning, Cllr. J. Snell Apley Wood Primary School.

C24/108 POLICE REPORT

The Police reported that they had a new Officer starting shortly and will bring him to a meeting to introduce him.



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C24/109 GRANT APPLICATION FROM APLEY WOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Ellen Smith, Headteacher from Apley Wood Primary Academy gave a short presentation on the objectives of the Grant funding application. This is a Theatre visit which is a treat but also a learning experience to benefit the whole school.

Cllr. S. Younis proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded; one abstain to grant £630 to Apley Wood Primary School.

C24/110 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Sarah Durnall introduced the two new members of staff, Sharon Hill, and Leah Murphy. They were both warmly welcomed by the Council.

C24/111 MARCHES ENERGY GRANT

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour to defer this matter.

C24/112 THE BAR AREA

Councillors discussed the Bar area and considered statistics of use this year. It was agreed that the financial benefits of the Bar were outweighed by the cost of cooling the beer and the room could be put to better use. An outside Bar could be arranged for any function that required one.

Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour to remove the Bar and utilise the room for other groups when current bookings are over.

C24/113 EMERGENCY LIGHTING QUOTES (Appendix A)

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour for option B.

C24/114 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Appendix B)

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd of September 2024.



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C24/115 FINANCIAL REPORT (Appendix C)

- (i) *Faster payments of £30,009.72, Direct Debits of £209.22 and debit card payments of £290.60 verified and approved by Cllr. J. Snell and Cllr. C. Hughes.*

Transfer of £175,000.00 from Lloyds Current account to Lloyds Savings account.

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to approve payments detailed.

- (ii) *Budget comparisons made available. Notice of Audit published 30th September 2024, final report will be provided with the certificate of completion.*
- (iii) *Latest Bank reconciliation for August noted.*

C24/116 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) **Applications for consideration**
None
- (ii) **Applications received after publication of agenda.**

C24/117 CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATION

The Chair informed the Council of the resignation of Cllr. Gemma Offland, and thanked Cllr Offland for her work in the Parish over the last years. Notices for the vacancy have been published. The Chair also informed Council that Cllr. Jasmine Bennett is now sitting as an independent councillor and will continue working for the residents as proficiently as she has before. The Chair read a complimentary letter from Mr. S. Baldwin, a member of the Church now using the Community Centre. Mr. Baldwin praised the cleanliness and pleasantness of the building.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr J. Bennett seconded, all in favour to move the last section of the Chair's communication to private session.

C24/118 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH

Cllr. C. Hughes outlined the continuing issues with the Bus system.



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C24/119 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. A. Jhawar reported incidents of fly tipping in the Parish. Cllr. Jhawar had visited Far Vallens to assist with the flooding from the building site. Cllr. E. Callear stated she had spoken to Telford and Wrekin Council who are working with the developers on this matter.

Cllr. E. Callear informed the Council that work had started on Hadley Centre, with improvements to the road and pavements. Cllrs Jhawar and E. Callear have started replacing benches on Warwick Way and have made requests to Telford and Wrekin Council to improve the area around the Canal Locks. Cllrs Jhawar and E. Callear have used their Pride Fund to have the railings repainted and the grouting replaced at the War Memorial.

C24/120 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. J. Bennett updated the Council on Events, with a Pantomime booked for the 7th December and lots of applications to take part in the Scarefest. Cllr A. Benion noted the continuing issues at Silkin Way.

Cllr. A. Benion propose, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour for a letter to be written to Cllr. K. Blundell for assistance with the issues on Silkin Way.

C24/121 TOWN COUNCIL STATUS

Councillors discussed applying for a change of status from Parish to Town Council. It was agreed that a Town status would be more appropriate for a Parish of this size.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded all in favour to bring a resolution to the next agenda to become a Town Council.

C24/122 BOUNDARY SIGNS (Appendix D)

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed quote B with a white sign and Black writing, Cllr. S. Younis seconded, all in favour

C24/123 CHOCKLEYS MEADOW

The Chair read an email sent to the Clerk from Wrekin Housing as an update to the issues raised by residents on Chockleys Meadow Fencing and gate. The Wrekin Housing Trust do not intend to remove the fencing or put in a gate as it was installed as a measure against anti-social behaviour.

C24/124 POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS

Councillors brought many ideas for future projects, such as posts with QR codes in to access information to be sited in areas of interest, a new noticeboard in Apley, Coach trips, routes on the website for runs and walks, Art exhibition, Job fairs and film nights. It was agreed to create a spreadsheet of all ideas and work through them in the future.



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C24/125 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Town Council

Upgrade to Hurley brook path

Memorial tree for Pat Smart

C24/126 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council meeting Tuesday 5th November at 7pm.

Events Committee Wednesday 2nd October at 1:00pm

Finance and G. P. Committee Tuesday 19th November at 7 p.m.

Personnel Committee To be arranged.

C24/127 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour to exclude press and public.

C24/128 STAFFING MATTERS

This matter was discussed and resolved.

Chairmans signature.....

Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signature of Chair.....