



HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on the 7th January 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)

Councillor Jasmine Bennett

Councillor Carol Hughes

Councilor Jarad Callear

Councillor Amrik Jhawar

Councilor Andrew Benion

Councillor Jordan Keeble

Councillor John Snell

Councillor Phil Millward

Councilor Julie Kaur

Councillor David Brown

Councillor Shaukat Ali

Councilor Stuart Parr

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk Jane Lees

Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie

Community Centre Manager Sarah Durnall

one member of the public

two police officers

WELCOME

C24/183 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. T. King

Cllr. P. Millward proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to note the apologies.

C24/184 PUBLIC SESSION

A lady spoke of her concerns regarding the building on the old GKN site, and the impact the development will have on her life. The lady was reassured by the Chair that the Parish Council had opposed the application, and there would be a meeting with Cllr. P. Millward and residents on this matter next week, which she is welcome to join.

C24/185 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr. A. Jhawar - Planning



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C24/186 POLICE REPORT

Cllr J. Snell thanked the Police for the in depth report received from them. Cllr A. Benion asked for more patrols in Apley Woods, and the Police said they are working in this area now following residents' complaints. Cllr. P. Millward asked about electric scooters, and the Police offered to send electronic information to the Clerk to be distributed. Cllr. S. Parr asked about sexual violence statistics in the area, the Police replied they were misleading as many different crimes were included in the numbers. The Police are requesting for the statistics to be clarified and will inform Council when they are available.

C24/187 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

The Community Centre manager gave an update on bookings and work in the building. The Manager thanked Cllr. E. Callear for painting the stage floor over the Christmas period. It was noted that a new employee, D. Williams will be starting in a few days' time.

C24/188 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, two abstain to confirm the minutes of the meeting I which was held on the 3rd^{of} December 2024, and the extraordinary meeting I held on the 17th of December.

C24/189 FINANCIAL REPORT (Appendix B)

(i) *Cllr. J. Keeble and Cllr. J. Bennett verified the approval list (Appendix B) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £15,293.70, Direct Debits of £798.18 and debit card payments of £521.82.*

(ii) *Latest report of bank balances and budget comparisons noted.*

(iii) *Latest Bank reconciliations noted.*

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed and Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed.

C24/190 CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATION

The Chair requested that it be a matter of record that despite a claim that she had divulged confidential information, she denies this absolutely and wishes the person concerned to provide evidence.

The Chair reported a letter received from a resident about the Christmas panto and kids party. They wanted to put on record their appreciation for the work of council staff and the events committee who organised and supported these activities.



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C24/191 REPORT FROM EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Chair of the Events Committee spoke of the success of the events last year, which had great feedback from residents. The Chair brought a motion from the floor to fill the vacancy on the Events Committee.

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. A. Jhavar seconded, eleven in favour, two abstain, to appoint Cllr. J. Kaur onto the Events Committee.

C24/192 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE CHAIRMAN

The Chair of Finance noted that the Committee had discussed the Budget for 2025/26 and had recommended it to Council. The Chair brought a motion from the floor to fill the vacancy on the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, two abstentions, eleven in favour to appoint Cllr. P. Millward onto the Finance Committee.

C24/193 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES-

MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH.

Cllr. E. Callear noted that funding has been secured by Telford and Wrekin Council to try to help improve bus services.

C24/194 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr A. Jhavar thanked the Telford and Wrekin teams for the clearing up operations following the storms and heavy rain.

Cllr. J. Kaur noted she has been training on diversity and inclusion

Cllr. E. Callear reported she has been out visiting her ward regularly and holding surgeries and was supporting local groups with Pride funding.

C24/195 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr A. Benion asked if there could be Christmas lights in Apley. The Deputy Clerk informed Council this was already being discussed for feasibility.

Cllr. E. Callear stated that she was organizing a meeting for the Marlborough Road traffic consultation.



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C24/196 2025/26 BUDGET (Appendix C)

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, two against, eleven in favour to approve the Budget for 2025/26, with a precept of £580,820.

C24/197 RESOLUTION FROM CLLR. JOHN SNELL

Memorial to long standing late members of the Parish Council

Resolution: That a flowering cherry or plum tree be planted in the available grassy area in front of the Parish office and a plaque for each late, long standing member of the Parish Council be placed around it showing the person's name and the period of years during which they were members of the Council.

It will be for the Full Council to decide from time to time which persons names should be added to the memorial and on this first occasion the name of Pat Smart 1995-2023 be placed on the first memorial plaque

Cllr. J. Snell's resolution, seconded by Cllr. S. Parr.

The Council discussed the criteria for plaques for previous Councillors.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour for an amendment to the Resolution to include the names of Leon Murray and Gill Moore.

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. S. Parr seconded, all in favour to appoint a task and finish group comprising of Cllrs D. Brown, J. Keeble, C. Hughes, J. Bennett, S. Ali, E. Callear and J. Snell to decide the criteria and delegate other decisions regarding this project.

C24/198 MOTION FROM CLLR. AMRIK JHAWAR (Appendix D)

Cllr. A. Jhawar's motion, seconded by Cllr. J. Bennett.

Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. A. Benion seconded, 3 in favour, 10 against an amendment to the motion to reduce Finance Committee to bimonthly meetings and hold Council meetings every month.

Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, 2 against, 2 abstain, 9 in favour to hold alternating bimonthly meetings of Council and Finance Committee meetings, commencing from 6th May 2025.



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C24/199 MOTION FROM CLLR. STUART PARR

This council recognises the public opposition to the sale of Hadley Cemetery Lodge and dissatisfaction with current arrangements for maintenance of the cemetery and resolves to reverse the decision to sell the Lodge and to recruit a cemetery keeper resident at the Lodge to take over maintenance of the cemetery when the current contract expires.

Motion from Cllr. S. Parr, seconded by Cllr. A. Benion.

Cllr. S. Parr proposed the motion, Cllr. A. Benion seconded, two in favour, eleven against the motion.

C24/200 CEMETERY LODGE (Appendix E)

Councillors discussed the marketing of Cemetery Lodge.

Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr A. Benion seconded, three in favour , ten against taking the discussion into private session.

Cllr. A. Benion discussed the Lodge being used for a refuge.

Cllr S. Parr and Cllr A. Benion left the meeting.

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour to put the Lodge for sale at a price of £299,995, and if it has not sold in three months, delegating powers to the Clerk to place the property into the modern method of auction.

C24/201 TOWN COUNCIL STATUS

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour to defer this matter to a future meeting.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour to suspend Standing Orders.

Cllr. S. Ali left the meeting.

C24/202 2024 AMENDMENT NO.14 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY(Appendix F)

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. A. Jhawar seconded, all in favour of the amendment to traffic regulation order.



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C24/203 PARKING ON HIGH STREET HADLEY

The Councillors discussed residents' concerns over nuisance parking on High Street Hadley. It was agreed to ask the Enforcement team to patrol the area. It was a possibility to request a Traffic Regulation Order on this area.

Cllr. A. Jhawar left the meeting.

C24/204 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration

TWC/2024/0934

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. P. Millward seconded, all in favour to support this application.

C24/205 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Christmas Lights

Cllr. E. Callear proposed a motion from the floor to add Cllr. J. Kaur to the Appeals Committee and Cllr. J. Bennett to move from Appeals to the Personnel Committee. Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour.



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C24/206 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Personnel Committee Meeting TBA.

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 4th February at 7 p.m.

Events committee Wednesday 5th February at 1pm

Finance Committee Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm

Chair closed the meeting at 9.40p.m.

Signature of Chair.....