



## HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)

Councillor Jasmine Bennett

Councillor Carol Hughes

Councilor Thomas King

Councillor Amrik Jhawar

Councilor Andrew Benion

Councillor Jordan Keeble

Councillor Saj Younis

Councillor Phil Millward

Councilor Julie Kaur

Councillor David Brown

#### IN ATTENDANCE

**Clerk** Jane Lees

**Deputy Clerk** Rebecca Cowie

**Community Centre Officers** Sarah Durnall, Diane Williams

twelve members of the public

two police officers

#### WELCOME

**Please be aware that there will be audio recordings of this meeting.**

#### C24/207 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*Cllr. J. Snell, Cllr. S. Ali*

**Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. A. Jhawar seconded, all in favour to note the apologies**

#### C24/208

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

*The Leegomery Allotments Chair gave the Council an overview of the society, and the range of nature visiting the site. He outlined the issues, such as poor access for some of the year due to poor drainage and mud, and some theft from sheds. The society is entering eco competitions and have a waiting list for plots. The Councillors were grateful for the talk and agreed it was a valuable asset to the community.*

#### **C24/209 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

*Planning – Cllr A. Jhawar, HLC – Cllr T. King*



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### **C24/210 POLICE REPORT**

*The Police had previously circulated a written report to Councillors. PCSO Jordan Newbrough has won PCSO of the year and was congratulated.*

### **C24/211 GRANT APPLICATION FROM HLC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*The Deputy Head Teacher from HLC Primary school brought three children along to the meeting to speak to Council regarding the benefit of children making educational trips outside school.*

**Cllr. S. Younis proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to award HLC Primary School £1000 in grants.**

### **C24/212 FRIENDS OF HURLEYBROOK**

*The Friends of Hurleybrook spoke with the Councillors regarding their work, and the importance of monitoring and reporting water pollution. The Council agreed to advertise their leaflets on the social media sites .*

### **C24/213 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT**

*The Community Centre Manager gave the Council an update on her networking and grant applications, and the hirers of rooms in the Centres. Diane Williams was introduced as the new Community Centre Officer and was welcomed by the Councillors.*

### **C24/214 SUMP PUMP QUOTES (Appendix A)**

*Cllr. A. Benion proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, 1 abstain ,8 in favour to choose quote A.*

### **C24/215 YOUTH PROVISION HADLEY**

*The Community Centre Manager informed the Council of the potential to provide Youth Provision at Hadley Centre if funding is available in the same format as Leegomery.*

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. S. Younis seconded all in favour to fund youth provision at Hadley Community Centre.**

**Cllr J. Kaur left the meeting**



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### **C24/216 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING ( Appendix B)**

**Cllr. A. Benion requested a recorded vote for the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Cllr's J. Keeble, J. Bennett, C. Hughes, D. Brown, A. Jhawar, E. Callear, P. Millward proposed the minutes, Cllrs S. Younis and T. King abstained, Cllr. A. Benion against. Minutes carried.**

**Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, 6 in favour 2 abstain to confirm the minutes of the meeting which was held on the 9<sup>TH</sup> of January 2025.**

### **C24/217 FINANCIAL REPORT (Appendix C)**

**(i)** *Cllr. P. Millward and Cllr. J. Bennett verified the approval list (Appendix C) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £12,823.43, Direct Debits of £238.94 and debit card payments of £486.20.*

*Transfer of £50,000.00 from Lloyds Savings account to Lloyds Current account to cover upcoming expenditure.*

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

**(ii)** *The Deputy Clerk provided a report to Council which included the following:*

*Quarterly independent and random review of payments was completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 by Cllr. D. Brown.*

*Latest budget comparisons up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 for inspection.*

*An update on the AGAR review for 2023/24 stating that the interim report which was provided to Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October is still being reviewed by PKF Littlejohn due to 'information brought to the auditor's attention'. PKF Littlejohn also stated that any additional work carried out as a result of challenge correspondence received are met by the authority. The costs set by Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd for this additional work are £355 per hour plus VAT.*

**(iii)** *Latest Bank reconciliations are noted.*

### **C24/218 CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATION**

**None**

### **C24/219 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE CHAIRMAN**

*The Chair of the Finance committee welcomed Cllr P. Millward as the new member and outlined the business of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January.*



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### **C24/220 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES- MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH**

*None*

### **C24/221 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

*Cllr. A. Jhawar reported that the damage caused by the recent storms has now been cleared.*

*Cllr. E. Callear reported that the work on hurleybrook path, funded by Pride funding has started, with holes filled with stones and mud cleared. Benches along Leegomery Canal have been replaced. Cllr E. Callear has organised a meeting with the Rights of Way team to look at various other sites to improve. Other projects are still to be completed, such as the pedestrian crossing on Hadley Park Road, hoping to be finished by Spring, and the bespoke bench for Leegomery Pool is nearing completion.*

### **C24/222 PARISH MATTERS**

*Cllr A. Jhawar spoke regarding his support for the Officers of the Council and his thanks for the work they are doing. Cllr. P. Millward also spoke and added how would the writers of the attacks feel if the harassment, character assassination and bullying were directed to their wives or daughters? It is not acceptable behaviour.*

*The Deputy Clerk informed Council that recycling bins are being installed in the Cemetery.*

*Cllr. E. Callear noted that the Newsletter is nearing completion, and a possible launch event is being planned for Leegomery Community Centre. Cllr. E. Callear also stated that following a consultation meeting with residents, a decision has been made to have an experimental road closure at one end of Marlborough Road.*

### **C24/223 CCTV FOR HADLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE (Appendix D)**

*Councillors discussed the quotes, but felt they were too expensive. Cllr. A. Benion stated he could provide the Clerk with another company he felt would be cheaper.*

**Cllr. A. Benion proposed, Cllr. S. Younis seconded, all in favour to explore further quotes and bring back to Council.**



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### **C24/224 LEGAL ADVICE ( Appendix E)**

**Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Younis seconded, one abstain, 7 in favour to appoint quote B to provide Legal advice on the Lease for the Leegomery Community Centre.**

### **C24/225 CEMETERY LODGE AND CEMETERY**

*The Clerk outlined the utilities that are in place at Cemetery Lodge, and the actions needed to separate from the Cemetery. The Gas has its own meter in the Chapel, and the electricians can be disconnected from the Chapel for a cost of approximately £100. Both sites have separate water supply, and the septic tank is being emptied and checked in the next few days.*

### **C24/226 MOTION FROM CLLR. EILEEN CALLEAR**

*I am bringing forward a motion to create a welcoming community garden space at the rear of Hadley Community Centre. A space with flowers, herbs and seating( depending on anti-social behavior risks). This would be a nice space for people to use, and we could approach local groups to get involved using it.*

*Cllr. E. Callear noted that Safer and Stronger will help with costs.*

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, 1 abstain, 7 in favour to create a garden at the rear of the Community Centre in Hadley, with no seating at this point.**

### **C24/227 MOTION FROM CLLR. EILEEN CALLEAR**

*To hold a public consultation event at Hadley and Leegomery Community Centres. I would like to invite partner organisations and other relevant organisations like Cranstouns. Offer feedback forms, ideas and suggestions and presentations on projects we are currently working on, and an overview of what the Parish Council is responsible for.*

*Cllr. E. Callear suggested holding the event at Leegomery Centre.*

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. S. Younis seconded, all in favour of holding a public consultation event**

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



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### **C24/228 PROPOSAL FROM CLLR. S. PARR TO PLANT A CHRISTMAS TREE WITH DECORATIONS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.**

*Cllr. S. Parr proposes a Christmas tree with decorations to be planted on the Village green.*

**This motion was withdrawn as Cllr. S. Parr was not in attendance.**

### **C24/229 MOTION FROM CLLR T. KING THAT THE COUNCIL SET POLICIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC GARDENS AND PUBLIC REALM.**

*To reduce problems in the public realm associated with plant growth, interested councillors draft a directive for contractors. In summary:*

***Footpaths, cycle paths and play area foliage***, which should be inviting and not intimidating.

***Trees*** near major roads should be pollarded to reduce the likelihood of damage by strong winds and should not mask lamp posts.

***Grass*** should be cut up to hedges, trees and fences yearly to improve appearances and prevent encroachment of briar.

***Hedgerows and Woodland*** should be suitably managed.

***Formal gardens*** and open spaces which have been neglected may be listed by councillors for the attention of the gardening team.

*Special funding may be sought for the above.*

**Cllr. T. King withdrew this motion.**

### **C24/230 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Applications for consideration**

Applications received after publication of agenda

TWC/2025/0068

**Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr J Bennett seconded, 1 abstain, 7 in favour to support with adequate protection for woods and risk assessment for fuel.**

### **C24/231 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA**

Christmas lights for Apley



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### **C24/232 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

**Personnel Committee Meeting TBA.**

**Full Council Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m.**

**Events committee Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm**

**Finance Committee Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**

### **C24/233 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble second, all in favour to exclude press and public.**

### **C24/234 CEMETERY LODGE SALE**

**This matter was discussed and resolved**

### **C24/235 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT**

**This matter was deferred to a future meeting**

**Meeting closed at 10.10p.m.**

**Chairs signature.....**