



HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on the 4th March 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)

Councillor Phil Millward

Councillor Carol Hughes

Councilor Thomas King

Councillor John Snell

Councilor J. Callear

Councillor Jordan Keeble

Councillor Stuart Parr

Councilor Julie Kaur

Councillor David Brown

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk Jane Lees

Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie

Community Centre Manager Sarah Durnall,

one member of the public

two police officers

WELCOME

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

C24/236 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. A. Jhavar, J. Bennett, S. Younis, S. Ali

Councillor J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. T. King seconded, all in favour to note the apologies.

C24/237 PUBLIC SESSION

C24/238 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

C24/239 POLICE REPORT

The Police had earlier circulated a written report. Cllr. J. Keeble asked if the non-wearing of seat belt issues had been resolved on drop offs at schools. The Police officer replied that despite three operations it remained the same. The Police are now writing education leaflets to improve behaviors.



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C24/240 GRANT APPLICATION FROM TAARC UK

Heather Reid from TAARC UK outlined the project for the £400 grant requested. This was to hold a diverse art exhibition to celebrate international Women's Day. It will start on 8th March and run throughout the month.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. P. Millward seconded, all in favour to grant £400.

C24/241 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Sarah informed the Council of the result of the Fire Doors assessment. The risk assessments have been completed for both centres, and the Youth Club is starting in April.

C24/242 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Appendix A)

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr J. Keeble seconded, two abstain, six in favour to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of February 2025.

C24/243 FINANCIAL REPORT (Appendix B)

(i) *Cllr. D. Brown and Cllr. C. Hughes verified the approval list (Appendix B) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £48,323.14, Direct Debits of £975.95 , debit card payments of £141.38.*

Transfer of £60,000.00 from Lloyds Savings account to Lloyds Current Account to cover upcoming expenditure.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. P. Millward seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed.

(ii) *Latest Budget comparisons up to 31st January 2025 noted.*

(iii) *Latest bank reconciliations up to 31st January 2025 noted.*

C24/244 INVESTMENT STRATEGY (Appendix C)

The Deputy Clerk provided an investment strategy policy for the financial year 2025-2026 in accordance with the Guidance on Local Government Investments issued under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003.

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to adopt the Investment Strategy policy for the financial year 2025-26 with recommendation for Finance and General Purpose Committee to explore the options of Appendix C further and implement any investments needed.



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- C24/245 ASSET REGISTER REVIEW (Appendix D)**
The Chair thanked Cllr J. Snell and Cllr. D. Brown for their work on listing the Council's assets.
Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour of the reviewed Asset Register.
Cllr. C. Hughes proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour of only listing items in the Asset Register over £100 in value.
Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to open a business eBay account to sell unwanted equipment.
- C24/246 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
The Deputy Clerk explained there are four additional Christmas Lights in storage, however it will cost approximately £400 per light to have them installed. Councillors debated potential areas for these to be located.
Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Parr seconded, all in favour to explore the viability of installations in either Dr Hannah Way or Grainger Drive.
- C24/247 CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATION**
The Chair asked all Councillors to check that their declarations of interests are up to date.
The Chair updated Council on the External Audit, which she confirmed the Council have now passed. There are 2 items that were noted for recommendations. The Chair reminded Councillors that PKF Littlejohn – the External Auditors had received a challenge, the details of which were not supplied – but the costs of £355+VAT per hour had to be met by the council. However the Challenge was not upheld. The External Auditors were satisfied that the council followed the proper processes. The total cost to the council was just under £2500.
- C24/248 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE CHAIRMAN**
The Chair of the Finance and General Purpose Committee outlined the business of the meeting held on 18th February 2025.
- C24/249 REPORT FROM EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR**
In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair of the Events Committee outlined the business of the meeting held on 5th February 2025
- C24/250 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, 1 abstain, 7 in favour to



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appoint Alisa Bellingham to the posts of assistant to the Clerk and Ian Rowley and Elizabeth Wood Brown to the posts of Community Centre Officers.

C24/251 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES-

MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH

None

C24/252 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllrs J. Kaur, A. Jhawar and E. Callear are meeting Highways regularly regarding Hadley Park Road and are working with Safer and Stronger and the Police Safe Neighborhood team on the event to be held on 5th April.

C24/253 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. D. Brown reported 6 new houses being built in Horton wood, and two boundary signs have gone missing.

Cllr. P. Millward reported the paths around Hurleybrook are holding up well after being repaired.

Cllr. E. Callear reported that a CAT team day is to be organised to tidy up various areas in the Parish, and following a public consultation there will be an experimental road closure in Marlborough Road.

C24/254 CCTV FOR HADLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr. C. Hughes proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to defer this item

C24/255 TOWN AND PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW

Cllr. J. Keeble stated it is sensible to keep to natural boundaries and keep all of Trench Lock in the Parish. Cllr. E. Callear noted that boundaries should be based around community identity and should not be a landgrab. If the parish lost any areas it would affect the affordability of community assets such as Leegomery Community Centre, would we still be able to pay for that? Cllr. D. Brown thought that residents get better services from larger Parish Councils. Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, 1 against, 7 in favour to submit a response stating:



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1. Keep the areas that are currently in the Parish
2. All of Trench Lock should be within the Parish using natural boundaries
3. Include Wappenshall and Preston on the Weald in the Parish of Hadley and Leegomery.

C24/256 MOTION FROM CLLR STUART PARR:

Cllr S. Parr reported that a lot of residents complained to him that roads such as Gladstone Street are unadopted.

Cllr. E. Callear stated that residents who buy houses on unadopted roads are aware they are doing so, and there is a responsibility on owners, it is not fair to push cost and responsibility onto Telford and Wrekin Council if Developers disappear. Cllr. E. Callear proposed an amendment to the motion:

Establish a task and finish working group to identify suitable unadopted roads in the Parish and work with Telford and Wrekin Council and private owners to agree a plan for unadopted roads.

Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour of the amended motion.

Task and finish group : Cllrs. E. Callear, A. Jhawar, S. Parr, S. Ali, J. Kaur, D. Brown, C. Hughes

C24/257 MOTION FROM CLLR STUART PARR:

Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour of the motion:

Establish a task & finish working group to:

A) Review Public Rights of Way in the parish recorded on the Definitive Map,

B) Review existing and planned bridleways in the parish and;

C) Make recommendations

Task and finish group : Cllrs J. Snell, D. Brown, T. King, J. Kaur, J. Keeble, S. Parr

C24/258 NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Cllr. E. Callear showed the Council a mockup of the finished newsletter.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to have the newsletter delivered by Royal Mail.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to suspend Standing Orders.

C24/259 WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES (APPENDIX E)

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour of quote one.



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C24/260 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration

TWC/2025/0116

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. S. Parr seconded, all in favour to support this application.

Applications received after publication of agenda

None

C24/261 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Write to Angela Raynor M.P. regarding challenges to AGAR and Parish Polls Policies to review

C24/262 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Personnel Committee Meeting TBA.

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 1st April at 7 p.m.

Events committee Wednesday 2nd April at 1pm

Finance Committee Tuesday 18th March at 7.00pm

C24/263 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. J. Callear seconded, all in favour to exclude Press and public.

C24/264 CEMETERY LODGE SALE UPDATE

The information given was noted

C24/265 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT

This matter was discussed and noted.

Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Chairs signature.....