



## HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)

Councillor Saj Younis

Councillor John Snell

Councilor David Brown

Councilor Andrew Benion

Councilor Usman Ahmed

Councilor Jared Callear

Councillor Amrik Jhawar

Councillor Julie Kaur

Councillor Thomas King

Councillor Jordan Keeble

Councilor Phil Milward

Councilor Shaukat Ali

Councilor Stuart Parr

#### IN ATTENDANCE

**Clerk** Jane Lees

**Deputy Clerk** Rebecca Cowie

**Community Centre Manager** Sarah Durnall, Lee Bellingham  
one member of the public one Police Officer

#### C25/102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. C. Hughes*

**Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. U. Ahmed seconded, all in favour to note the apologies.**

#### C24/103 PUBLIC SESSION

**None**



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### **C25/104 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

**Cllr. A. Jhawar – Planning, Cllr. E. Callear AND Cllr. D. Brown C25/117**

### **C25/105 POLICE REPORT**

*The Police had circulated their report prior to the meeting. Cllr. P. Millward requested his thanks to the Police and the CAT team noted for their work in the Parish.*

### **C25/106 CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT**

*The Centre Manager updated the Councillors on both Hadley and Leegomery Community Centres . This included a local charity being funded by Telford and Wrekin Council to do drop in sessions regarding Domestic abuse, and her work in applying to Veolia for funding for removing asbestos and installing Solar Panels.*

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to bring forward agenda item C25/116**

### **C25/116 NEW TABLES FOR THE HALL AT HADLEY**

*The Community Centre Manager reported on the poor state of the fixed meeting tables in the Hall at Hadley, and the need for wheeled tables.*

**Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. U. Ahmed seconded, all in favour for Quote A**

### **C25/107 CHAPEL UPDATE**

*A presentation was made by the assistant to the Clerk on investigations on the Chapel, and the next steps towards the funding application.*

**Cllr U. Ahmed left the meeting**

**Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Parr seconded, all in favour to fund the following:**

**A statement of significance to inform an options appraisal and support funding applications.£1,020**

**Surveyor: Deliver a measured survey - 2D External Elevations, 2D Floor Plans, 2D Sections.£2,280**

**Mechanical & Electrical Engineer: Visit site to review the services associated with the Chapel and Lodge. Review feasibility options of heating services provision to Chapel. M&E Services Feasibility report and budget costs based on RIBA Stage 2 typical deliverables. £3,250.00**



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### **C25/108 ARCHIVING**

*Shropshire Archives have notified the Council that some of the books belonging to the Council and stored with them are dangerously mouldy and in a very poor state. They have suggested that the books are destroyed or collected by the Council for storage elsewhere.*

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded all in favour to contact the British Library to see if they wanted the books, if not they are to be stored at Hadley.**

### **C25/109 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, two abstain nine in favour to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.**

### **C25/110 FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Cllr. D. Brown and Cllr. J. Callear verified the approval lists (Appendix A & B) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £108,182.04, Direct Debits of £4,312.15 and Debit card payments of £508.55.*

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

*Transfer of £120,000.00 from Unity Trust Instant savings account to Lloyds Current account to cover expenditure.*

**Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to approve transfer as detailed.**

*The deputy clerk provided a report regarding current bank account statuses. Budget comparisons and bank reconciliations up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 were received and noted.*

### **C25/111 CHAIRS REPORT**

*The Chair gave thanks to staff for their continued hard work.*

*The Chair noted the Cars-for-sale/car wash opposite cemetery lodge has been confirmed as unauthorised, Planning Enforcement has engaged with the landowner and dialogue is on-going to seek their removal or seek the requisite planning permission.*

*The Chair reported she attended the Friends of Hurleybrook AGM and several highlighted projects supported by Parish/Borough. Hurley Brook is being nominated for LNRS status.*

*The Chair attended a meeting with Wrekin Housing regarding reported rubbish and rats; pest control and Network Rail have been contacted to deal with this issue.*

*Following a meeting with contractors, the Chair and Cllr. A. Jhawar, faulty resin was identified at Hadley Park Road crossing and repaired, and the second*



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*crossing is still in progress.*

*The Chair reported the Lodge refurbishment is progressing well with multiple site meetings held.*

### **C25/112 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE CHAIR**

*Cllr J. Keeble reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13th January 2026.*

### **C25/113 REPORT FROM EVENTS CHAIR**

*Cllr. S. Younis gave a report from the Events Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.*

### **Cllr. S. Younis left the meeting**

### **C25/114 PARISH MATTERS**

*Cllr P. Milward spoke of the issues at Carmarthen Green, Cllr. E. Callear reported that Cllr. Lee. Carters Ward is also impacted with this matter and has provided an update. Underpass drains were found to be unconnected, and no viable drainage link was identified. A possible connection to a nearby watercourse is now being explored; surveying is ongoing after buried manholes halted CCTV work. The next step is to install a new catchpit chamber downstream, due for completion by end of February.*

*Cllr. P. Milward reported the bird box project has now been completed. Cllr P. Milward went on to say that the Heras fencing around one of the locks has been reinstated, the site was open and a danger due to sheer drops. He thanked Cllr Carolyn Healy for her prompt action in making the site safe. Cllr. P. Milward then spoke about the pollution in the Hurleybrook, and the letters sent to both local MP's, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Rural Affairs as requested by Council. The next meeting of the Hurleybrook Committee is 26th February, Cllr P. Milward stated he would report back at next Full Council.*

*Cllr. S. Ali spoke regarding the traffic on Mafeking Road. Cllr. E. Callear noted Working Groups were proposed on this matter last March but have not been followed through, therefore she has set up a date for a working group on this issue shortly.*

*Cllr. D. Brown reported Highways has replaced one Boundary sign in Horton but he is still waiting for the other one.*

*Cllr. J. Kaur reported on attending the Christmas Dinners and how well run and enjoyable they were. Cllr. Kaur stated more Councillors needed to attend the next ones so they can talk to residents.*

*Cllr. J. Snell spoke of parking in Woodlark Grove and said a layby should be installed to allow free moving traffic.*

### **Cllr's A. Benion and J. Kaur left the meeting.**



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### **C25/115 CEMETERY LODGE**

*To discuss and agree the quotes for work to be undertaken in the Cemetery Lodge*

*a. Landscaping of car parking area( Appendix C)*

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to defer this matter.

*b. CCTV and intruder alarm installation (Appendix D)*

Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. J. Callear seconded, all in favour of Quote A.

Cllr. E. Callear leaves the meeting, Cllr. S. Ali chairs the meeting.

### **C25/117 H.L.C. LIBRARY FUNDING**

Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble, all in favour to grant £2000 yearly, to HLC Library for a five year period.

Cllr. E. Callear returns to the meeting and resumes the Chair.

### **C25/118 STAFF CONSULTATION**

Cllr. J. Keeble stated that the response is good, with an enthusiastic team, however they need more support. Cllr. E. Callear noted that this is an important piece of work with positive feedback on the working environment.

Cllrs A. Jhawar and S. Ali left the meeting.

### **C25/119 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(i) Applications for consideration

**TWC/2026/0020**

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to object on the grounds of overdevelopment and drainage.

Cllrs A. Jhawar and S. Ali rejoin the meeting.

### **C25/120 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA**

*Path around Apley Woods  
Speeding on Somerfield Road  
Orchard at the Cemetery*

### **C25/121 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Events Committee Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm

Finance and G. P. Committee Tuesday 3<sup>RD</sup> March at 7:00pm.

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.



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### **C25/122 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. T. King seconded, one abstain seven in favour to exclude Press and Public.**

### **C25/123 STAFFING**

**This matter was discussed and resolved**

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**Chairmans signature.....**