



HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st July 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)

Councillor Phil Milward

Councillor John Snell

Councilor David Brown

Councilor Jared Callear

Councillor Amrik Jhawar

Councilor Julie Kaur

Councillor Shaukat Ali

Councillor Thomas King

Councillor Jordan Keeble

Councilor Carol Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk Jane Lees **Assistant to the Clerk** Lee Bellingham

Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie **Community Centre Manager** Sarah Durnall

Community Centre Officers Lizzie Jo

Nine members of the public

WELCOME

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

C25/028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr's J. Bennett, A. Benion, S. Younis

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

C24/029 PUBLIC SESSION

None

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to bring forward agenda Item C25/045 BLENHEIM ROAD TRAFFIC

Cllr. J. Keeble reported the concerns of residents of Blenheim Road, Apley regarding parking issues at school times. During Cllr Keeble's discussions with residents they agreed they did not wish for parking restrictions such as yellow lines. Cllr. J. Keeble



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suggested contacting the school to arrange staggered drop off and collection times to reduce the parking pressure. Cllr. E. Callear suggested contacting Telford and Wrekin Council regarding their active travel scheme to see if parents can walk instead of using a car.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. J. Kaur seconded, all in favour for the Clerk writing to the school to request staggered times for drop off and to Telford and Wrekin Council to ask for help with Active Travel and for signage.

C25/030 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr. A. Jhawar - Planning, Cllr D. Brown - HLC Academy

C25/031 POLICE REPORT

The Police were not able to attend, Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded to note the report sent by the Police.

Cllr. P. Milward proposed, Cllr S. Ali seconded, all in favour to bring forward Item C25/048, Bird Boxes.

Cllr. P. Milward outlined his project for making and placing bird boxes in the Parish. He has had some made by men in shed which has cost £40. Both he and Cllr S. Ali are happy to sponsor some more boxes. The estimated cost is £400. Cllr. Milward asked if the Youth Clubs may wish to take part in this project. Cllr Milward said he would like the Council's support for this project; he will keep it fully costed and have the boxes installed by Christmas.

Cllr. E. Callar proposed Cllr J. Kaur seconded all in favour to suspend Standing Orders

The Headmaster at HLC asked if the school could be involved in this project, and the Council agreed

Standing Orders resumed

Cllr. P. Milward proposed, Cllr D. Brown seconded, all in favour to support the Bird Box project.

C25/032 CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

The Community Centre Manager introduced Lize Brown and Jo Lewis the two new Community Centre Officers, who were welcomed by the Council. Sarah outlined the recent works in the building at Hadley, cctv installed, new Sump Pump in the cellar, new carpeting upstairs and the renovation of the former Bar area. The Community Garden project has been started, and the Youth Clubs are doing well.

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The Community Centre Manager then reported on Leegomery Community Centre.

Following a recent midweek party that was very loud and disturbing for residents, she asked if party bookings could be restricted to weekends. Cllr. E. Callear stated that the Community Centre should be available for use by residents at all times but suggested a three month trial to monitor the bookings turned away.

Cllr C. Hughes stated that the Council was lucky to have Sarah in post as she was making such an enormous difference to the Community Centres.

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour of a three month trial to monitor bookings.

C25/033 UPDATE FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Alisha (Lee) Bellingham was introduced as the new assistant to the Clerk. Lee is an experienced bid writer who will be collaborating with the Community Centre Manager on several projects. They will be working on a bid to Veolia Landfill Grant to remove asbestos and install energy efficient lighting and potentially to fund solar panels. To apply for this grant there needs to be a solar feasibility study on the building, costing around two thousand pounds, and if successful the Council would have to pay seven thousand pounds towards the work.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour to fund the solar feasibility study.

In addition to this grant, a bid is being written for the National Lotteries Community Grant to fund a new catering kitchen in Hadley Community Centre and Youth Club activities and equipment.

The assistant to the Clerk also outlined the work on the Chapel, to conserve it as an historic building and to use it as a community space. This is subject to Council discussion and public consultation.

C25/034 GRANT APPLICATION FROM MILLBROOK SCHOOL

A presentation was given from a representative of the school, outlining the large project of a play area. The Councillors discussed this matter and suggested breaking it up into smaller sections to make funding easier. Cllr E. Callear suggested the school apply for Pride funding.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded all in favour to defer this matter to gather more information.

C25/035 GRANT APPLICATION FROM HLC



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The Headmaster of HLC spoke to Council regarding the purpose of this grant application, to fund longer opening times for the Library.

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Alis seconded, eight in favour one abstain to defer this matter to hold consultation on the library, and for Councillors and Clerk to hold further meetings with Telford and Wrekin Council officers.

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded all in favour to suspend Standing Orders

A member of the public spoke

Standing Orders resumed

C25/036 GRANT APPLICATION FROM PROSTATE CANCER

The Prostate Cancer group spoke about their work and the benefit to the community to hold regular testing for this disease.

Cllr. P. Milward proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to grant six hundred pounds.

C25/037 GRANT APPLICATION FROM TAARC

A representative of TAARC spoke about the family funday taking place at HLC .

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to grant six hundred pounds towards the event.

C25/038 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council, which was held on the 6th May 2025 , the extraordinary Council meeting held on 3rd. June and the Annual parish meeting held on 20th May 2025.

C25/039 REPORT FROM EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Vice Chair of the Events committee reported on the most recent Events meeting

C25/040 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE CHAIR

The Chair of the Finance Committee reported on the most recent Finance Meeting.



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C25/041 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (i) *Cllr. J Keeble and Cllr. J. Callear verified the approval list (Appendix A & B) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £34,361.50, Direct Debits of £2,626.06 and Debit card payments of £1,065.65*
- (ii) *Salary payments (Appendix C) totaling £12,839.59, PAYE & NI to HMRC of £3,300.73 and Pension payments to Shropshire County Pension Fund of £4,006.42 to be paid by BACS.*
- (iii) *Transfer of £75,000.00 from Lloyds Savings Account to Lloyds Current Account, to fund expenditure for July and August.*

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. J. Callear seconded, all in favour to approve payments and transfer as detailed.

- (iv) *To note the latest bank reconciliations.*

C25/042 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. A. Jhawar reported on over fifty reports he has made on fly tipping, potholes, and other matters in the Parish, and of areas of hedging that he would like to tidy up. Cllr. S. Ali noted the alleyway between Mafeking Road and Crescent Road is still overgrown. Cllr. E. Callear noted the flower basket columns paid for by Pride funding are now installed on the village green. The benches at the Hadley bus station have been painted. The information board in Hadley has been replaced, and Persimmons have given funding for Hadley Gate to Ketley pathway to be resurfaced and would like to thank them for that. Cllr. J. Snell reported that the Silkin Way puddle still has not been attended to.

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to suspend Standing Orders.

C25/043 PARISH SURGERIES

Cllr. E. Callear suggested a drop in with Councillors for a chat over coffee with residents.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to hold Parish surgeries every two weeks in Hadley and Leegomery Community Centres.



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BUS SHELTERS

Cllr. E. Callear reported the Parish bus shelters have been painted, and she is proposing having artwork on them.

Cllr. C. Hughes proposed, Cllr. A. Jhawar seconded to investigate quotes for artwork on Parish Bus shelters.

C25/045

BLLENHEIM ROAD TRAFFIC

Discussed earlier in the meeting

C25/046

IT SERVICES QUOTES

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

C25/047

SUMMER RECESS - DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr A. Jhawar seconded, all in favour for authority to be designated to the Clerk, and in her absence the Deputy Clerk, to take decisions on behalf of the Council and take actions as necessary in respect of matters of an urgent nature arising at any time which cannot be left until the next available meeting of the Council or its committees, such decisions and actions to be taken subject to consultation with the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman or its committees as appropriate.

C25/048

BIRD BOX PROJECT

Discussed earlier in the meeting

C25/049

POLLUTION IN HURLEYBROOK

The Councillors received an update on the pollution in Hurleybrook from Cllr. P. Milward, with the Environmental Agency due to report back on this matter by 11th July.

C25/050

UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATION TWC/2025/0673

Cllr. P. Milward stated at present there was no further update on this matter.

C25/051

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHAMPIONS

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour for Cllr. S. Ali and Cllr. P. Milward to be the Parish's representatives.



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Cllr. A. Jhawar leaves the room

C25/052 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TWC/2025/0208

Cllr. D. Brown proposes, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to object to this application for overdevelopment of site and increase in traffic.

TWC/2024/0708

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TWC/2025/0381

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to support this application.

TWC/2025/0396

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. J. Kaur seconded, all in favour to support this application.

TWC/2025/0414

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to object to this application on the grounds of backyard development, dominance over adjoining property and inadequate plans.

TWC/2025/0419

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

TWC/2025/0421

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

C25/053 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Grant from HLC.



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C25/054 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Events Committee Wednesday 23RD July at 1p.m.

Finance and G. P. Committee Tuesday 2ND September at 7 p.m. Full

Council Meeting Tuesday 7th October at 7.00pm.

C25/055 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – All recordings must cease

Cllr. T. King proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to exclude press and public.

C25/056 CEMETERY LODGE

The Clerk reported that the auction cycle has now finished with one bid taken which is still being verified. The bid is £250,00000 but the Council previously wished for the lowest bid of £260,000.

Cllr. C. Hughes proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, seven in favour one abstain, to delegate power to the Clerk to accept a bid of £250,000 for the Cemetery Lodge.

Meeting closed at 10.20p.m

Chairmans signature.....