HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th April 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chair)
Councillor Shaukat Ali
Councillor John Snell
Councilor David Brown
Councilor Andrew Benion
Councilor Jasmine Bennett
Councillor Stuart Parr
Councillor Thomas King
Councillor Jordan Keeble
Councilor Phil Milward
Councilor Jared Callear

IN ATTENDANCE

Clerk Jane Lees
Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie
Community Centre Manager Sarah Durnall
Community Engagement Officer Jade Andrews
eleven members of the public

WELCOME

The Chair warned the meeting that following the behavior at the last meeting, no disturbance will be allowed to disrupt the proceedings.

C25/135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A. Jhawar, C. Hughes, J. Kaur, S. Younis

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr S. Ali seconded, 8 in favour one abstain

C24/136 PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr P. Milward reported that he had received an email from the Environment Agency in regard to a recent incident.

A lady asked when the Marlborough Road closure would finish. The Chair responded that she thought it may be 18 months or sooner, Cllr. T. King stated that it was for six months. The lady asked the Council to assist with speeding and parking issues in the area. The Chair replied these issues are linked to the closure and consultation process.

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A lady thanked Cllr P. Milward for his help with the issues at Hurleybrook and asked for help with anti-social behaviour, drugs and issues with landlords. The lady said she represented residents of the area who were trying to make the area a better place to live. Cllr. P. Milward replied he would continue to help .

C25/137 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

C25/138 POLICE REPORT
The police were unable to attend due to work pressure

C25/139 POLICE PRIORITIES
Cllr S. Parr proposed, Cllr J. Keeble seconded, all in favour for the following Police priorities for the Parish:
Violent sexual crime
Anti-social behaviour and drugs
Highways misdemeanors

C25/140 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
Louise Cross, the C.E.O. of Citizens Advice gave a talk on the progress and statistics from the last year of residents using the service.
Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr S. Ali seconded all in favour to fund £8000 to the Citizens Advice service for the next year.

C25/141 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION, TELFORD WEST INDIAN ASSOCIATION.
Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr A. Benion seconded all in favour to grant £1000 to the Telford West Indian Association event.

C25/142 SECURITY AND KEYHOLDER QUOTES
Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to approve Quote C

C25/143 YOUTH CLUB PROVISION
Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. J. Bennet seconded, all in favour to grant £5400 to both of the youth clubs in Leegomery and Hadley

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C25/144 CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

The Centre manager reported on the installation of three fire doors at Hadley Community centre funded by Telford and Wrekin Council. The Healthy Living Hubs have started in both Community Centres. The Food Hub has now finished at Leegomery and has moved to Wellington but have said if a resident in Leegomery has need of its services it will deliver a food parcel to them. Cllr. D. Brown thanked The Community Centre Manager for her hard work.

C25/145 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, one abstain eight in favour to confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council which was held on the 25th March 2026.

C25/146 FINANCIAL REPORT

i. *Cllr. J. Snell, Cllr. J. Bennett, Cllr. J. Keeble verified the approval lists (Appendix A & B) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £12,127.85 (payment made 2nd April 2026) and £66,687.43. Direct Debits of £129.60 and Debit card payments of £1453.33. Annual Direct Debits as detailed due for 2026-2027.*

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed.

ii. *Salary payments (Appendix C) in respect of March payroll, totaling £21,928.07as detailed paid by BACS.*

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. P. Millward seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed for salaries.

iii. *Insurance provision from A J Gallaghers for all buildings and contents, including Leegomery Community Centre, public liability and employers liability for 2026-27 totaling £13,712.01.*

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to approve insurance payment as detailed.

iv. *Transfer of £125,000.00 from Lloyds Current Account to Unity Trust Savings account, to open a new 6 month fixed rate account. To transfer £75,000.00 to Lloyds savings account.*

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. S. Parr seconded, all in favour to approve transfers as detailed.

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v. *The deputy clerk provided a report regarding current bank account statuses. Budget comparisons up to 31st January 2026 were received and noted.*

vi. *Ear Marked Reserves*

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. P. Millward seconded, all in favour to defer EMR details to next meeting.

C25/147 CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair reported that the Baby and Toddler group is now starting in the Community Centres. The Chair congratulated the Clerk and Deputy Clerk on passing their CiLCA qualifications, enabling the Council to achieve the status of General Competence. The Chair has initiated a new scheme, called the Good Neighbour project, asking people to be kinder to each other, and more considerate to their neighbours. This will be run in conjunction with the Safer and Stronger team

C25/148 REPORT FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE CHAIR

The Chair of Finance and General Purpose Committee gave a report on the last meeting and noted he would be bringing an item on Christmas Lights in Apley to the next Committee meeting for discussion.

C25/149 REPORT FROM EVENTS CHAIR

The Vice Chair gave the report on the Committee meeting, and reminded Councillors the Volunteers Day event has been postponed.

C25/150 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr P. Milward reported that following the letters sent by the Council to MPs they had a successful meeting on the pollution issues and were looking for funding to improve the habitat in the area. Cllr J. Snell reported he was still trying to get the Silkin Way path drained after two years of talks with Telford and Wrekin Council. Cllr. S. Ali reported the rats between Mafeking Road and Manse Road. The Chair replied that the Environments agency reported it was the responsibility of the owners of the area. Cllr. T. King discussed the poor state of the cycle routes up to the Denzo island. Cllr E. Callear reported the Play area on Millstream Way has been resurfaced. Cllr. E. Callear stated that she and Cllr. A. Jhawar have raised the issue of a number of dropped Kerbs in the Parish and Telford and Wrekin Council will be installing them. Unfortunately people are parking across them, however, so she is asking the Enforcement team to look at this issue. Cllr. E. Callear stated that she has requested two cctv cameras for each end of Gladstone Alleyway following the recent incident and lamp posts are being scoped for fixture. Cllr J. Snell asked if the Parish Council could do more but Cllr. E. Callear said the Parish Council was not responsible for this alleyway and that closing it was a very difficult process as it was a Right of Way, ending with the Secretary of State making the decision. Following previous issues a Facebook poll was undertaken, and it displayed that 23% of responders used the alleyway, thereby providing evidence that it cannot be closed due to the Highways Act . Cllr E. Callear stated her utmost sympathy was with the victim, however the perpetrators were responsible, not the alleyway, and more should be done to catch and prosecute them.

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C25/151 STREETLIGHTING
Cllr E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Keeble seconded, all in favour to defer this item.

C25/152 TREE SURVEY
Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to appoint Quote A

C25/153 RESTRICTING ACCESS TO PARISH COUNCIL BUILDINGS
Cllr. S. Parr proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to defer this item

C25/154 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) Applications for consideration

TWC/2026/0161
Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to support this application.

TWC/2026/0215
Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. S. Ali seconded, all in favour to support this application with conditions that the tyres be stored responsibly and noise and times of opening were within limits.

TWC/2026/0207
Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to support this application.

Street Trading Consent

Trading Name – Dr Whippy – Jatinder Singh
Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to defer this application

(ii) Applications received after publication of the agenda
TWC/2026/0250

Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to support this application.

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C25/155 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Report from Youth Clubs on attendance
Alleyway between Manse Road and Mafeking Road
Cycle paths

C25/156 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting of Council 12th May at 7.00pm

C25/157 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

C25/158 REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR

This matter was discussed and noted

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairmans signature……