

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)  
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19.30hrs in Hanbury  
Pavilion.**

**Councillors present**

M Bishop, S Sproule, T Johns, A Burnett, Caroline Marock, Ian Few and N Cook.

**Others present**

Cty Cllr A Miller, Chris Cooke, Lizzy Evans (Editor of Herald) and Dst Cllr Tony Dawkes.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr R Raxter and Cllr R Terry.

**2. 2. Declarations of Interest.**

a) Register of interests; Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

b) Councillors to declare any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

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d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

**3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The minutes were approved and signed as correct.

***Public Question Time***

***The Parish Council meeting was closed for public question time and reopened after.***

**4. Progress reports from the previous minutes for information.**

4.1 Progress reports from September 2023.

- Platform housing have been asked to trim the hedge on their side of the road.
- A road sweeper requested on Courts close bungalows. Courts Close is a private road so WCC cannot arrange this for us. The residents will have to ask Platform Housing to arrange for the road to be swept.
- Dog fouling on the Recreation ground is becoming an issue. The clerk has asked Lee Stroble to mow the grounds more frequently.
- Training for SS and AJ has been arranged.
- A safe has been ordered and due to arrive mid-November 2023. To go in cupboard in the storage area of the Village Hall.

**5. Correspondence received to date:**

The following items were made available for discussion at the meeting.

- Planning Communities Together event for Parish and Town Councils - 23 November 2023 – 6.30pm.

**6. County and District Councillors Reports:**

6.1 County Cllr Miller (TM) reported the following items.

- It was noted that the bridge at Forest Lane had the appropriate signage in place and the accidents at this location were due to driver error.
- It was noted that police speed checks were active in the area.
- TM attended the fly tipping event and notes that CCTV is to be used in the Parish.
- It was noted that MacDonalds can do tarmac for Parish Councils at the County Rates if it is needed within the Parish (village halls etc.)

6.2 District Councillor Nick Dawkes.

- Noted that he was unable to contact Platform Housing re the walkabouts in the area.
- There were grants available and ND is part of the Community and funding Advisory Panel.
- The SWDP has been submitted to the secretary of state for independent examination of the plan. It was hoped that the plan would be in place in around 12 months.

**7. Planning:** All plans are available on the Wychavon website

7.1. Planning applications considered by the Parish Council.

Application Number: W/23/02050/HP

Location: Keepers Cottage, Bradley Green, Hanbury, Redditch, B96 6TQ

Description of Proposal: Replacing existing outbuilding with a slightly larger footprint

There were **no objections** to this application.

Preplanning application from the agent for a mobile phone base station installation at wor0006, land at Westfields farm, Hanbury, Worcestershire, WR9 7FB (NGR: e392242, n263685)

It was noted that the Parish Council would be pleased to accept applications for mobile phone installation if it positively affected the signal in the Parish.

7.2 Approved by Wychavon DC

Planning Ref: W/22/01762/FUL

Proposal: Siting of caravan, modular office and shed as temporary dwelling - temporary use for 5 years (retrospective).

Location: Barns And Land At (Os 9764 6510), Fosters Green, Lower Bentley

W/23/01400/LB Associated Ref: W/23/01399/HP

Proposal: Changes to windows and doors, new shower and replacement kitchen. New solar panels on detached garage.

Location: Well Cottage, Loggerheads Lane, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EB

7.3 Refused by Wychavon DC

Planning Ref: W/23/01289/HP

Proposal: Installation of dropped kerb

Location: 5 Hanbury Croft, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4BF.

**8. To Receive Reports and discuss matters regarding.**

8.1 Village Hall Management Committee

- The bonfire has had to be cancelled due to the excessive rain, the wet ground would impact the car parking and the safety at the event.
- Damp had been noted at Byways due to water ingress by the back door.
- The Chairman would come to the next Parish Council meeting to sign the Byways document.

8.2 Coordination Group

No meeting to date.

8.3 Pavilion Committee

- Vandalism at the pavilion. Bikes were ridden over the cricket square, fencing ropes and pins were removed and some scoreboard numbers were taken. Some have been returned since the vandalism occurred but there are still a few missing.
- The Parish Council ask that they have a separate post box at the pavilion for the Parish Council post and are happy to purchase whatever type the Pavilion Committee suggests.

8.4 Memorial Gardens

- Update on planning application. The advert has been placed for the planning application as the Parish Council are not the owners. The Council **agreed** that when the Byways document is signed, then the Solicitor (Star Legal) should be asked to investigate the Parish Council formally taking charge of the registration of the land to the Parish Council.
- Spencer Cash has cleaned the memorial in time for Remembrance Day.
- MAB to place wreath on Remembrance Day.

8.5 Playground working party update.

The playground working party are receiving quotes for the work at the Recreation Ground and the Clerk noted that this would need to be advertised on contract finder to fit in with Hanbury Parish Councils financial regulations.

8.6 Car park lease at the village hall. Council to sign this document but the Solicitor is still investigating suitable signing styles.

**9. Finance**

9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month. Nothing received to the Parish Council this month.

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council

Payments were approved as per the attached list.

**10 Parish Lengthsman and parish maintenance issues.**

10.1 Parish Maintenance.

Chris Cooke (CC) the Parish Lengthsman reported that there has been 3 inches of water in 2 days. CC is meeting TM to look at drains later this week.

- CC asked who would be mowing around the side screens as Lee Strobel cannot get to it now that the new car park area is in place on the recreation ground. The parish council to ask if ABCC can maintain the new car park area.
- Several hedges will be looked at with TM and actions reported to the Council.

- CC will remove the willow and blackthorn on the bonfire site when they are frozen as they will be easier to handle.

10.2 Parish Lengthsman scheme.

- Submissions for the repayment of the funds have been made to August 2023.

10.3 Recreation Ground signs.

The signs on the recreation ground are to be replaced by Paul Hill to match the signs for the village hall and pavilion. There are 4 in total.

Wording to be as follows.

*This area is owned and maintained by Hanbury Parish Council.*

*No vehicular access of any kind is allowed.*

*Dog owners are reminded to pick up their dog waste as children play in this area.*

*Any persons wilfully or maliciously damaging any property on this ground will be prosecuted.*

*Any issues please contact [clerk@hanburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hanburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or leave a message on 07961 296369.*

The Parish Council were pleased to accept the quotes for the 4 signs as above. £430, £620 and 210.

10.4 Tree Maintenance

Gary Gartland has submitted his annual report (30 October 2023) to the Parish Council on the trees that the Council are responsible for. The parish council accepted all the recommendations for work and the Clerk will ask Gary to submit a quote for the work.

10.5 Entrance to the Recreation Ground

It was also agreed that the area of land on the Recreation Ground as you enter from the car park – near Byways Bungalow was also in need of work. CC to look and report back to the Council on what he thinks is needed at this location.

**11 Highways and any Police matters:**

- 11.1 To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.  
Report of an accident at the Bridge on Forest Lane.

**12 "Leos piece" on Pumphouse Lane**

After the death of Leo Mercer in September 2023 a portion of a field next to Nicholas Green has been set aside by Gibbs and Co farmers of Pumphouse Lane. The purpose of this field is to provide a memorial to Leo (aged 4) in perpetuity.

Trees have been identified as suitable for the area and a plan has been sketched out. Details of maintenance are being worked on. A plaque will also be purchased by the Council.

The cost of the trees would be £1025. The trees would be planted by the children from Hanbury First School after the half term holiday. H Gibbs will co-ordinate the work needed.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase the trees and will maintain the area as necessary.

**13 Parish Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

- It was noted that the light over the car park was dark on the evenings of the Parish Council meeting and Clerk will ask the Caretaker to turn the light on.

**13 Date of next meeting**

*The Clerk to Hanbury Parish Council is C Shinner and can be contacted on [clerk@hanburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hanburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or c/o Eggthorne Cottage, Loggerheads Lane, Hanbury. WR9 7EB 07961296369*

November 27 2023 – Budget setting. TM sent his apologies.

**Abbreviations**

ABCC – Astwood Bank Cricket Club

CC – Chris Cooke – Parish Lengthsman

Cty Cllr – County Councillor

Dst Cllr - District Councillor

HPC – Hanbury Parish Council

RG – Recreation ground

VHMC – Village Hall Management Committee

HPC Councillors

MAB – Mark Bishop, NC – Neil Cook, SS - Sarah Sproule, IF – Ian Few, TJ -Tony Johns

RT – Rosie Terry, RR - Roy Raxter, AB - Ange Burnett and CM Caroline Marock.

TM – County Councillor A Miller and ND – District Councillor Nick Dawkes.

**Public Question Time**

Lizzy Evans asked if there could be a VAS on the entry to Hanbury from Feckenham as there was not one there at the current time.

The school sign was still not working, and T Miller is still addressing this issue. A temporary sign is to go in its place until the new one arrives.