

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 27th November 2023 at 19.30hrs in
Hanbury Pavilion.**

Councillors present

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

Others present

Cty Cllr A Miller and Dst Cllr Tony Dawkes.

1. Apologies for absence

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

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 30th October 2023.

These were approved and signed accordingly.

Public Question Time

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

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

4. Progress reports from the previous minutes for information.

4.1 Progress reports from October 2023 updates.

- The Parish Council were happy to use the current pavilion post box for the parish council official address.
- Paul Hill would be fitting the 4 new notice boards on the Recreation Ground before Christmas and the Clerk will settle the invoice accordingly.
- It was noted that the temporary speed sign at the school was working and the new sign will be put in when the components are available.
- The trees for Leos Piece have been planted by the School.

5. Correspondence received to date:

The following items are to be made available for discussion at the meeting.

- Complaint from Parishioner re the WCC hedge cutting.

6. County and District Councillors Reports:

6.1 County Cllr Miller

- TM and Chris Cooke visited the areas in the Parish that had drainage problems etc. and a report is attached to these minutes as received from Chris Cooke – Parish Lengthsman.
- Re the complaint of the WCC hedge cutting – AM noted that he will ask road sweeping to take place after work done.
- Pumphouse Lane is to be resurfaced in December 2023.
- WCC budget is very tight due to the increased costs in fostering and adult care,

6.2 District Councillor Nick Dawkes.

- The budget preliminary review was underway.

7. Planning:

7.1. Any plans that arrive prior to the meeting and that need urgent consideration may be discussed at this point. All plans are available on the Wychavon website.

W/23/02329/FUL

Location: War Memorial Gardens, Hanbury Road, Hanbury

Description of Proposal: Erection of a timber fence to the western boundary.

This was **approved** by the Parish Council.

W/23/01717/FUL

Location: Land Off, Hanbury Road, Hanbury

Description of Proposal: Repairs to existing shelter; Minor enlargement; Replacement of all timber structure.

This was **approved** by the Parish Council.

W/23/02251/HP

Location: Valley Cottage, Hanbury Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4HJ

Description of Proposal: Proposed replacement of existing conservatory with single storey extension on same footprint.

This was **approved** by the Parish Council.

Application Number : W/23/02204/HP

Location: The Hollies, Holmes Lane, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4HH

Description of Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and extension. Erection of single storey extensions to existing dwelling, and extension of two car garage with storage above.

This was **approved** by the Parish Council.

7.2 Approved by Wychavon DC.

Planning Ref: W/23/01598/CLE

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing Installation of flue to serve biomass boiler

Location: Ditchford Bank Farm, Ditchford Bank Road, Hanbury, Redditch, B60 4HS

8. To Receive Reports and discuss matters regarding.8.1 Village Hall Management Committee

- It was noted that the windows needed attention and painting. Quote to be obtained and submitted to the Clerk.

8.2 Coordination Group

- Are next to meet in January 2024.

8.3 Pavilion Committee

- Replacement chairs were discussed and will be reviewed at the end of this financial year. It was noted that as the Parish Council were charging for the rent of the pavilion that the VAT element of the Chairs will not be re-claimable.

8.4 Memorial Gardens

- Update on planning application. Received by Wychavon as above.

8.5 Playground working party update.

- Nothing to report.

8.6 Recreation ground

- An application has been received by a football team who wishes to play on the pitch on the Recreation Ground. The Council considered this application and will reply noting the cricket season's length and to note that a trial period could be possible.
- It was noted that Astwood Bank Cricket Club did not have the equipment to maintain the new parking area and HPC are to ask Chris Cooke to maintain this in the future.
- The quote from Gary Gartland was received for the tree maintenance in the Parish in full as noted at the previous meeting and this quote was **agreed** accordingly at £510 plus VAT.

9. Finance Appendix B9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month.

Parish Lengthsman scheme to Aug 2023	£1202.25
Art Circle for Pav hire	£180
Tai Chi for Pav hire	£90
Nat grid Wayleave	£44.13
Hanbury Gathering	£76.85
Pavilion Budget	£119.47
Caroline Platt payment for additional key for car park	£14

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council

Payments were approved as follows.

Eon electricity for pavilion for October 23	£207.46
EE mobile phone for October 23	£17.68
Lengthsman Parish work October 23	£370.20
Lengthsman Litter picking Oct 23	£15
Lengthsman Parish work September	£350.70
Lengthsman Litter picking September 23	£15
Clerk November 2023	Confidential
Cleaning pavilion 143-23	£40
Signs on recreation ground and pavilion	£1300

Water Plus water charges	£53.59
Lengthsman memorial bench fixing	£196.80
Wychavon Planning Dept application mem gdns	£181
Peter Hamilton final payment for planning app	£250
S Franklin damp repair and back door replacement at Byways bungalow	£1250
G Gartland Tree work around the parish	£612
Wychavon Election costs 2023	£50

9.3 Budget and Precept setting

The finance committee met prior to the Parish Council and the precept was set at £28,000 to include the grant. The Parish Council **approved** the precept and the budget for 2024-25

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

10.1 Parish Maintenance.

- Meeting with Barry Barnes and Tony Miller re the drains in and around Hanbury. Report attached to correspondence.
- The King Charles commemorative bench has been installed by the Pavilion.
- The fly tip rubbish along from Mere Green to Sealy ford and Loggerheads has been reported several times. Some has been collected (3 lots) but 3 remain.
- Parish Council to ask again for the road to be swept on the B4090 from the motorway up to the Rugby club as the leaves are clogging the gullies.

10.2 Parish Lengthsman scheme.

- Payments have been received for April- July 2023 for the Lengthsman work.

10.3 Oak at Courts Close

A Parishioner has submitted various pictures that evidence a tree branch fell on his car that was parked in the private road under the Oak tree at the edge of the Recreation ground/Courts Close on the 31 October 2023. The oak tree is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

- The Clerk asked for Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman) and Gary Gartland (tree warden) to revisit the tree as a matter of urgency after this event (1/2 November 2023), as there were high winds. They both visited the tree and reported back to the Clerk that there was minor deadwood but nothing of concern.
- Gary Gartland had visited all the Parish Council trees the week prior to the incident as reported in the meeting of the 30th of October and had noted that there was minor deadwood but nothing of concern in the oak tree in question. (Gary Gartland inspects all the trees that the Parish Council have responsibility for every October. He also inspects trees as and when the Clerk asks him to)
- Chris Cooke noted that he does a visual inspection of the tree in question (and others) every month and reports issues to the Clerk.
- The Clerk contacted the insurance company to report the matter.
- The insurers have indicated that they will be sending the parishioner a letter to give their opinion that the Parish Council have fulfilled their obligations and that they will not settle the matter in favour of the parishioner.
- The Clerk will continue to deal with this ongoing matter with advice from CALC and the insurers as appropriate and will cc MAB into correspondence.

11 Highways and any Police matters:

- 11.1 To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.
Car accidents reported at the Brook and the Vernon Pub.

12 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.

13 Date of next meeting

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

Hanbury usually does not meet in December.

Next meeting date – January 29th, 2024.

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

M Bishop, S Sproule, T Johns, A Burnett, R Raxter, C Marock, I Few, R Terry and N Cook.