

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 26th February 2024 at 19.30hrs in Hanbury
Pavilion.**

Councillors present

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

Others present

Dst Cllr Tony Dawkes.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr R Raxter and Cty Cllr Tony Miller(TM)

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.

NC declared a DPI re 7.1 App W/24/000131/LB due to employer planning application.

c) Councillors to declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

No DOIs declared.

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.

There are no current dispensations.

3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 29th January 2024.

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

Public Question Time

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

The time allocated was at the discretion of the council/chairman. This period was not part of the formal meeting; brief notes are appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

4. Progress reports from the previous minutes for information.

4.1 Progress reports from January 2024 updates are considered within the minutes.

5. Correspondence received to date:

- Correspondence list sent with agenda.
- Bowbrook group invite representative of the PC to meet the new Rector 3rd March. It was noted that MAB would attend on behalf of HPC.

6. County and District Councillors Reports:

6.1 County Cllr Miller sent his apologies to the meeting.

6.2 District Councillor Nick Dawkes.

- Noted that Wychavon was encouraging Parishes to update or create neighbourhood plans as these – together with the as yet unfinished SWDP (due to be finished in 2025) would help the tightening of planning regulations within Wychavon.

The Clerk noted that HPC had registered the designated area for the Neighbourhood Plan in 2014 but had agreed not to proceed further previously.

- Noted that he had asked that the Planning application W/23/02488/OUT be considered by the Planning Committee.
- ND to send a link to a brief version of a neighbourhood plan that was recently approved.

7. Planning:

7.1. Plans for discussion. All plans are available on the Wychavon website.

Application Number : W/24/00226/FUL

Location: Westfields Farm Cottage, Hanbury Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7DU

Description of Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural land to part orchard and amenity area. Plus erection of 107m post and wire stockproof fencing forming the new boundary, planting of 500 Hornbeam bare root hedge plants against the stock proof fence to establish a new hedgerow for the boundary, and a mixture of 12 apples and pear trees have been planted in the extended amenity area. (Retrospective)
HPC had **no objection** to this application.

Application Number : W/24/00219/AGR

Location: Laburnum Cottage, Feckenham Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4DH

Description of Proposal: Farm building.

The Parish Council noted that this application had already been approved by Wychavon but noted that this appeared to be a disingenuous application as Laburnum Cottage was part of Park Farm which had been granted a new farm building earlier this year.

Application Number : W/24/00131/LB

Location: Hanbury Hall, School Road, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EA
Description of Proposal: Removal of ladder to west elevation of the orangery including making good of connections to wall and coping. Retention of ladder as a collection object.

Hanbury Parish Council had **no objection** to this application.

7.2 Approved by Wychavon DC.

Nothing to date.

7.3 Planning application appeal.

W/23/01289/HP

Proposal: Installation of dropped kerb

Site at: 5 Hanbury Croft Hanbury Bromsgrove B60 4BF.

8. To Receive Reports and discuss matters regarding.

8.1 Village Hall Management Committee

- To consider the 3 quotes for repair/replacement at the village hall. The Council considered the quotes and agreed that Sureseal offered the lowest price (£3,990) and that the quality appeared excellent. Whilst this expenditure had not been budgeted for, the Council agreed this would be met from the Council reserves.

Cllrs AB, NC and SS to monitor the work.

8.2 Coordination Group

- Nothing to note.

8.3 Pavilion Committee

- Two year business plan from Eon Next finishes soon and the Clerk suggests moving to another 2 year fixed business plan. Annual estimated cost is £1134.60. This was approved by the Parish Council.

8.4 Memorial Gardens

Update on the fence to be installed.

- Cllr MAB had met with Dave Griffiths at the Memorial Gardens and Gary Gartland had agreed to his original quote for the timber at £720.

Tree work

Gary Gartland is also to perform some work on the trees at the Memorial Grounds as previously agreed by the Parish Council as follows.

- 2 large elderberry bushes at the rear of the memorial and some conifer branches which are depriving the shrubs of light and forcing their growth towards the memorial.
- A previously pollarded willow,
- A couple of conifer branches and 1 silver birch branch on the side nearest to the Hanbury Croft properties.

8.5 Playground working party update.

- TJ noted that the application for funding was submitted and was very well done.

8.5 Recreation ground

- It was noted that Spa Athletic was happy with the size of the pitch and would like to proceed with the use of the pitch. Cllr CM to liaise with ABCC regarding the timings of the cricket and the football clubs. ABCC noted to Cllr CM that the changing rooms were the property of HPC but asked that care be taken with their property left in the changing rooms.
- A parishioner approaches the Council to ask if an "in memorium" bench could be placed at their expense on the Recreation Ground. The Council approved this but agreed that the bench should be in keeping with the other benches in the area and that any inscription should be carved into the bench and not be on a plaque. The cost of installation and fixings should also be met by the person applying for the bench. Upkeep of the bench would be the responsibility of the person applying for the bench.

9. Finance

9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month.

£40 from CM from purchase of Medals (for Pavilion income)

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council were approved as per the attached list.

10 Parish Lengthsman and parish maintenance issues.

10.1 Parish Maintenance.

10.2 Parish Lengthsman scheme. CC sent the following comments to the Parish Council.

- Water drainage was becoming a problem around the Parish.
- Pole was noted opposite top of Park Hill and did the Parish Council know what this was for? The Council did not know but the Clerk would email highways to ask.
- Football pitch. CC noted he was happy to maintain the pitch at Spa Athletics cost.
- Re the correspondence from Parishioner re the hedge trim in the Parish by WCC. The hedges looked untidy because this was a straight cut by a machine rather than a slanted cut by hand (which is more expensive) The verges were trying to regress, and CC thinks its looks brutal and it is good for the safety of the highways. Should look better once the hedges green up.

11 Highways and any Police matters:

11.1 To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.
IF noted a crash at the Ditchford Bank crossroads.

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.
NC sent his apologies for the March meeting of HPC.

13 Date of next meeting

Next meeting date – March 25th, 2024.

The Clerk to Hanbury Parish Council is C Shinner and can be contacted on clerk@hanburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or via

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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

AM – County Councillor A Miller

HPC Councillors

MAB – Mark Bishop

AB - Angie Burnett

NC – Neil Cook

IF – Ian Few

TJ - T Johns

CM Caroline Marock

RR - Roy Raxter

SS – Sarah Sproule

RT – Rosie Terry

Notes on Public Question Time.

Flooding was noted at Gallows Green in House – Oakhaven.

It was noted that this house was in low land. There are drains that go under the road to the “pony club field” Cllrs IF and RT to visit landowners with Oakhaven householder to see if the drains that the culvert leads to could be dug out to aid water flow.