

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)  
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
2024 at 19.30hrs in Hanbury Pavilion.**

**Councillors present**

S Sproule, T Johns, A Burnett, Caroline Marock, Ian Few, R Raxter.

**Others present**

Dst Cllr Tony Dawkes and 2 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence. Cllr MAB sends his apologies and Cllr C Marock will chair the meeting. Apologies also received from R Terry and N Cook.

**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.

Cllr RR declared an interest in planning application 00355.

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

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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

***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 February 2024 updates

**5. Correspondence received to date:**

- Wychavon Games information
- An email from Ste Ashton at Worcestershire County Council was received regarding a possible mobile phone mast in Hanbury. The Parish Council noted their full support for this project as mobile phone reception in Hanbury is very patchy.

## 6. County and District Councillors Reports:

### 6.1 County Cllr Tony Miller.

- TM noted the potential mast in Hanbury and that a mobile phone mast on wheels was also to be provided to the Countryside Show with funding from Digital Infrastructure & Connectivity at Worcestershire County Council. The Council were delighted with this news.
- TM noted that a VAS post had been installed at the Feckenham end of Hanbury and that the PC should purchase a VAS sign for this.
- The County Council tax rise will be just under 5%.
- Cllr TM noted that all the gullies around OakHaven were running free and it was imperative that these were kept clear. There is a gap in the layby that needs filling in to avoid the water going into the drive at Oakhaven. The Parish Council approved the filling in of this gap by the Lengthsman.

### 6.2 District Cllr Nick Dawkes.

- The design code consultation had been finished
- The biodiversity plan had been approved.

## 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/24/00449/PIP

Location: Earls House, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, B96 6SY.

Description of Proposal: Permission in Principle for the construction of 1 no. dwelling. The Parish Council had **no objection** to this application.

#### W/24/00355/FUL

Location: The Holloway, Dodderhill Common, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4AT

Description of Proposal: Replacement dwelling and detached garage (including demolition of the existing cottage) and associated works.

Hanbury Parish Council **objected** on the following grounds.

- Loss of a heritage asset
- The Council were impressed with the new design but not at an expense of the demolition of the old house.
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### 7.2 Approved by Wychavon DC.

Planning Ref: W/23/01559/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of two cabins for holiday use as approved under planning reference 20/02887/FUL - variation/removal of conditions 2,6,8,9,11 and 12.

Location: Land Off, Hill Lane, Hanbury

Planning Ref: W/24/00226/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural land to part orchard and amenity area. Plus erection of 107m post and wire stock-proof 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)

Location: Westfields View, Hanbury Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7DU

Planning Ref: W/23/01717/FUL

Proposal: Repairs to existing shelter; Minor enlargement; Replacement of all timber structure Location: Land Off, Hanbury Road, Hanbury.

7.3 Correspondence attached from Planning Department re 24/00219/AGR.

7.4 SWDP and Neighbourhood plan discussion.

Council to consider developing a neighbourhood plan for Hanbury. If agreed, then a committee of 3 Councillors will need to be appointed to take this forward.

The Council agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting when a larger proportion of Councillors would be present.

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

### 8.1 Village Hall Management Committee

- Resurfacing of road outside Village Hall did not happen and a booking at the hall was cancelled due to access concerns. Cty Cllr AM noted that access would always be granted in any road works.
- The Village Hall Management Committee asked if the field could be made available to hirers of the hall. The Council noted that this was always allowed but a charge would be made.

### 8.2 Coordination Group

- Nothing to report.

### 8.3 Pavilion Committee

- Hanbury Parish Plan are to close the bank account that was set up some time ago to handle funding awards. Subsequently, hire donations for the projector and screen have been paid in to this account and bulb replacement has come out of it. The management group have agreed to close this account and to use the proceeds for the benefit of the parish and parishioners. They plan to replace the 'old' projector and make a donation to the Hanbury Village Hall Management Committee towards the cost of a new electronic screen  
With storage an issue at the community room, they ask if they can install a shed at the back of the ABCC shed to allow groups using the pavilion and doing gardening to store equipment there. The Parish Council **approved** this proposal.

### 8.4 Memorial Gardens

- Update on fence progress.

### 8.5 Playground working party update.

- Report from the working party attached.
- Play area legacy grant application is ongoing. It was noted by the Parish Council that the donation of the outdoor gym equipment equated to around £10,000 in value. Cty Cllr TM promised a donation of £1,000. Quotes for the path were to be sought. There will also be an open morning on 6 May from 10-12 to consult with the parish on the proposed play area and volunteers to staff this were needed.
- Is planning permission necessary for this proposed play area, Cllr N Dawkes has ascertained that it is not necessary.

**9. Finance Appendix B**

9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month.

WCC reimbursement of Parish Lengthsman costs Feb 2024	£138.50
WCC reimbursement of Parish Lengthsman costs Jan 2024	£361.75
WCC reimbursement of Parish Lengthsman costs Dec 2023	£355.25

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council

Payments were agreed as on the attached list.

9.3 Does the Council wish to provide funds for books for Hanbury School? This request comes from a book supplier.

The Council agreed to donate £100 towards new books for Hanbury First School.

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

10.1 Parish Maintenance.

Fly tipping reported in Seven Trent entrance – Mere Green. DRM-8560660

Fly tipping reported near the Mount – Bromsgrove Road hDY-874251

Pot hole reported – School Road

Chris Cooke – the parish Lengthsman noted his dissatisfaction with the land drainage issues in the parish. He also noted the numerous times that his reports of blocked culverts and gullies were marked as done on the County reporting website but were still blocked and the work not performed. His frustration with the County Council and associated employees was expressed. The Clerk is to write to WCC to this effect.

10.2 Parish Lengthsman scheme.

The system for the submission of invoices is changing and the Clerk is to attend training to enable a smooth changeover.

**11 Highways and any Police matters:**

11.1 To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.

An accident on School Lane on the icy bend on the corner.

A car was noted on its side in Dodderhill ICommon.

11.2 County Cllr AM noted that there had been a Village Hall booking cancelled due to a

planned road closure and that in future, nothing should be cancelled as access will always be possible.

**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**

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Next meeting date – April 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Ordinary Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **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, JE – John Evans, IF – Ian Few,  
RT – Rosie Terry, RR - Roy Raxter, CS – Clare Stallard. AB - Ange Burnett.  
CM Caroline Marock AM – County Councillor A Miller

## **Public Question time**

- A parishioner attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss the cutting of the hedges by the County Council. He noted that this had been aggressive, and the workers had not cleared up the brash effectively.  
Cty Cllr AM noted that the cut back was done every two years, and this meant that it looked more aggressive as a result. Due to budgetary restraint, the hedge cutting was done by machine rather than by hand which would have a more natural look. CC noted that the hedges would green up very soon.
- Cllr C Stallard brought the playground display boards to the Parish Council for their inspection as part of the consultation process.