

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 29th July 2024 at 19.30hrs in Hanbury
Pavilion.**

Present

Chairman	Mark Bishop (MAB)
Councillors	Neil Cook (NC) Roy Raxter (RR) Ange Burnett (AB) Tony Johns (TJ) Sarah Sproule (SS) Ian Few (IF)

Also present, County Councillor – Tony Miller (TM)

One member of public was present.

1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.
Rosie Terry (RT) Caroline Marock (CM) and Dst Cllr Nick Dawkes (ND)

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.

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 24th June 2024.

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.

5. Correspondence received to date:

Wychavon - Consultation on revised statement of principles.

6. County and District Councillors Reports:

6.1 County Cllr Tony Miller.

- The VAS was still awaited and would be used outside Woodrow Farm and the the old VAS to be moved to the post on the Feckenham Road.
- County hall was still unusable.

6.2 District Cllr Nick Dawkes.

- Sent his apologies to the Council and a report from the District Council is attached to these minutes.

7. Planning:

7.1. All plans are available on the Wychavon website.

W/24/01401/FUL

Location: The Warehouse, Droitwich Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4DD

Description of Proposal: Erection of a Replacement Industrial Building for Class B2 (General Industrial) & Class B8 (Storage or Distribution) Purposes

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

W/24/01233/HP Associated Ref:W/24/01234/LB

Location: Dedham Cottage, Hanbury Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4BY

Description of Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding/garage to annex accommodation/domestic store and installation of an air source heat pump (part retrospective)

The Parish Council asked that the heat pump should not face the road.

7.2 Approved by Wychavon DC.

Planning Ref: W/24/01002/HP

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement Orangery extension to house; extension of existing garage building and associated parking/turning area.

Location: Becks, School Road, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EA

8. To Receive Reports and discuss matters regarding.

8.1 Village Hall Management Committee

- Signing of the lease of rent of Byways between the Village Hall committee and the Parish Council. The Parish Council signed the lease, and the Village Hall trustees are to sign and NC is to return the contract at the next meeting.
- It was noted that the replacement of the fascia's on the village hall was to be quoted for and that it could be incorporated into the budget for 2024-25.
- The hedges around the village hall noted as being overgrown – Clerk to contact Lee Strobel.
- Cllr SS to replace the external gas box at the village hall, the Parish Council gave their thanks for this work.

8.2 Coordination Group

- Report from the last meeting of the Group was received and is attached to these minutes.

8.3 Pavilion Committee

- Group had not met since the last PC meeting.
- The loos at the pavilion were working ok at the current time and RT and IF had checked them in over the past 4 weeks.
- The lock on the parking area was broken, Jamie has fixed it.
- The clock on the pavilion has never worked. IF to check if there is a power supply to the clock or if it is battery operated.
- Clerk to get pavilion committee a separate page on the parish council website.

8.4 Memorial Gardens

- Discussion regarding the trees at the back of the Memorial Gardens. It was agreed that the trees on the back of the memorial garden are not encroaching on any property and there was no budget for the work.

8.5 Playground working party update.

Report from the group

- Community Legacy Grant Offer letter – agreed and signed.
- Playground tender was discussed, and Clerk is to place on contracts finder.
- The go fund me account is due to go live
- The Parish Council agreed to fund any shortfall for the project should parishioner donations not fill the financial gap. It was noted that this risk was exceptionally low and it was widely acknowledged that the required funding from donations would be met.

8.6 Recreation ground

- The football club had not contacted the clerk recently and it was agreed to see what happens regarding their potential use of the pitch this winter. It was noted that any football club using the pitch had to be responsible for the pitch preparation and mowing as the council left the area flail mowed.

8.7 Mobile phone mast update

- the letter of support had been provided to Atlas Tower Company who would be approaching landowners of prospective sites in the next two weeks

9. Finance Appendix B

9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month.

Nothing to date of agenda.

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council

To consider payments to be made as on the attached list.

9.3 External and internal audit.

- Internal auditors report on the Parish Council 2023-24 was discussed and noted that a cash book for any cash receipts would be appropriate. The clerk has purchased one for this use.
- To appoint a new internal auditor for Hanbury Parish Council. The Clerk has a list from CALC and will contact them and present to the finance committee.
- PKF have notified the Council that the AGAR is awaiting review.

10 Parish Lengthsman and parish maintenance issues.

10.1 Parish Maintenance.

Chris Cooke sent the following report to the Council.

Ragwort was around the parish and needed removal by private landowners at

- The Church and the School
- The bank at the back of the Church
- Past the archery field and the surrounding area
- Village hall.
- The road outside the school is due to be resurfaced and he is awaiting that date.
- Cty Cllr AM and BB visited the ditches in Wall house lane and Ditchford Bank and Cty Cllr AM noted that the markings were due to go back on the road.

10.2 Parish Lengthsman scheme
Nothing to report.

11 Highways and any Police matters:

11.1 To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.

Road closure – School Road.

Order made: to close that part of C2079 School Road from its junction with B4091

Hanbury Road for a distance of 1510 metres in a westerly direction.

Reason: Carriageway patching by WCC. Anticipated duration: 1 day between 30 July 2024 and 12 August 2024

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.

Clerk to place contact details on the noticeboard at the village hall.

13 Date of next meeting

Next meeting date –September 30th 2024 (MAB sent his apologies) and 30th October 2024.

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

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, TJ - Tony Johns, IF – Ian Few,

RT – Rosie Terry, RR - Roy Raxter, SS Sarah Sproule. AB - Ange Burnett.

CM Caroline Marock AM – County Councillor A Miller

Appendix A

Actions from July meeting

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Appendix B

Invoices for payment July 2024

Clerk Salary, tax and pension for July 2024	Confidential
R Burnett Cleaning of Pavilion every 2 weeks. 17/5/24 and 5/7	£42
EE Ltd Mobile phone monthly DD	£17.68
Chris Cooke Lengthsman charge June 24	£534.60
Chris Cooke Litter picking June 24	£36
Chris Cooke Lengthsman charge May 24	£538.50
Lee Strobel Mowing of the Recreation Ground (22/7/24)	£160
Eon Next energy bill for June 2024	£53.53
DM Payroll services – Internal audit May 2024	£130

Report from District Council

Community Legacy Grant awards

Last week the Executive Board approved the Communities and Funding Advisory Panel's recommendation to award almost £1 million of Community Legacy Grants to the six projects below:

- £97,855 to Dodderhill Parish Council for improvements to open spaces at Wychbold recreation area
- £130,000 to Droitwich Town Council for Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre expansion
- £169,940 to Eckington Parish Council for Eckington community remembrance, health and wellbeing project
- £300,000 to Evesham Town Council for Evesham Adventure Playground new community hub
- £145,000 to **Hanbury Parish Council** for recreation ground and play area project
- £134,000 to Pinvin Parish Council for Pinvin sports and community hub
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Warning issued to owner of Raven Hotel

The owner of the former Raven Hotel in Droitwich Spa has been warned to take urgent steps to protect the building or face legal action. Wychavon has written to the owner of the building giving them seven days to confirm when damage to the roof will be repaired and fencing installed to secure the site. If a satisfactory response is not received by the deadline, the council has warned they may use their legal powers to force the owner to carry out the work.

The move follows public concerns not enough is being done to prevent people vandalising the 16th Century Grade II listed building. Recent break-ins have resulted in tiles being removed from the roof which mean parts of the building are now exposed to the weather. West Mercia Police has also warned the owner they need to do more to prevent trespass and anti-social behaviour at the site or they will also be taking legal action.

In response, the owner has informed Wychavon CCTV cameras and an alarm system are being installed to improve security. But the council has now told them the measures do not go far enough.

Transport options in Wychavon

As part of our community-led rural transport promise we've created a new page on our website summarising a range of different transport options available to Wychavon residents. This includes information about door-to-door community transport, community bus services, public transport and hospital transport. Take a look here [Transport in Wychavon - Wychavon District Council](#) and please share in your wards.

The King's Speech

This week the Government outlined 40 new bills it intends to introduce during this session of Parliament. [Click here to read the Local Government Association King's Speech briefing](#) for more information about each of the bills.

Many of them will have implications for us and our local government partners including planning reforms, proposed devolution deals, taking control of local bus arrangements, renters'

rights reform and a renewed focus on skills to name but a few. We await further information on what role we will play in delivering the objectives of these bills with interest.

Planning department restructure

The Development Management Team is currently implementing a restructure to support a recruitment drive to fill vacant posts. We are pleased to report we have now appointed all but one of the vacant roles across the joint service. Once start dates for external recruitments have been agreed a written update setting out the new arrangements will be provided.

Minutes from the Coodination Group

Present:

Neil Cook – Chair (on behalf of Parish Council) - Hanbury Hall and Hanbury Village Hall Management Committee

Mandy Cook – Hanbury Pavilion Group

Judith Burman – Hanbury Church

Malcolm Sunter – Jinney Ring

Apologies from:

Clare Stallard – Hanbury Hobnobs

Patrick Connelly, Communities Officer, Wychavon DC

Pete Burnett, Hanbury History Group

Jill Harper, Hanbury WI

Village Hall Management Committee: Quiz 12th October. No Bonfire again this year or in the future.

History Group - Thursday 25th July “Story of Rudyard Kipling”, 26th September “The Battle of Edgehill” and Thursday 28th November “Mary Queen of Scots” Talk. 7.15pm in Village Hall.

Hanbury Hall:

- Summer of Play – Free play activities for all ages, starting Saturday 20th July – Sunday 8th September.
- Yoga in the Orangery – Thursday 11th July – Thursday 12th September (booking required)
- Outdoor Theatre productions – Saturday 27th July Dr Dolittle, Saturday 10th August Romeo and Juliet, Saturday 17th August The Gondoliers and Sunday 7th September The Hound of the Baskervilles
- September/October – Apple Harvest
- October Half term – Windfall and what wildlife eat in winter months
- End of November until New Year – It’s Christmaaas!

Hanbury WI:

12th September – Surprise Activities

10th October - Talk – Archaeology and More at Hanbury Hall

14th November - Annual Meeting and Craft Show

12th December – Music, musicals and a Merry Christmas

Hanbury Hobnobs:

Coffee Mornings take place in the Pavilion 10-12 on Thursday mornings (except first Thursday in the months Feb-July and Sept-Dec)

Hobnobs Community Lunches are in Hanbury Village Hall on the first Thursday in the months Feb-July and Sept-Dec. New diners are welcome if they have a connection to the village.

Hanbury Pavilion Group:

Nothing planned

Hanbury Church:

Children's Activities during the summer months

Concert - Ballard Singers - 28 September at 7.30 pm - in church

Harvest Festival - Sunday 13 October at 10.30 am

Remembrance Sunday Commemorations - Village War
Memorial at 10 am & following in church - time tbc (for 11.00 am two minute silence)

Carol Service tbd

Jinney Ring:

Kite Day - 6th October.

BCM Ale House continue to have street food there on a Thursday Evening.

New hairdresser starting 1st August (he will be open Saturdays and Sundays)

One unit currently vacant.

Potters continue to run courses Monday to Thursday evenings and some Saturday mornings.

New artist starting life drawing classes, beginners' watercolours and drawing with some children classes, some in the evening, some during the day.

Patrick Connelly's current work streams include:

- Community Garden Support in Droitwich on the Westlands and Chawson.
- Skate Park and Pump track Project in Droitwich.
- High Street Mural Project.
- Chawson underpass art project.

There were no contributions available from Hanbury School, Friends of Hanbury School, Rainbows, Brownies, Hanbury Art Group, Cricket Club or Hanbury Herald.

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th January 2025 in the Pavilion, 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.