

# HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors: Sue Roberts (Chairman), Sue Adeney, Angela Hartland, Pippa Barkley, Steve Pennant, Sara Beadon, Alex Walker.

**Apologies:** Cllr Lesley Smith, PC Kev Johns.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Graham Holmes (PFW), Nick Harper (Pond Warden), C&DCllr Tom Wells, 5 parishioners.

**118/25 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Parish Council and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

**119/25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors**

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that this must be kept up to date. **ACTION: Please could all Councillors review their Register of Interests held by MHDC and update if required.**
- b) Dispensations. No requests had been made.

**120/25 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 had been previously circulated; after a discussion surrounding an item the minutes were **approved** without amendment.

**Members of the public were invited to ask questions or comment on agenda items.** Concerns were raised about the PIP application in Gilberts End. It was felt it would have a significant impact on the wildlife, it was in a rural location and by a PROW. It was noted that the application made no reference to the NHDP. No other matters were raised.

**121/25 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- a) Action list was discussed and updated.
  - Possible Bus Shelter costs to be investigated.
  - Enquire about the possibility of bus stop road markings.

**122/25 Finance:**

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments - The payments in Appendix 1 were agreed.
- b) Receipts Received. The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of the precept.
- c) Year to date budget update – The year-to-date financial report was discussed along with the actual spend against the budget.
- d) Consideration of a donation to playing field work – The request for a donation of £750 towards the work required to help improve the grass was discussed and all voted in favour.

**123/25 Planning:**

- a) To Consider planning applications received:

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<a href="#"><u>M/25/01568/PIP</u></a>	Land At (Os 8257 4211) Gilberts End Hanley Castle	Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 4 dwellings
Objection due to being outside the settlement boundary, highway hazard, flooding prone area, goes against settlement identity, by a PROW, not sustainable due to rural location.		

**b) To Consider applications received after the Agenda issued –**

<a href="#"><u>M/23/00998/FUL</u></a>	Haylers End Energy Recovery Plant Hangmans Lane Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0AJ	Change of use of land to a Traveller pitch for a static lodge and an associated stable block.
Object, it is retrospective not to plan and noise prevention would be an eyesore.		

**c) Planning Decisions:**

<a href="#"><u>M/25/00916/HP</u></a>	5 Glanford Welland Road Hanley Swan Worcester	Two storey rear extension	Application Approved
<a href="#"><u>M/25/00896/HP</u></a>	The Old Dairy Horton Manor Farm Hanley Swan	Proposed conversion of garaging to ancillary living accommodation with glazed link extension to dwelling	Application Approved

**124/25 District and County Councillors' Reports:** Monthly report circulated.

Bankside College at The Rhydd had complained about the speed limit outside the college. Cllr Wells said that they were considering installing a school sign or the possibility of a 40mph limit outside the college. He said the whole of the B4211/B4424 from Hanley Castle to Clevelode needed to be reviewed. **ACTION: Cllrs Beadon & Barkley to talk to Mike, Chris & Chris about the meeting with WCC to keep up the pressure regarding the request for a 30mph limit by HCHS.**

Cllr Wells said that they were still working towards a Unitary authority which would come into force after the May 2027 elections. It had not been decided whether it would be one or two unitary authorities or determined how Town & Parish Councils fit into the Unitary model.

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## 125/25 Reports of the:

- a) Parish Paths Warden (Steve Pennant) – Report was read out.
- b) Pond Warden (Nick Harper) – Risk assessment was in hand, life jackets would be the best safety method. CCTV of the overflow pipe revealed that it was still blocked so further investigation was required.
- c) Playing Field Warden (Graham Holmes) – Report read out. The issue of brambles at the top of the field was raised. It was suggested to ask Richard to cut back the brambles or speak to Grant.
- d) Allotment Update – It was agreed to request that the current Tenancy Agreements be amended and changed over to the Parish Council.

**ACTION: Contact the Solicitors to progress actions.**

- e) Local Police (Kev Johns) – **ACTION: Ask if there are any free visibility items so they can be distributed to parishioners.**

## 126/25 Highways Matters

- a) Road Safety Matters – An update was provided and the latest data from the VAS machines was discussed.
- b) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – The willow tree in Blackmore layby which needed cutting back is outside the 40mph limit and requires reporting to Highways. **ACTION: Report to Highways.**

## 127/25 Hanley Environment Group

- a) Street Trees – The proposal was discussed and all voted in favour of HEG progressing with it.
- b) Activity - There had been a visit to Crowle to discuss their projects. Water courses were being tested and the data going into a national database. Bulbs were being planted and the group were looking into flood resilience. The Primary School had a day of litter picking. The High School was looking into doing a day as well.

## 128/25 Correspondence

- a) Smart Water Kits – The kits had arrived. It was agreed to put an article in the December Link about the Parish Council table at the Café Market on 31<sup>st</sup> January and that Smart Water Kits would be available.
- b) MH CALC Area Meeting – Follow Up Information from Inspector Dave Wise - email to be circulated.
- c) It had been reported that the VAS outside Highball was not working. The Clerk and Cllr Barkley agreed to have a look and report back as it had been working a few days before.

## 129/25 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

- a) Parish Survey – An update was provided on the work undertaken so far. A small committee had been formed. It was proposed to hold two community engagement events in the new year one in St. Mary's in January and one in the Village Hall in March.
- b) MyParish Council Website withdrawal – It was suggested the best action would be to register for a .gov.uk domain so that email addresses could be used so that the Council met with the new requirements. The Clerk would investigate whether there could be a link from the Hanleys' Website to a dedicated parish council website which would hold all the required

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documentation. **ACTION: The Clerk to investigate the costs of simple websites and register for a .gov.uk domain.**

**130/25 Items for the next agenda:**

Budget items for 2026/2027 precept request.

**131/25 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Signed ..... (Chairman) Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Payments to be Approved October

First Drainage	CCTV Investigation	£264.00
DeterTech UK Ltd	Smart Water kits	£2,670.00
New Farm Ground Maintenance	September Cuts	£825.70
Hanley Swan Memorial Hall	HEG Hall Hire	£33.00
AJB Joinery	Cider Mill Repairs	£672.00
		£4,464.70

Signed ..... Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Chairman