

# HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT Minutes** of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 in Hanley Swan Village Hall, following the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Sara Beadon, Cllr Helen Child, PC Kev Johns.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Cllr Tom Wells, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), Graham Holmes (PFW), 11 parishioners.

**59/26 Election of Chairman 2026/27** & signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Cllr Roberts was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Barkley. All voted in favour. Cllr Roberts accepted the role of Chairman.

**60/26 Welcome and Apologies:** Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. She accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

**61/26 Election of Vice Chairman 2026/2027** – Cllr Adeney was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Pennant, all voted in favour. Cllr Adeney was thanked for accepting the role for another year.

## **62/26 Election of Representatives –**

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| Hanley Environment Group                                  | Cllrs Adeney & Pennant           |
| (To include Hanley Carbon Neutral, sustainable transport) |                                  |
| Staffing Committee                                        | Cllrs Roberts & Adeney           |
| Worcestershire CALC                                       | Chairman & Vice Chairman         |
| Village Hall Committee                                    | Graham Holmes                    |
| Lead Finance Member                                       | Cllrs Pennant & Hartland         |
| Lead Planning Members                                     | Cllrs Adeney & Hartland          |
| Comms/Social Media/Website                                | Cllr Pennant                     |
| Business Liaison                                          | Cllrs Barkley, Beadon & Hartland |
| Community Orchard Representative                          | Malcolm Fare                     |
| Three Counties Community Liaison                          | Cllrs Walker & Hartland          |
| Parish Plan                                               | Cllrs Pennant, Hartland & Adeney |
| Cemex Liaison                                             | Cllr Barkley                     |
| Speed & Traffic Safety                                    | Cllr Barkley & Beadon            |
| Hanley Castle Parochial Charities                         | Helen Owens & Caroline Peer      |

**ACTION: Cllr Adeney to write a summary of the role of each of the Representative and Groups**

## **63/26 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors**

- Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded that this must be kept up to date.
- Dispensations. No requests had been made.

**64/26 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 16th April 2026 had been previously circulated and were **approved**.

## **65/26 Matters Arising and Progress Reports** for information:

- Action list – was considered and the actions updated.

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- b) Parish Plan – The Council discussed the online survey and agreed to sign it off.
- c) Actions from the Parish Meeting –to look into repainting the Youth Shelter.

### 66/26 Finance:

- a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments - The payments in Appendix 1 were agreed.
- b) To approve the Financial Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 – i)The Financial Accounts were discussed, approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.  
ii)The Governance Statement was read out and signed.

### 67/26 Planning:

- a) To Consider the following applications referred by MHDC for consultation:

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| <a href="#"><u>M/26/00583/HP</u></a>                                                         | The Garage Roberts<br>End Hanley Swan<br>WR8 0DL                     | Proposed freestanding open car<br>port to the front of the property.                                                 |
| Objection – Concerned about the street view and the height of the structure above the hedge. |                                                                      |                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="#"><u>M/26/00601/NMA</u></a>                                                        | Langdale Wood At<br>(Os 7902 4303)<br>Blackmore Park Road<br>Malvern | Non-Material Amendments to ref<br>18/00318/FUL for the revised<br>lodge designs, reception design<br>and site layout |
| No objections                                                                                |                                                                      |                                                                                                                      |

- b) To Consider applications received after the Agenda issued:

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| <a href="#"><u>M/26/00734/FUL</u></a> | Units 2 And 3 Hanley<br>Workshops Hanley Swan<br>Worcester WR8 0DX | Erection of a Sports Hall<br>and stationing of 2 mobile<br>classrooms |
| No objection                          |                                                                    |                                                                       |

- c) Planning Decisions:

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| <a href="#"><u>M/23/00998/FUL</u></a>                                                                              | Haylers End Energy<br>Recovery Plant<br>Hangmans Lane<br>Hanley Castle<br>Worcester WR8 0AJ | Change of use of<br>land to a Traveller<br>pitch for a static<br>lodge and an<br>associated stable<br>block. | Application<br>Approved |
| Questions were raised about the wording of the approved application and Cllr Wells agreed to look into the matter. |                                                                                             |                                                                                                              |                         |

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## d) Planning Appeals:

- i) Hillcrest Farm Mast - Appeal Refused. Cllr Hartland said unfortunately it was the end of the line for Atlas and asked how the Council should take the lack of mobile reception forward. It was agreed to invite someone from the Digital Group to speak to a small group, Robert Stepniewski or Steve Ashdown were suggested. **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to invite one of them.**
- ii) Land at (Os 8257 4211), Gilberts End, Hanley Castle - Appeal Refused
- iii) New planning appeal - M/25/00024/FUL at Properties 1 and 2 St Gabriels Terrace Hanley Swan. **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to write an additional objection regarding overdevelopment of the site.**

**68/26 District and County Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Wells advised that the decision on whether it would be one Worcestershire unitary authority or two unitary authorities in the north and south of the county would be made in a few weeks. The current Worcestershire County Council did not have a home as the buildings were unsafe and they would not be repaired, so the future of County Hall was uncertain. It was very challenging for the County Council at the moment as large budget savings needed to be made. Cllr Wells had been asked to be the responsible member for Highways.

## **69/26 Highways Matters**

- a) Road Safety Matters – A thorough report on functionality of the VAS at Highball was discussed. **ACTION: Cllr Barkley would ask the Lengthsman to tilt the solar panel and also look to see if any overhanging trees could be cut back to maximise sunlight exposure.**
- b) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – Tilting of solar panel.

## **70/26 Correspondence**

- a) Vandalism in the playground – no repair to the slide was required.
- b) Malvern Hills Community Awards Success – Both Steve & Nick had received awards.
- c) Have your say – Poster/communication for Police Commission Review
- d) The Big Lunch – The Swan Inn was hoping to organise a community Event on the Village Green next year.
- e) SWDP had been adopted and a 5 year supply shown.

## **71/26 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners**

In the Parish Meeting it was asked if the Parish Council would support the Swan Pub if they were to hold a community event on the Village Green in 2027. The Parish Council said that they would be extremely supportive and welcomed the idea.

## **72/26 Items for the next agenda:** Start monthly review of policies.

**73/26 Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was set for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

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Signed .....

(Chairman) Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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| Worcestershire CALC         | Annual Fee 1157 electors | £1,158.30        |
| New Farm Ground Maintenance | April Cuts               | £1,298.54        |
| Nick Harper                 | Duck House Expenditure   | £13.36           |
| Paul Davighi-Edwards        | Duck House Expenditure   | £30.15           |
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|                             |                          | <b>£2,500.35</b> |

Signed ..... Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Chairman