HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 17th September 2026 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Adeney & Beadon, PC Kev Johns.

In Attendance: The Clerk, C&DCllr Tom Wells, Nick Harper (PW), Graham Holmes (PFW), 12 parishioners.

106/26 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the September Meeting following the summer break. Apologies received by the Clerk were accepted.

107/26 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Requests from Councillors

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

108/26 Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 17th July 2026 had been previously circulated and were **approved.**

109/26 David Prescott, CEO of the Three Counties Showground

Cllr Roberts welcomed Mr Prescott to the meeting and thanked him for coming to update the Council on the Showground's year. He advised that it had been a very successful year and had been steadily growing year on year for four years. There had been an event held almost every weekend and very few complaints had been received regarding noise or disruption. Road closures had been challenging but they were working with Highways to minimise the impact especially when the main shows were on. Redevelopment and improvements had been undertaken with the stockman's café being the most recent project. They were working to ensure work was aesthetically pleasing. He was pleased to announce that HRH The Princess Royal had renewed her patronage of TCAS and that they would be hosting the World Hereford Conference in 2028 bringing Hereford Cattle's international gathering back home for the first time in many years.

The Langdale Wood development was underway with five lodges started at the moment; an additional 20 were expected to go live in January and a further 20 later in the year. The development was being undertaken Peach Developments Malvern Hills Ltd, the tenants of the site.

Concerns about the speed limit on Blackmore Park Road by the entry to the Lodges had been raised as when in comes into use residents would be crossing to the Showground. Highways had been contacted and Harriet Baldwin had been lobbied to ask if it could be reduced.

Cllr Walker thanked Mr Presecott for the tickets that they donate to the Parish Council for distribution. He asked if there were a possibility of weekend tickets as offered by other showgrounds. Mr Prescott explained that they weren't available as the Showground offers an Annual ticket for £80 that covers all days for all of the 3 main shows, Spring, Three Counties & Autumn which they feel is extremely good value.

Cllr Hartland asked about the cut off time for music. Legally the cut off time was midnight but they requested 11pm as a limit for their users; they have to comply with decibel readings so these are monitored. They are conscious that wind direction can play a part in noise pollution but levels have not been breached.

The Meeting was then opened up to members of the public.
A parishioner asked Mr Prescott about the access for school groups at the Showground as local schools had stopped going. Mr Prescott agreed that they would do publicity for local schools to encourage them to attend next year.
Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Prescott for attending and hoped to welcome him again next year.
The planning application to discharge conditions from the Picken End development was raised. Issues with the infiltration basin and drainage were discussed.
It was asked if a planning application had been received for development of a field at Hayler's End. Work had started on the site over the bank holiday weekend and a 56 day stop notice had been served. Photos of the site had been provided and were shown. The Clerk advised that an application had been lodged with the District Council but it had not been validated. Once it had been, and an officer assigned, the Parish Council would be notified and it would be considered in the usual way.

110/26 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

a) Action list – was considered and the actions updated.
b) The original Bye Laws for the Village Green in Hanley Swan had been located and it was agreed that they would be scanned and an electronic copy kept before handing back to the Chairman. It was also requested that organisers of the Welland Steam Rally were contacted and asked to advise their members that they were not permitted to park steam engines on the Green in future.
ACTION: Clerk to contact Welland Steam Rally organisers.

111/26 Finance:

a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments - The payments in Appendix 1 were agreed.

112/26 Planning:

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

M/26/01312/CCO	Land At (Os 8125 4252) Picken End Hanley Swan	Discharge of Condition 7 (Highways improvements) of Planning Permission number M/22/00471/FUL and Appeal reference APP/J1860/W/25/3364189
Letter to be sent outlining concerns of proposal		
M/26/01307/HP	Jessamine Dairy Blackmore Park Road Malvern WR14 3LF	Proposed removal of garaging with two storey side extension, first floor rear extension, replacement single storey rear extension and new porch.

No Objection raised		
M/26/01247/CCO	Little Hanley Farm Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DX	Discharge of conditions 8(LEMP), 9(Biodiversity Gain Plan) and 12, Part 1(Preliminary Risk Assessment) of planning permission M/25/00428/CU.
No Objection raised		
M/26/00891/CCO	Land At (Os 7955 4356) Blackmore Park Hanley Swan	Discharge of Conditions 6 (Boundary Treatment Plan), 7 (Landscaping Scheme), 8 (Landscaping Maintenance Programme for the Future), 13 (Details of Connections to Facilitate Superfast Broadband), 15 (Solar Panels), 16 (Water Management Statement), 17 (Secure Parking for Cycles), 18 (Travel Plan) and 19 (Electric Vehicle Charging Points) of Planning Permission M/19/00489/FUL
No objection raised		
M/26/01187/CCO	Land At (Os 8125 4252) Picken End Hanley Swan	Discharge of Conditions 3 (water management plan), 4 (surface water strategy) and 5 (drainage) of Planning Permission number M/22/00471/FUL and Appeal reference APP/J1860/W/25/3364189
Letter to be sent concerning proposal.		

b) To Consider applications received after the Agenda issued: There were none.

c) Planning Decisions:

M/26/01004/FUL	Unit 5 Hanley Workshops Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DX	Proposed Change of Use from Light Industrial Unit, (formerly falling within Use Class B1(c)) to Gymnasium (Use Class E(d)).	Application Approved

Planning Appeals: None

113/26 District and County Councillors' Reports: Cllr Wells updated the Council on his activities as he was now responsible for the County's Highways. The

second land slide at British Camp would not be repaired for several more months prolonging the road closure.

114/26 Reports of the:

a) Parish Paths & Tree Warden (Steve Pennant) – Report given. It was asked if the willow tree by the pond had been included when the previous inspection was commissioned. If it hadn't been, could it be requested, as it was very large and possibly needed pollarding.

ACTION: Clerk to look into Willow inspection.

b) Pond Warden (Nick Harper) – The picnic benches had been ordered and an estimate of £300-£360 was provided for installing the bases. It was planned to keep one of the existing benches and move it to the Community Orchard.

c) Playing Field Warden (Graham Holmes) – Brief report provided.

d) Allotments (Hillary Fowler/Clerk) – tenancy agreements had been drawn up and sent to the Legal Team at Platform Housing.

e) Local Police (Kev Johns) – Monthly Report circulated

f) Parish Plan (Steve Pennant) – It was agreed to discuss at the October meeting when there would be more time available.

115/26 Highways Matters

a) Road Safety Matters – Still continuing to pursue the 30mph speed limit outside the High School.

b) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – Ask to look into the tree at the exit from the Village Hall car park which was obscuring the view to the south.

116/26 Hanley Environment Group

a) Brief report provided.

117/26 Parish Council Policies Review

a) Financial Regulations – Policy to be circulated

b) Gifts & Hospitality – Policy to be circulated

c) Whistleblowing - Policy to be circulated

ACTION: Provide a standard front cover for all policies with review dates.

118/26 Correspondence

a) Vacancy on the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel

b) Notice of Order - Road Closure - Hanley Castle

c) LGR Paused – Further information on what it means to parish councils was awaited.

d) Town and Parish Council Survey 2026 - circulated

f) Invitation to People's Emergency Briefing screenings at St Matthias Church, Malvern and Upton Baptist Church – 19th & 30th September

119/26 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

a) Mobile Phone Signal– Cllr Hartland presented her proposal of options on improving mobile phone coverage in the Parish. Four options were put forward and the pros and cons of each were listed. It was proposed that Wavemobile be chosen to be installed in Hanley Swan, this was approved as there would be no cost to the Parish Council as MHDC would pay the installation cost. An

appropriate location would need to be found for installation so this would now be investigated further.

120/26 Items for the next agenda: The Parish Plan results and next actions.

121/26 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 15th October 2026.

Signed …… (Chairman) Date: 15th October 2026

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 17th September 2026

Zurich Insurance	Annual Policy		£571.36
Say it with Wood	Bench Deposit		£290.88
		Total	£862.24

Signed …… Date: 15th October 2026
Chairman