HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 15th October 2026 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Adeney & Walker, Graham Holmes (PFW).

In Attendance: The Clerk, Nick Harper (PW), 3 members of Welland Parish Council, representatives from Tyre Hill (RoseWill) Stables, 8 parishioners.

122/26 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the October Meeting. Apologies received by the Clerk were accepted.

123/26 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.

124/26 Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 17th September 2026 had been previously circulated and were **approved.**

125/26 Paul Booker, Tyre Hill Stables.

Cllr Roberts welcomed Mr Booker to share an update on the ownership and plans for Tyre Hill Stables. Mr Booker gave an insightful overview of the planned changes for the stables and said that they had been renamed 'RoseWill Stables'. The stables were now owned by a prominent racing family, the Bowens, and it was their intention to create a 1st class training yard with top facilities for racehorses. It was anticipated that they would have a maximum of 90 stables when finished. The three main gallops were being upgraded along with several of the buildings but all would be within the existing footprints or very close. It was hoped that the yard would create employment opportunities for local people and that the supply chain for work being undertaken was predominantly from the local area.

Questions from the floor were asked; current noise levels were raised and they were assured that it would not continue for much longer as most of the heaviest work had been undertaken. Horses would not be exercised/ridden on the local roads. The previous owners had hosted open days and they agreed that open days in the future would be a good idea and they hoped to create links with Hartpury College and the local schools. The were asked if they could write a short summary to be included in the Parish Link to update Parishioners.

The Parish Council's HEG team would welcome the opportunity to visit and give advice on trees and other areas; this would be welcomed especially as there was a badger sett close to a public right of way**.**

ACTION: The HEG team would contact to arrange a visit.

Cllr Roberts thanked Mr Booker for his time and wished them well in their new venture which was hoped would be a welcome addition to the local area.

The Meeting was then opened up to members of the public.

The hard work of Rosie Badger to restart the Hanley Swan Young Farmers was raised, it was agreed that the Parish Council would acknowledge the hard work and

congratulate them on the Harvest Supper as it was a multigenerational event.
ACTION: Cllr Walker to write a thank you.
Hanley Swan Open Gardens Committee asked if permission would be given to host Classic Cars on the Village Green during next year's open garden weekend. 2 Councillors were against the proposal but 4 were supportive of the idea as long as the conditions were appropriate and actions were taken to limit the damage to the ground. Permission was granted.
It was raised that the 20mph signs outside the primary school where flashing at the wrong times.
ACTION: Clerk to contact the County Council and request they are reset.

126/26 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

a) Action list – was considered and the actions updated.
b) The Willow Tree by the pond had not been previously inspected and the Clerk to request quotations for it to be pollarded.
c) Cllr Barkley to contact Circle of Hope to see if there is any information on the plot at Haylers End and how best to liaise with the owners.
d) Starlink was suggested as a possible way forward for mobile reception; it would be looked into.

127/26 Finance:

a) To consider and **APPROVE** any payments - The payments in Appendix 1 were agreed.
b) The 2nd instalment of the precept had been received.

128/26 Planning:

a) To Consider the following applications referred by MHDC for consultation: None to consider
b) To Consider applications received after the Agenda issued: There were none.
c) Planning Decisions: None
d) Planning Appeals: None

129/26 District and County Councillors' Reports: The monthly report was circulated.

130/26 Reports of the:

a) Parish Paths & Tree Warden (Steve Pennant) – Report given.
ACTION: A report to be raised to the County regarding the hedge by Maisey Cottage as it was encroaching on to the pathway.
b) Pond Warden (Nick Harper) – Work had started on the benches and the bases and should be completed within a few weeks.
c) Playing Field Warden (Graham Holmes) – Brief report provided; a wasp nest had been found and removed from the play area.
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) – See item 135/26 a).

131/26 Highways Matters

a) Road Safety Matters – Report provided. They would look at moving one of the VAS machines to other areas of the Parish for a period of time. They

were planning to get together with the other 15 villages in Worcestershire that also do not have a 30 mph limit.

b) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – Ask to look at the trees and hedgerow in the play area.

132/26 Hanley Environment Group

a) The request was made for £600 from the HEG budget to cover the cost of the additional 3 trees discussed at the previous meeting. The request was approved.

133/26 Parish Council Policies Review

a) Financial Regulations – Policy discussed and financial amounts to be inserted and sent ahead of the next meeting.

b) Gifts & Hospitality – Policy/guidance approved.

c) Whistleblowing - Policy discussed and was agreed to make some amendments and reissue.

d) Policy schedule – The Schedule was reviewed and Councillors asked choose a couple of policies. The schedule would be circulated.

ACTION: The Clerk to amend and reissue the agreed policies and schedule and circulate to the Councillors. Contact CALC for assistance.

134/26 Correspondence

a) CALC Health & Well Being – Circulated ahead of meeting

135/26 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

a) Parish Plan Survey Results – Cllr Pennant discussed the results of the survey, with 175 returned. Responding to Planning Applications was one of the top topics of discussion. Councillors were asked to take responsibility for a particular area, set measurable targets, and plan how to achieve them.

b) Cemex update including the Rowing Lake – Cllr Barkley talked about the meeting she had attended which included a tour of the site of the rowing lake which would come into action within the next few years.

c) War Memorial – Cllr Roberts raised the repairs required to the War Memorial in Hanley Castle. Money towards the required works was not being requested from the Parish Council at the moment.

d) Invitation to Imogen – It was suggested that Imogen from the Swan Inn be invited back to a future meeting to discuss the plans for the summer event and how they were developing. **ACTION: Cllr Hartland to invite her.**

d) Incinerator Management – It was asked if the team from the Incinerator Site could be invited back or contacted to discuss how the footpath realignment is going and to have an update on the site. **ACTION: Clerk to contact them.**

136/26 Items for the next agenda – Resilience Planning & Budget Preparation.

137/26 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 19th November 2026.

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Signed …… (Chairman) Date: 19th November 2026

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments 15th October 2026

Payments to be approved

Graham Holmes	Wasp Nest Removal		£70.00
PKF Little John	Annual Audit		£252.00
New Farm Ground Maintenance	September Cuts		£1,238.54
AJ Gammond Ltd	Digger Hire		£120.00
Nick Harper	Coupler/Adaptor		£18.24
		Total	£1,698.78

Signed …… Date: 19th November 2026
Chairman