

HANLEY CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 18th June 2026 in Hanley Swan Village Hall.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Adeney, Beadon & Child, Cllr Tom Wells, PC Kev Johns.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Nick Harper (Pond Warden), Graham Holmes (PFW), 6 parishioners.

74/26 Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the June Meeting held on a beautiful summer evening and accepted the apologies received by the Clerk.

75/26 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.

76/26 Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 21st May 2026 had been previously circulated and were **approved**.

77/26 Thermeco Energy - The Council welcomed Jim Dinshaw & Nic Jones from Thermeco Energy to provide an update on the Incinerator at Haylers End which the company took over running 18 months ago. The incinerator was bespoke and there would be no dust or discharge from it due to the extreme heat that it would operate at; it would create a bottom ash that would go to landfill initially but overtime it would be used as a by-product. It would operate 365 days a year 24 hours a day but traffic would be restricted to 7am-5pm and the only noise from the incinerator would be from the pressure relief valve but that would only be tested twice a year apart from an emergency. Traffic was their main concern as they are not permitted to put up signage on Highways property and they want traffic to only travel to the site by a specific route. They asked if any landowners on the route were known as they would like to put signage up to direct traffic to their designated route. They reassured the Council that emergency procedures were all in place. They raised the issue of the footpath that had been moved by previous tenants and was now was blocked off.

ACTION Cllr Pennant to report the footpath and get guidance from the County on where it should be.

78/26 Severn End Estate Tree Planting – The Council welcomed Freddie Lechmere and invited him to talk about Severn End's plans under the Forestry Commission woodland creation scheme. He explained that it is in the planning stage and would be 80 acres initially but would eventually be over 200 acres. The land that would be used was wet land that would be regenerated under the scheme.

The Meeting was opened up to members of the public. A parishioner raised the matter of a wooden rail that had been installed by the Housing Association at Winnington Gardens and was preventing vehicle access to their properties. It

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meant vehicles could not be close enough to electric charging points and residents had to park away from their properties with several having poor mobility. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Housing Association in support of the residents' concerns. **ACTION: Cllr Adeney to draft a letter.**

79/26 Matters Arising and Progress Reports for information:

- a) Action list – was considered and the actions updated.

80/26 Finance:

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

81/26 Planning:

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

<u>M/26/00797/GPDE</u>	Appletrees Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0DN	Prior Notification for larger home extension – single storey rear extension
No Comments		
<u>M/26/00848/NMA</u>	Girlguiding Worcestershire Blackmore End Hanley Swan Worcester WR8 0EE	Application for Non-Material Amendment to planning permission M/23/00666/FUL - amendment to external materials (composite panels instead of brick) and dimensions (12m x 9m instead of 12.8m x 8.5m)
No Comments		
<u>M/26/00832/CCO</u>	Badgers Church End Hanley Castle Worcester WR8 0BL	Discharge of Condition 4 (surface water drainage systems) of Planning Permission number M/25/00755/FUL
No Comments		

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

c) Planning Decisions:

<u>M/26/00541/HP</u>	Hectors House Worcester Road Hanley Swan	Demolition of existing garaging and proposed two storey side	Application Approved
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	Worcester WR8 0EA	extension and single storey rear extension	
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Planning Appeals:

Appeal Ref: 6003962: Land Adjacent to Cygnet Lodge, Worcester Road, Hanley Swan WR8 0EA – **REFUSED**

- d) Alerting parishioners to planning applications – Cllr Hartland asked how the Parish Council could alert parishioners to planning applications so that they were aware of what was happening in the Parish. It was proposed to put a link on the website and to have a monthly section in the Parish Link to do with planning. **ACTION: Link to be included on website and Cllr Hartland to write a piece for the Parish Link.**

82/26 District and County Councillors' Reports: Monthly Report Circulated.

83/26 Reports of the:

- a) Parish Paths Warden (Steve Pennant) – The report was discussed.
ACTION: The blocked path by the incinerator site to be reported.
- b) Pond Warden (Nick Harper) - Working group came together at the end of May. The duck houses had been refurbished and reinstated and the wood looked as good as new. Picnic benches were being looked into and recycled plastic was being considered.
- c) Playing Field Warden (Graham Holmes) – Report read out.
- d) Allotments (Hillary Fowler/Clerk) – no update was available.
- e) Local Police (Kev Johns) – Monthly Report circulated
- f) Parish Plan (Steve Pennant) – Red Penguin were producing the survey forms which would be distributed in the coming weeks. Volunteers would be required to help.
- g) Tree Warden (Steve Pennant) – A list of TPOs within the Parish was being compiled. It was agreed to have an article about TPOs in the Link in the future.
ACTION: Future article on TPOs to be published.

84/26 Highways Matters

- a) Road Safety Matters – It was noted that Cllr Wells was going to ask for a review of the speed limits under his new role.
- b) Works for Lengthsman or Reporting to MHDC/WCC – **ACTION: Report the Hanley Swan sign near Coverside which is damaged. Ask Highways about the progress of the brown Gilberts End sign.**

85/26 Hanley Environmental Group

- a) Update provided on the latest activities.

86/26 Parish Council Policies Review

- a) Governance & Standing Orders – Cllr Roberts had reviewed the Council's policy, which mirrored the model recommended by NALC, and proposed it be adopted. It was agreed by all and it would be uploaded onto the website.
- b) Equality & Diversity – Cllr Barkley proposed an E&D policy, it was discussed and agreed that it would be issued to all and be adopted once recirculated.

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c) Scheme of Delegation – Cllr Adeney had forwarded a proposal which would be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

87/26 Correspondence

- a) CALC's Councillors: your role training and Audit made simple – Circulated
- b) Adopted SWDP

88/26 Topics raised by Councillors, Committees, Clerk & Parishioners

- a) Three Counties Show Tickets – It was agreed that an Annual Report on the distribution of tickets would be produced at the end of the year. Cllr Walker would make the draw in conjunction with a second person to aid transparency.
- b) Pollution of Poolbrook tributary by MHDC farm – Cllr Pennant advised the Council of this issue; he had raised it with MHDC and would continue to chase Sandra Hudson regarding the matter.
- c) Pollution and habitat damage near the Blackmore Park Estate – Cllr Pennant advised that the Traveller site was causing pollution and also damage to the habitat. He had raised it with MHDC. **ACTION: Cllr Pennant to continue to liaise with the District Council regarding the two pollution concerns.**

89/26 Items for the next agenda: Monthly review of policies.

90/26 Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting was set for 16th July 2026.

Signed

(Chairman) Date: 16th July 2026

Appendix 1: Schedule of Payments & Receipts 18th June 2026

Payments Raised for Approval

J Jordan	WIX Website Charges	£45.60
New Farm Grounds Maintenance	May Cuts	£825.70
R Abunassar	McAFEE Annual Cover	£114.99
		£986.29

Signed Date: 16th July 2026
Chairman