



HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Hallow Parish Ordinary Meeting of Hallow Parish Council held on Monday the 9th October 2023 held at **Hallow Village Hall**

PRESENT: Hazel Kemshall, Lorna Marson, Jason Walker and the Clerk Lynne Ambury

In Attendance: There were 11 members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Councillor James Rose and Malcolm Silvester
- 2. Declarations of interest and applications for Councillor Dispensations subject to the Localism Act 2011.**
None

3. Public Question Time

Most members of the Public wished to discuss the recent platform appeal in regard to the 40 affordable homes. **Appeal M/22/01646/FUL at Land Os 8223 5896 Oakleigh Heath Hallow**

The meeting was suspended at 19h48

Cllr HK than gave her personal view of the Appeal which was held on the 25th September, it was felt the appeal was lost very early on in the day due to the inability of MHDC being able to demonstrate the 5 year land supply; due to no up to date SWDP being in place; and not being able to present detailed evidence on local or parish housing needs. Further discussions were then held regarding the landscaping of the site.

HPC awaits the official outcome on the appeal.

Members of the Public voiced their dissatisfaction and frustration, with 1 person who attended the Appeal expressing the view that MHDC appeared not to be adequately prepared for the Appeal.

The meeting reconvened at 20.10

LM proposed that a letter of complaint be sent to the Chief Executive Officer regarding the MHDC approach to the Appeal. HK seconded and JW agreed. Cllr HK also informed Cllrs that a letter had been sent to MP Harriet Baldwin asking for clarification of Rural Exemption site, Housing needs and other issues and that these issues be referred to the Secretary of State. Cllrs fully supported this step. Cllr HK also feedback on previous communication with MP Harriet Baldwin who is already pursuing several housing issues with the Secretary of State and has agreed to meet Hallow and other local PCs, all of which are concerned about over-development.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the meeting held in September.

Approval of the draft minutes for September

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan and SWDP matters.

The SWDP revised has gone to the Examiner, however it was noted that the timeline for Examination could be up to 6 or months or more, and the SWDP may not be adopted until late 2024 or early 2025.

The Revised NDP plan Reg16 commenced on the 25th September, the consultation period ends on the 5th November at 23h59 after which it will go to the Examiner. HPC has been awarded a Locality Grant of £9386.80 for consultant advice up to the end of the Examination period.



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6. Planning Applications

6.1 **Principle in Planning Application:** M/23/01075/PIP - Park Acre Church Lane Hallow Worcester WR2 6PF
Approved. For noting only.

7. Finances

7.1 Bank reconciliation for October signed by HK and LA and viewed by JW.

7.2 Approval of BACS expenditure by Cllrs and signed by LM and JW.

7.3 The comments received from the Auditors AGAR section 3 was noted by Councillors. Whilst a considerable number of reserves are allocated to the new pavilion, HPC agreed that reserves had remained too high for too long and agreed to address this situation before the next audit.

8. Parish Matters

8.1 The Football item is carried over to November.

8.2 Following a presentation and a request for funds from the Tennis Club towards the lighting and resurfacing of the Courts Cllr LM proposed an amount of £10,000 towards the project which has been estimated to cost in the region of £155,000 in total. HK seconded and JW agreed. The decision to support the initiative was based on the Tennis Club's role as a community asset, work to include all in tennis at low cost, the amount of coaching of local children, and coaching support to Hallow School. The PC resolved to take funding from the current high reserve. The grant would be available for spend for 5 years and if unused returned to the PC. The grant should also assist in gaining grant from the Lawn Tennis Association.

8.3 Cllr LM proposed an amount up to £1500 to assist the Community Group with the upgrading of their Defib, Cllr HK and JW agreed. Clerk to check exact amount required with Secretary, HVCG. This ensures that both village Defibs are in working order.

8.4 Path Warden and PROWS – the new Path Warden for Hallow has been appointed and following training from WCC it is hoped that many of the PROWS and path issues will be addressed.

8.5 HK proposed the acceptance of the statement prepared for the Parish Magazine in relation to the use of the Field for car boot sales. This was agreed by both LM and JW (with Cllrs Rose and Silvester consulted outside the PC meeting and also supporting).

Meeting closed at 20.47

Next meeting: November 2023