



HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Hallow Parish Ordinary Meeting of Hallow Parish Council held on Monday the 13th November 2023 held at **Hallow Village Hall**

PRESENT: Hazel Kemshall, Lorna Marson, James Rose

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Malcolm Silvester, Jason Walker and the Clerk Lynne Ambury
- 2. Declarations of interest and applications for Councillor Dispensations subject to the Localism Act 2011.**
None

3. Public Question Time

Issues were raised in respect of the parking pressure around the Hall on weekends. The PC Chair outlined actions taken to date and those planned. In addition, groups agreed to work together to alleviate pressure- it was recognised that there are only 34 spaces. The organisers of football outlined the steps they had already taken on overspill parking and marshalling. Various other options were discussed, and it was agreed they would be followed up. All parties agreed to co-operate and work together to improve the current situation. The PC would like to record their appreciation to those who attended, and the spirit of co-operation and understanding that characterised the meeting.

The Chair also clarified how and why the PC took on the playing field from “Fields in Trust”, and the necessity to income generate to run the field; and that in the process of acquiring the field the previous Chair, with the full support of the PC, had actioned the legal removal of all existing restrictions and the original covenant imposed by Mr Banks. Some 92 years later these were seen as unworkable and a bar to more contemporary management. The current covenant covering the field is that: “All activities on the field are at the discretion of the Trustees and the Trustees are the parish councillors sitting on the PC at the time.”

One member of the public raised the issue of the Platform Appeal and the outcome. The Chair explained it had been too late to agenda this, but it would be on the December agenda, including the outcome of the Freedom of Information request on costs; and also the outcome of the PC’s formal complaint about the conduct of the Appeal as taken on behalf of impacted residents who attended the October PC. *(December PC date TBC).*

9. Parish Matters – Items were moved forward

9.1 Presentation by the Footballers - the football organisers presented the cladding material, and it was agreed that the Scout Hut colour should be matched. The PC unanimously agreed to the siting of the “pods”, to be in place for each season but to be removed in the closed season. The football organisers confirmed that they were marshalling their own members at the weekend, but that they would ask their committee for consent to provide overall marshalling on the Hall carpark. The Chair emphasised that help would be appreciated, but that the appropriate safety measures would need to be in place, with clear instruction etc

9.2 Car Parking at the Playing Fields was taken at this point, with LM proposing the costs of providing traffic cones etc should be covered, seconded JR, unanimously agreed.

(Some members of the public left at this point).



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3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the meeting held in October.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken at this point, subject to one typo amendment LM proposed, HK seconded, and unanimously agreed. HK agreed to action the amendment in the absence of the Clerk.

4. Neighbourhood Development Plan and SWDP matters.

SWDP update, confirmation that it is in Examination. Neighbourhood Development Plan update: HK confirmed Locality Grant of £9387.00 awarded to take the NDP through Examination and up to Referendum if required. This avoids any burden on the precept. Unfortunately, there had been another delay- the MHDC formal consultation process had incurred a nearly 2 week delay due to a website failure, and thus the consultation had been extended by that time. HK agreed to update once further progress towards Examination had occurred.

5. Planning Applications

2 planning applications were noted.

M/23/01167/HP 6 Cedar Cottage Main RoadHallowWorcesterWR2 6PW - the PC agreed to object at this point on the grounds that: a) In conservation area; b) lack of specification on materials; c) parking space might be reduced. HK agreed to draft a comment for Cllrs to add to.

CTIL 24155221 SHOULTON LANE SW, WR2 6PP -Confirmation that HPC had commented without future prejudice to the informal consultation on the mobile phone mast for Shoulton Lane (grass triangle area). The PC had raised a number of concerns with the location.

7. Policies and Procedures

Policies, procedures and risk assessment: The PC appreciated the work done by the Clerk to date, but agreed that additions would be required to make sure our coverage, particularly on risks was comprehensive. LM agreed to provide a list of amendments, and HK agreed to action with the Clerk.

8. Finances

8.1 Bank reconciliation for October signed by HRand LA

8.2 Approval of BACS expenditure by Cllrs and signed by HK and JR

8.3 HPC unanimously agreed to keep the precept at £45, 500 for the coming year in light of the financial pressures on most residents.

- 9 Private and Confidential Session. Council Motion and resolution to move into a closed session without prejudice. To exclude members of the press and public on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) and Schedule 12 of the Local Gov Act 1972

Staff Appraisal.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to move into private session to deal with staff matters.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Next meeting: December 2023