

GREAT HANWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Council Meeting, convened at St Thomas' Church Extension, Hanwood on 31st October 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr. J Percival (Chairman)
Cllr. K. Bromage
Cllr. W. Davies
Cllr. R Evans
Cllr. J. Fox
Cllr. G Lewis

In Attendance Mrs R Turner, Clerk
No members of the public

Minute Ref.	Minute
17/18/065	<p>ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES</p> <p>Cllrs. Pugh and Grant had sent apologies. It was noted that Cllr. Grant was approaching six months consecutive absence from meetings and that this would make her seat automatically vacant unless the council agreed to give her an extension. It was therefore RESOLVED to grant her an extension until the January 2018 meeting. The clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Grant in the interim.</p>
17/18/066	<p>DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS</p> <p>None declared and no dispensations being sought.</p>
17/18/067	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>i. Public Comments</p> <p>No members of the public wished to speak.</p> <p>ii. Police Report</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>iii. Shropshire Councillor's Report</p> <p>Councillor Evans reported that Shropshire Council is looking at its financial plan for the next 12 months. The auditor has expressed concern as to whether SC can fund its statutory responsibilities. SC is looking into taking over the shopping centre.</p> <p>The Shropshire Star reported that re the PCC consultation 71% of respondents were not in favour of the PCC governing the fire service whereas the PCC had stated 63% were in favour. The PCC is bidding to the Home Office to take over the Fire Service and his business plan has now been published. A decision will be made early in the New Year, following a 3 month consultation. The damaged Caradoc lamppost is due to be removed</p>

Signed (Chairman) Dated 28th November 2017

	shortly. The Severnside walkabout identified some issues requiring action at Vine Close.
17/18/068	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2017 as being a correct record.</p>
17/18/069	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dog fouling and request for bin – Mathew Mead is following up on this matter. ii. Hedge cutting A488 to Post Office Lane –Network Rail will be carrying out the works shortly. iii. The Cock Inn & Bowling Green – it was reported that the CIC hopes to open the premises by mid-November. iv. Traffic safety issues re pedestrian crossing – PC Cookson has working with Police Road Safety Officer, Mr Brian Williams, the parish council to ensure the crossing is as safe as it can be and that work continues. A meeting is being scheduled shortly with Brian Williams to look at enforcement issues. Shropshire Council have inspected the lights and made some adjustments to their timing and identified that the indicator light was not illuminated and nor was the warning light before the crossing. There have been a few complaints of motorists driving through the crossing when the lights are on red - it is unclear if these motorists are being lazy and not attempting to stop when the lights change or being taken by 'surprise' that the lights have changed and cannot stop. Reporting incidents is very helpful in trying to establish trends and inform action to address the concerns. PC Cookson had asked the parish council to remind everyone to use the crossing correctly and allow the lights to change prior to starting to walk across (and ensuring they always use the lights if using the crossing). This will enable a better picture to be built of how the motorists are reacting to the crossing. PC Cookson will be contacting the school and ask them to discuss it as a safety issue in the school and encourage better use of the lights - as this helps to eliminate one of the potential problems. <p>It was also reported that some parents are willing to volunteer for Community Speedwatch and that PC Cookson is willing to help with the initiative and act as safety officer. Further volunteers are needed.</p> <p>It was agreed to also write to Jason Hughes and Richard Ayton seeking a progress update on the community concern report re Hanwood that was published previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Storm damage to tree in Church Lane – the tree has been cleared. It was noted that there is a tree rooted in a garden on Church Lane that needs clearing.

	<p>vi. Community Tree Scheme – Cllr. Fox to order deciduous (not flowering cherries) trees for Poplars Avenue.</p> <p>vii. Memorial garden – it was agreed to seek quotes for laying out the garden with a view to asking the current landowner to cover the cost</p>
17/18/070	<p>CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO VACANT SEAT</p> <p>No applications received.</p>
17/18/071	<p>SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY</p> <p>Item deferred.</p>
17/18/072	<p>ASSET REGISTER UPDATE</p> <p>Item deferred.</p>
17/18/073	<p>CARADOC VIEW PLAY AREA</p> <p>i. RoSPA report – all items on the report were low risk or lower so it was agreed to monitor issues identified with no action being needed at the present time.</p> <p>ii. Repairs and maintenance – the clerk reported that Sovereign have agreed to fit new parts to the swing and these have been delivered but a repair date is awaited.</p>
17/18/074	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a. <i>Planning Applications – for comment</i></p> <p>i. 17/034768/TPO – Chestnut Close, Hanwood, SY5 8RB</p> <p>Proposal: Works to crown lift 6No Yew trees (G1) to clear stem to around 4m and reduce the long lateral branches by up to one third or 2.5m and fell 2No Yew Trees (T1)(T2) protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Woodlands Avenue, Chestnut Close, Hanwood) Tree Preservation Order 2003</p> <p>Comment: It was RESOLVED to support the application.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Decisions – for information only</i></p> <p>None.</p>
17/18/075	<p>COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER</p> <p>Articles to include: speeding, Local Plan Review meeting, CSW – call for volunteers.</p>
17/18/076	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <p>i. Bank balances & Q2 reconciliation – the reconciled balance as at Q2 was noted as being £25047.41.</p> <p>ii. Bank mandates – paperwork is to be submitted shortly.</p> <p>iii. Office equipment - it was RESOLVED to approve the terms for</p>

sharing equipment with other parishes.

iv. Payments for approval – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the following, including payments already made:

NB Payments P44 to P47 were approved at 26.09.17 meeting but omitted from minutes. Chq. 89 was cancelled as it was lost in transit to payee.

Payee	Item	Ch q. No	Ref	Amount
R Turner	Expenses	90	P44-1718	£49.54
HMRC	PAYE Q2	91	P45-1718	£31.40
Landright Services	Grass cutting	92	P46-1718	£240.00
SCPF	Pension	93	P47-1718	£79.65
Npower	Electricity	DD	P48-1718	£101.31
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VOID	VOID	94		VOID
SCPF	Pension	95	P50-1718	£79.05
SALC	Training	96	P51-1718	£65.00
Play inspection Company	RoSPA	97	P52-1718	£78.00
SCPF	Pension	98	P53-1718	£79.65
Landright Services	Grass cutting	99	P54-1718	£240.00
R Turner	Office/computer equipment & expenses	100	P55-1718	£1466.92

i. Income received

Payee	Item	Ref	Amount
Clun TC	Equipment lease refund	R05-1718	£45.81

17/18/077

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

None.

17/18/078

LJC

It was noted that a meeting will be held on 29th November, primarily to discuss proposed cuts to youth funding. Cllr. Evans expressed his

	dissatisfaction about the focusing of funds in market towns, especially as this was contrary to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendation which would have seen this LJC retain funding for the equivalent of one youth club. It was noted that a consultation on the proposals will commenced shortly.
17/18/079	<p>CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Noted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shrewsbury NW relief road consultation - it was RESOLVED to support the proposal. ii. Environmental Maintenance Grant Task and Finish Group – it was agreed to highlight the need for the grant and its scope to be retained as at present. Clerk to attend the group meeting. iii. Future Fit – delay to the planned consultation was noted. iv. Grant funding from Veolia– it was agreed to apply for £500 towards the memorial garden. v. Local Plan and Place Plan Review consultations – noted that these had just commenced and a response to be agreed at the next Council meeting, following the public meeting on 15th November. vi. Community Tree Scheme- clerk to liaise with John Fox re obtaining replacements for some of the trees in Poplars Avenue.
	<i>It was RESOLVED that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussion of Item 17/18/080 & 17/18/081, as they concern exempt matters</i>
17/18/080	<p>GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that in 2018, grass cutting of the play areas would commence in March and end in October. Exact start date dependent on seasonal weather.</p>
17/18/081	<p>PENSION</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to agree the reconciliation for 2016/17 for submission to SCPF.</p>