

GREAT HANWOOD PARISH

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, convened at The Cock Inn Function Room, Hanwood on 24th April 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Chairman: J Percival (Chairman)

In Attendance Rebecca Turner (Parish Clerk)
R Evans (Shropshire Councillor)

Electors: 12 electors of the Parish

Minute Ref.	Minute
APM 18/1	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Cllr. Percival welcomed all present to the meeting.
APM 18/2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Roy Dunscombe (Hanwood Village Hall), Will Hanmer (Hanwood Youth Club). Ursula Longmore (The Cock Inn/Bowling Club)
APM 18/3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25th APRIL 2017 The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were read and approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.
APM 18/4	MATTERS ARISING: None.
APM 18/5	CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT: The Chairman presented a report on the activities of Great Hanwood Parish Council during the year: Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shingler Homes development has started by the school • An application for a second phase of housing at land west of Caradoc view has been submitted. As previously discussed with the developer, the parish council has asked that the developer fully fund the cost of installing a pedestrian crossing. • The Local Plan is currently being reviewed and it is proposed that Hanwood but not Hanwood Bank be designated as a community hub. This will mean that open market development can take place within Hanwood but Hanwood Bank will be open countryside and therefore there will be a presumption against open market development. However, it is not expected that the review will be complete until 2019/2020. Therefore, at the present time both Hanwood and Hanwood Bank are designated as a

Signed (Chairman) Dated

	<p>community cluster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parish council would also be keen to hear if the community wish to review the Parish Plan. <p>Highways issues</p> <p>We had a hopeful start to the year, with a feasibility study being produced by Shropshire Council to look at traffic calming in Hanwood. However, it now looks uncertain as to whether funding for this scheme will be given by Shropshire Council. In the meantime, there have been several concerns regarding road safety over the last 12 months. In particular, there have been several near misses at the traffic lights by the shop and the parish council is currently working with Shropshire Council and the police to ensure this crossing is made safer. There are also concerns about the speed of traffic as it approaches Hanwood from the A5. There are also ongoing concerns about the standard of highways maintenance which has been impacted upon by budget cuts and a changeover of contractors of Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Community projects</p> <p>The parish council is pleased to report that a community interest company has now purchased The Cock Inn and the Bowling Green. The pub has been revived as a community facility and pub and very positive feedback has been given. We wish the community interest company every success in their plans to restore this valued community facility.</p> <p>The parish council is currently in the process of taking over the ownership of the area of ground to the right of the existing war memorial. This area was promised to be gifted to the parish council for use as a memorial garden when planning permission for the 2 houses behind it was granted (the parish council is therefore not having to pay for the land). Once the legal work is complete, the parish council hopes to start landscaping the garden with a view to having it open in time for the World War I centenary commemorations later this year.</p> <p>The parish council has also carried out improvements to carry Caradoc play area, in particular improvement of the boundary between the play area and the adjoining houses by installing a new fence. In the longer term, we hope to look into updating some of the equipment but this will be dependent on funding. The parish council did apply for a grant this year but unfortunately was unsuccessful so has not been able to progress this at the present time.</p> <p>The parish council was pleased to be able to help the youth club to fund a carnival float and were delighted that the club won 1st prize.</p>
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	<p>Finances</p> <p>The parish council set its precept in January. Due to anticipated budget cuts at Shropshire Council, namely grants towards youth and environmental maintenance, the parish council had to increase the precept to £27,500 which is £72.55 per Band D household. This was a difficult decision but it was felt to be necessary to ensure that the council has the funds to provide the community services which it currently does. This includes supporting other organisations such as the village hall with maintenance of the play equipment and grass cutting. The parish council also contributes the majority of the cost of the youth worker for the youth club.</p>
APM 18/6	<p>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS</p> <p>The Clerk gave a report on the finances for the year 2017/18, appended to these minutes.</p> <p>Public asked if the precept will decrease as number of houses increases. Explained its complex as depends on several factors (Council Tax Base, grants, CIL etc) and some new houses are outside the parish, in Pontesbury.</p>
APM 18/7	<p>SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Cllr. Roger Evans presented a report on the activities of Shropshire Council during the year.</p> <p>CIL report going to Cabinet soon recommending that SC CIL will be spent in Place Plan area where development takes place. Hanwood in Shrewsbury area and benefit should be direct to Hanwood rather than the wider area.</p>
APM 18/8	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>No report given.</p>
APM 18/9	<p>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</p> <p>Clerk highlighted key issues – speed reduction scheme, traffic lights, speed on approach to Hanwood from A5. Cllr. Evans speed limit reduction Edgebold to Hanwood – seek reduced limit to 50mph/40mph. Trying to revive Speedwatch – training being arranged. Trying to see if can do run the scheme without signage to make it more effective. Resident asked for police enforcement but police lack capacity to do so.</p>
APM 18/10	<p>OTHER REPORTS</p> <p><i>Hanwood Village Hall Report</i></p> <p>The hall Chairman, Roy Dunscombe, had given a written report:</p> <p>It is encouraging to see many members of the public enjoying the walking and playground areas in the park and also noted that</p>

	<p>members of the public from outside the Hanwood community drive to hall grounds with their children to enjoy the facilities. A walking for health group, led by Phil Jones, also meets at the car park on first and third Wednesdays of the month to guide people of all ages along the surrounding public footpaths. Walks tend to be not too arduous with durations between thirty minutes to an hour and a half depending on the group on the day. Just turn up at 10am with a pair of stout walking shoes and suitable weatherproof clothing or call Phil Jones on 861253 for more information. Radbrook football team plays on alternate Sundays and have already signalled their intention to continue next season. Worthen Juniors football team also practice once a week in light summer evenings.</p> <p>The financial support from the Parish Council for play area and grounds maintenance is undoubtedly contributing to the popularity of the site as well as providing an essential lifeline for the Village Hall Management Committee. It would not be possible to cover the day to day financial commitments and at the same time modernise the village hall and sincerely hope that I can rely on continued support from the Parish.</p> <p>The Village Hall runs events throughout the year except for July and August as there seem to be many other local events in Shrewsbury and surrounding villages that clash with available dates and also many families being on holiday in those months restricts the attendance numbers. A regular newsletter is published in the Church Parish magazine as well as advertising posters closer to each event to inform the community. This year we have/will organised Quiz and Curry Night (March), An evening of Entertainment by Stretton Players (April), a Sponsored Cycle Ride (June), Annual Fun day and Fete which will include a much larger medieval battle re-enactment than last year (September), Horse Racing Evening (October), Cross Country Fun Run (November) and finally Shrewsbury Police Choir in December.</p> <p>Thanks to generous contributions from the Atherton Trust and the village hall fund raising efforts the heating system has been replaced and the modernisation of toilets and kitchen is close to completion. Due to cost over runs for electrical work and flooring there is still some outstanding work to be done on the kitchen cabinets and fundraising efforts in the ensuing months are expected to accommodate the shortfall. The hall now benefits from much improved female toilets and an enlarged kitchen area by utilising the unused changing room areas and it is hoped that the improved facilities will encourage more weekend party bookings. Bookings generally are healthy with Monday through Thursday generally fully booked in the evenings.</p> <p>A childminding session is also being piloted for after school afternoon care and also during school holidays. The success of the</p>
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	<p>scheme will depend on the parents using the scheme and will be rolled out gradually depending on attendance figures. Look for sessions posted on the village hall entrance door.</p> <p><i>Hanwood Youth Club</i></p> <p>Written report from Will Hanmer:</p> <p>We have had a fabulous fun packed last twelve months at Hanwood Youth Club & seen some of our older members move on to other activities, clubs & interests to suit the older age group & new younger members coming through just starting Hanwood YC. But we still love to see the older ones come back to see us on the odd occasions for trips & events.</p> <p>We still have around 40 kids on the books, with a regular attendance of 15 – 20 in the winter & 20 – 30 during the summer months.</p> <p>We are very lucky to have the wonderful outdoor area around the village hall for the kids to play during the summer.</p> <p>In the last twelve months, we have done many activities at the village hall sessions including crafts, cooking, sports & games. Some of the larger projects include entering a carnival float into the Shrewsbury Carnival in June of last year in which we won our category! The kids put a lot of effort into the float building & actively took part in making the props, costumes & painting / decorating the float over many club night sessions & weekends leading right up to carnival day! And I must say the kids (and grown-ups) had a fantastic time doing it.... So much so we have decided to enter again into this year's carnival too! This is a fabulous activity for the whole community to get involved with & puts Hanwood clearly on the map! For this year we have decided to enter the "Unsponsored" category, which involves us raising our own funds to buy the materials needed to build the float. We think it's a very important activity in itself to fund raise & we have already started with our fund raising by putting on a Glow Disco last weekend for the kids, which they very much enjoyed! We hope to do a cake sale & other events too in the near future.</p> <p>We have taken the children on various trips this last twelve months & used profit made from subs & tuck shop to subsidise these where possible, unless the trip was not already free. Some of the trips we have been on are below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the Pontesbury Fire Station • Watch a Football Matches at Shrewsbury Town • Chester Zoo. • Shrewsbury Swimming Baths • Ten Pin Bowling
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pontesbury Panto <p>We are looking forward to a trip to the Iron Work Centre & a Youth Activity Day at JCA Condoover in May for some Climbing & Archery.</p> <p><i>The Cock Inn</i></p> <p>Ursula Longmore had advised that The Cock Inn is very successful and there are plans to open a café in the old stables. The company has been pleased to offer an apprenticeship to a young man from Hanwood.</p> <p><i>Bowling Club</i></p> <p>Ursula Longmore had advised that the club continues to be very successful and is in the Premier League. The team recently won against Castlefields, who have played nationally!</p>
APM 18/11	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>A member of the public had raised the following issues by email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter • Drug paraphernalia at the graveyard – report to police <p>Damage to Orchard Lane by construction traffic for land formerly owned by Roy. Are there any conditions re repairing damage? Cllr. Evans to speak to Perry Muir as road generally very poor with pot holes and not usable for people in a wheelchair. Unadopted road or bridleway? Sale of vehicles off public highway – public protection matter.</p>
	<p><i>There being no further comments, the chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.40 PM.</i></p>