

**HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011**  
**commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**253/11 PRESENT**

Councillors R G Dickens (Vice-Chairman), R K Austin, H P Dickens, J Harrison, A M Houghton, W A M McClements, G I Moore, L A Murray, R R Plenderleith, L A Savage, J Smart and A Twyford.

Also present: C Potts – Clerk of the Council; Councillor Karen Blundell, Borough Council Ward Member for Apley Castle; three members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman took the chair.

**254/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** that apologies are accepted from Councillors A Bentley, M D Grindrod and M J Smith.

**255/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**256/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Moore informed the Council that vehicles were accessing the pedestrian area in Hadley Centre due to one of the lockable bollards being left down. It was confirmed that the bollard is in fact broken, and the Clerk will report this to Telford and Wrekin council for urgent action.

Mrs P Smart raised the matter of anti-social behavior affect the quality of life of residents in an area of housing association properties locally. She suggested that the Council could request the housing associations to review their tenancy agreements to strengthen the action that could be taken where parents continually fail to prevent their children indulging in anti-social behavior. A discussion followed in which a number of anti-social behavior incidents were highlighted. It was confirmed that existing tenancy agreement all contain clauses relating to termination of tenancies in extreme cases of anti-social behavior, but to enforce this still requires action through the courts and in order to succeed these cases have to be supported by a catalogue of evidence. It was agreed that the specific matters referred to by Mrs Smart should be raised with the housing association concerned.

**257/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

**258/11 HADLEY LEARNING COMMUNITY**

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Dr. Gill Eatough, Principal of Hadley Learning Community. Dr. Eatough spoke about the recent GCSE results for the school when students achieved the best results in the school's five year history, with 95% gaining 5 or more grades A\* - C. These important results allow the students to progress to the next stage of their education or employment. Primary phase progress is better than average. There are no spare places in the primary phase with 78 applications for 60 reception places this year. The 180 secondary phase year 7 places have also been filled. The school is fully staffed although some additional recruitment will be undertaken to assist with an increase in the number of Polish students joining the school speaking very little English. Councillors gave their congratulated on the schools success and Dr. Eatough then answered questions.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Dr. Eatough for attending.

**259/11 MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes are approved and adopted.

**260/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported the following for information:

- Princess Royal Hospital – a representative will attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to speak about the forthcoming development of the site as the main inpatient centre for women's and children's services, and to seek the council's views on how best to engage with the local community.
- A meeting with Blockleys regarding the company's plans
- Local Policing – report of current issues being dealt with:
  - Parking in Crescent Road
  - Reports of early morning drinking on Hadley Centre
  - Anti-social behavior issues that have affected Hadley Learning Community, Manse Road and Hadley Centre.

**261/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH**

Councillor Harrison reported that he had attended a PACT meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Three members of the public from the same family attended. Issues raised included parking issues at HLC, and young people on bicycles in Teresa Way and Shoveller drive putting themselves at risk. Members discussed how the meetings could be better publicised.

The Council was informed that Councillor Grindrod regrets that he is unable to continue in the role of joint parish council representative to the PACT meetings due to ill-health.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lesley Savage is appointed as joint Parish Council representative to PACT meetings for the remainder of the current council year.

**262/11 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL - YOUR MONEY, YOUR PROJECTS FUNDING**

The Council **received** proposals from Borough Council ward members regarding the allocation of the "Your Money, Your Projects" fund. Councillor Austin explained that the three ward members for Hadley and Leegomery and the ward member for Apley Castle had obtained confirmation that they could pool together their allocations to provide a total of £4000.00 to be spent in the Hadley and Leegomery Parish area. The ward members asked the parish council for its views on the following and also asked whether the Parish Council would consider any form of matched funding:

- Support for Shropshire Wild Life Trust to fund events next year in Apley woods. These were well attended last year and could be accessed by all ages and ability groups. Last year Hadley and Leegomery Junior Youth Clubs participated in the programme and it is the intention of the Trust to continue building links in Hadley and Leegomery.
- A piece of play equipment be placed within small play areas, such as the ones at Haybridge Avenue, Etruria Village estate, and the one in the woods by Leegomery Community Centre, which is just within the Apley Ward Boundary, but also serves Leegomery residents.

The Council was of the view that the suggestions should be supported but that before it could consider any financial contribution more detailed information and costs would be needed.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council confirms that it is in agreement with the ward members' proposals as outlined for the allocation of the "Your Money, Your Projects" funding in Hadley and Leegomery, and that it requires further detailed information and costs to be able to consider whether the Council should make a financial contribution.

## PLANNING

### 263/11 Applications for consideration

**RESOLVED** that no objections be made in respect of the following:

1. TWC/2011/0783 – erection of a conservatory to rear, 6 Chichester Drive, Apley, Telford.
2. TWC/2011/0784 – roof alterations and loft conversion, 49 Haybridge Road, Hadley, Telford.
3. TWC/2011/0805 – Tree Preservation Order application for the felling of 1 No. Sycamore, The Coach House Cottage, 28 Apley Castle, Apley, Telford.

### 264/11 Permissions granted (for information only)

The Council **noted** that Telford & Wrekin Council has granted permission in respect of the following:

1. TWC/2011/0534 – erection of a garage, 13 Haybridge Road, Hadley, Telford.
2. TWC/2011/0627 – roof window above garage, 12 Gatehouse Close, Apley, Telford.
3. TWC/2011/0635 – erection of an additional silo, Denso Manufacturing UK Ltd., Queensway A442, Hortonwood, Telford.
4. TWC/2011/0685 – erection of a conservatory (part retrospective), 33 Oakworth Close, Hadley, Telford.

### 265/11 Applications withdrawn (for information only)

The Council **noted** that the following application has been withdrawn:

TWC/2011/0624 – erection of detached triple garage with games room/study in roof space, Mill House, Hadley Park East, Telford.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council **received** a report which included a bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

**266/11 RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 is noted, and that the following expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council under the terms of Financial Regulation 3.4 is ratified:

Amount <u>excl. VAT</u>	<u>Details</u>
£77.53	T R Carey – repairs at public toilets ( <i>s.87, Public Health Act 1936</i> )
£123.00	Aqua Force Special Waste Ltd – waste disposal services CFCC ( <i>s.19, Local Govt. (Misc. Provns.) Act 1976</i> )

**267/11 Guaranteed Investment Account Maturity**

**RESOLVED** that on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 the sum of £100,000.00 is transferred from the Council's Co-operative Bank Public Sector reserve Account to its Guaranteed Investment Account and that the resulting balance of £252,659.69 plus interest accrued to the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011 is reinvested in the Guaranteed Investment Account for a further three month period, and that Councillors L A Savage and J Smart are authorised to sign the necessary letter of authority.

**268/11 Payments**

Councillor H P Dickens had verified against invoices etc. the cheques to be drawn and payments to be made.

**RESOLVED** that the drawing of cheques numbered 302075 to 302086 and payment of direct debits in favour of Eon, TalkTalk Business, Telford & Wrekin Services Ltd. and Neopost Ltd., all payments totaling £2972.54 and as detailed in the approval list submitted with the report is authorised; and that Councillors L A Savage and J Smart are authorised to sign the cheques to be drawn.

**269/11 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The Council **received** a report in respect of a review of polling districts and polling places in the borough being carried out by Telford & Wrekin Council. The review does not recommend any changes to arrangements within the parish of Hadley and Leegomery.

**RESOLVED** that the Council does not need to comment on the polling district and polling places review.

**ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS IN SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD & WREKIN****270/11 Annual General Meeting and Conference**

The Council **received** information about the County Association's Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor J Smart is nominated to be a voting member on behalf of the Parish Council at the Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting.

**271/11 Consultation on motion proposed by Kinlet Parish Council for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Local Councils.**

**RESOLVED** that the Council does not support the motion by Kinlet Parish Council that the Association title reverts to "Shropshire Association of Local Councils".

**272/11 Draft constitution 2011 – consultation**

**RESOLVED** that the Council approves the draft constitution of the Association of Local Councils as circulated.

**273/11 PARISH NOTICE BOARD**

The Council **considered** quotations for the supply of a replacement Parish Notice Board to be located at Castle Farm Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the purchase of a single bay 8 x A4 man-made timber notice board with engraved header panel for installation at Castle Farm Community Centre at a total cost of £1060.93 excluding VAT, being the lowest of three quotations received, from Greenbarnes Ltd is authorised.

### 274/11 YOUTH PROVISION – UPDATE

The Council received a report of action taken following questions raised about youth provision in the parish at the last meeting of the Council. The Borough Council's Youth development Worker had, at the request of the Parish Council, met with Mrs Houghton to discuss the issues raised. The Parish Council's own Youth Engagement Officer is currently undertaking detached work locally to encourage more young people to make use of the provisions available.

### 275/11 RETIREMENT OF REVEREND SWEET

**RESOLVED** that the Council should mark the retirement of Reverend Vaughan Sweet, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Hadley at the end of 2011 by purchasing a suitable engraved gift to be presented to him; and that the cost of the gift be met from the Chairman's Allowance, there being no other statute that will permit expenditure of this nature, the sum to be spent to be agreed with the Chairman.

### 276/11 PUBLIC TOILETS – SURRENDER OF LEASE

The Council was required to authorise two members to sign the following documents in respect of the surrender of the Council's lease of the Public Toilets in Hadley on a date to be agreed. The lease will be surrendered to allow demolition to take place in connection with the borough council's redevelopment of Hadley Centre:

- Agreement to Surrender Lease
- Deed of Surrender

The Council was also asked to authorise the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council to complete a statutory declaration in respect of acceptance of Notice of Surrender served by Telford and Wrekin Council. The documents have been examined and approved on behalf of the Council by Parry Carver, solicitors.

**RESOLVED** that the Council will surrender its lease dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2002 in respect of the Public Conveniences, Hadley Centre, Hadley on a date to be agreed; and that Councillors R G Dickens and J Smart are authorised to sign the Agreement to Surrender Lease and the Deed of Surrender in respect of the same; and that the Clerk is authorised to make a statutory declaration confirming that the Council has agreed to enter into an agreement to surrender the lease and that the required statutory notice has been served on the council.

### 277/11 MEETING, CONFERENCES ETC.

The Council **noted** the following:

- Telford & Wrekin Parish Forum: 7.00 p.m. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Civic Offices, Telford.
- Code of Conduct training: 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Reception Suite, Civic Offices. To book a place please inform the Clerk.
- Opening of Black History Month exhibition: 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Oakengates Theatre - invitation to Parish Council Chairmen to attend.
- Service of Remembrance and dedication of Harry Patch plaque: 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Trinity Church, Hadley.
- Hadley and Leegomery Remembrance Parade and Service: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011, assemble at Castle Farm Community Centre from 10.00 a.m., parade forms at 10.25 a.m. Service at cenotaph at 11.00 a.m. followed by service in Hadley Methodist Church.

Details of training events for councillors provided by the county association during October and November had been circulated to members.

**278/11 NEXT CYCLE OF MEETINGS**

The Council **noted** the dates of the following meetings:

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| • <b>Parish Events Committee</b>                | <b>11<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b> |
| • <b>Finance and General Purposes Committee</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b> |
| • <b>Council</b>                                | <b>1<sup>st</sup> November 2011</b> |

All meetings commence at 7.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman, 1<sup>ST</sup> November 2011