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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24TH JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM, AT THE COCK INN FUNCTION ROOM, HANWOOD

Present: Cllr. Evans (Chairman), Bromage, Chadwick, Davies, Fox, Jones

Absent: Cllr. Greenwell, Dowley

Public: 0

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk)

21/2425 PERSONS PRESENT AND TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Dowley.

22/2425 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

None declared.

b) *Dispensation requests*

None received.

c) *Gifts or hospitality*

None declared.

23/2425 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public present.

24/2425 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting dated 20th May 2024 as being a true record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

25/2425 REVIEW OF KEY POLICIES

a) *Financial Regulations*

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

26/2425 REPORTS

a) *Police Report*

It was **RESOLVED** to keep the charter priorities as at present.

b) *Shropshire Council*

Cllr. Evans gave a report:

- £62 million savings required 2024/5, potentially £48 million identified, £14 million unidentified.
- Estimated £29 million expected increased costs in 2024/5.
- 2023/4 £51 million savings due, £42 million saved, £19 million earmarked reserves moved to general so had a balanced budget. General reserves had decreased to £8 million, which is a very low level.
- Circa 200 people left on voluntary severance scheme. Widespread re-organisation in progress.
- School library service – due to continue until at least end of December.

- Garden waste recycling – report removed from cabinet agenda until after General Election.
 - Sports village consultation ended.
 - Smithfield Riverside/station gyratory – consultation starting.
 - NWRR – SC in purdah so can't comment.
- c) *Youth club*
Club cancelled last week due to youth worker being unavailable.
- d) *Village Hall*
Cllr. Davies reported that Vehicles of Interest Day held last Saturday, which went well. The Village Hall Management Committee needs new volunteers.
- e) *Speed Camera WG*
In process of arranging a meeting with Graham Preece, West Mercia Police.
- f) *Open spaces/memorial garden/public realm WG*
It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a bench identical to the memorial garden benches, to replace the removed bench opposite the church
- g) *Newsletter*
Items to include: hedges, EMG, broadband (Voneus), Fixmystreet link, highways update, D day, mobile library – use it or lose it. To be published after General Election
Action: Clerk and co-editors.
- h) *Parish Councillor Reports (of external meetings attended)*
(i) Cllr. Evans reported that the SALC Shrewsbury area committee met. SC suggested parishes can work together as some non-statutory items are dropped by SC. There were questions re the library/school library service.

27/2425 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Payments including payments made between meetings*
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:

Ref	Payee	Item	Type	Net	VAT	Gross
P17-2425	Landright Services	Maintenance contract	SO	£390.83	£78.17	£469.00
P18-2425	R Turner	Salary	SO	£1,011.71	£0.00	£1,011.71
P19-2425	SCPF	Pension	SO	£300.61	£0.00	£300.61
P20-2425	Shropshire Council	Tree survey 2	BACS	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
P21-2425	Shropshire Council	Street light energy	BACS	£171.46	£34.29	£205.75
P22-2425	SYA	Youth worker fee	BACS	£4,725.00	£945.00	£5,670.00
P23-2425	R Turner	Expenses	BACS	£687.08	£110.47	£797.55
P24-2425	St Thomas PCC	Grant	BACS	£1,390.00	£0.00	£1,390.00
P25-2425	GNLN PC	Expenses	BACS	£196.84	£0.00	£196.84

- b) *Income received*
None.
- c) *Cambridge BS application – to nominate signatories and sign paperwork*
It was **RESOLVED** to open a Local Council Saver, initial deposit £1,000, nominated signatories to be the clerk Cllrs. Evans, Bromage and Jones.
Action: Clerk to send off paperwork.
- d) *Expenses account with debit card*
It was **RESOLVED** to open an expenses account with a debit card.

Action: Clerk to look into options and report back.

- e) *Budget 2024/25 – RFO to present revised budget for Members’ approval*
The revised budget was agreed, as per Appendix 1. It was also **RESOLVED** to hold and extra meeting to review budget before setting it for 2025/6 - the whole council will meet as a Finance Committee as and when needed.

28/2425 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION**

None at time of issuing agenda.

29/2425 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR COMMENT**

None at time of issuing agenda.

30/2425 **PARISH MATTERS**

a) *Highways matters*

(i) *Flooding road to Edgebold*

SC Highways Uupdate – “The gullies were cleansed and jetted in this location on 22nd May and are now running – the outlet may have been compromised by machinery in the field and will need a scheduled repair, but as you know this road is difficult to arrange road closures on.”

(ii) *Flooding Station Cottages*

SC Highways update “The jetting and investigation works that we have previously discussed would still be taking place, but until ground conditions improve enough to allow us to get the gully cleansing machine into the field we cannot undertake this work as yet. I will continue to keep him updated as I have been doing.”

(iii) *Orchard Lane*

No update.

(iv) *VAS at Edgebold*

SC are not currently accepting any new applications for VAS signs.

(v) *Proposed resurfacing of A488 July 2024*

Pushing for evening closure only.

(vi) *40mph and white road marking on road between Hanwood and Edgebold roundabout.*

SC Highways update - “The road markings relate to surface repairs. It is hoped the 40mph limit will be installed in July.”

(vii) *Potholes near railway bridge*

SC Highways update – “The two potholes on the bridge have been identified and are in the system for repair. I have emailed our contractors and asked that these potholes be programmed for repair asap.”

b) *Lights at Hanwood Village Hall*

Cllr. Davies summarised quotes circulated from Highline and OG2, Highline being better value at £7,676.32. There is one highway light at the entrance, maintained by SC, footpath lights to be maintained by Great Hanwood PC, lights in village hall grounds to be maintained by the Hall.

Actions:

- Clerk to ask Highline to split the quote between lights on hall land and footpath lights
- Clerk to seek advice # on what items VAT can be reclaimed on
- Arrange meeting with Jason Hughes, SC re the highway light on the main road and making it two way
- Seek advice re required tree works and confirm if consent needed.
- Clerk to ask Landright Services to quote for tree work based on one day’s work.

- c) *Bollards, Vine Close*
Homes Plus are investigating.
- d) *Caradoc play area maintenance matters*
Nothing to report.
- e) *Other parish matters – reports*
 - (i) *Bus shelter Rectory Gardens – needs cleaning.*
Action: Clerk to ask Landright Services for a quote for a deep clean and routine cleaning.
 - (ii) *EMG – it was noted that the council has the maximum grant available this year, £750. Grants have been halved due to SC budget issues. It was **RESOLVED** to still spend the amount planned, shortfall to be made up from reserves.*

31/2425 **CORRESPONDENCE AND CONSULTATIONS - to consider response**

- a) *SALC Bulletins*
Noted.
- b) *Any other consultations*
None.

32/2425 **NEXT MEETING**

- a) *Thursday, 18th July 2024- Council Meeting, 7.30pm*
Cllr. Jones gave apologies.
- b) *Items for agenda*
Lights Hanwood Village Hall.

33/2425 *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 Items 34//2425 due to the likely disclosure of confidential information*

34/2425 **WEBSITE AND EMAILS**

It was **AGREED** to look at this after the parish council elections in May 2025