
Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Council: Councillor Mrs Sheenagh Unwin

MINUTES of the monthly meeting held on **Monday 17th January 2022** at **Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre** at **7.30pm**. Covid restrictions remain in place.

PRESENT: Councillors

- S Unwin
- H Unwin
- T Wust
- C Turley
- J Johnson
- S Snell
- V Holt
- L Ricketts
- G Sinclair
- J Creed
- S Vaughan-Hodkinson

In Attendance:

- K Baker (Clerk) (via zoom)
- 2 Members of the public

F22/2989 WELCOME

Councillor S Unwin, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It was a pleasure to welcome Members, and the public, to a face-to-face meeting and wished them a belated Happy New Year.

PUBLIC SESSION

Residents of Deepdale attended to enquire about updates on local matters including:

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Road safety concerns
- Request for a speed cushion
- Underpasses
- Overgrown bushes

F22/2990 APOLOGIES & APPROVAL

Councillor E Dalby Agreed Leave of Absence

RESOLVED that the apologies as listed be accepted.

Members asked the Clerk to pass on their best wishes to Cllr Dalby, who may wish to apply for a further period of 'Leave of Absence' at the next meeting.

F22/2991 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS, regarding matters on the Agenda

As per the register. A copy of the register is available on request and appears on the website.

F22/2992 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th DECEMBER 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Sinclair and seconded by Councillor Holt that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2021 be signed as a true record. Apart from two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

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RESOLVED that the Chairman signs the Minutes as a true record.

F22/2993

MATTERS ARISING, for information

Poppets – gifts from Santa

The poppets were very popular, however it was disappointing that they did not have the Parish Council logo or website details on them.

Members will discuss, at the next Events Committee meeting, if more should be ordered with the logo / website included.

Christmas Senior Citizens Lunch Vouchers

The Parish Council has received a number of thank you messages, particularly for the lunch provided at The Holiday Inn, but also for the vouchers available to those who could not attend, due to ill health.

F22/2994

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

a) Financial Reports

Copies of the Financial Report for the end of December had been circulated, showing an overall balance of £312,901.84 including the Free Reserve.

b) Accident Book and Near Misses

There had been one incident at The Pavilion, where a member of staff had caught their back on a door handle, there was no broken skin or immediate bruising and cream was applied. There is no action required.

F22/2995

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Councillor Johnson confirmed that a grant application had been submitted to TWC for the Jubilee Weekend activities.

It was confirmed that the London Bridge Protocol remains in place, with no further information available at this time.

F22/2996

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

The Chairman, Cllr Vaughan-Hodkinson, reminded members of the Minutes of the last meeting confirming that a number of small changes can make a big difference. The Group will be looking at the cost and efficiency of re-chargeable power tools for the LMT and the Parish Council is investigating recyclable bin bags.

The option to change the outdoor litter bins to those promoting recycling will be included on a future agenda as it is believed that TWC will be introducing these to local centres in the coming months.

Cllr Vaughan-Hodkinson had attended the TW CC Working Group but was disappointed at the poor attendance. However, information was available regarding grants that will be available for up to 80% of the cost of installing car charging points.

F22/2997

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

a) Update

A copy of the progress report from the CAT team had been circulated for information. These reports need to be enhanced to include more information as the Parish Council is aware of more work undertaken by the Team which is appreciated by the community.

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Members are aware of work undertaken by the team to remove vehicles from public parking areas where there is no evidence of tax or insurance. However, SORN vehicles can often be found taking up valuable parking spaces when not roadworthy.

Members had requested evidence and information relating to the use of the CCTV at Randlay to resolve the unacceptable fly tip issues near to the MUGA. However, despite requests, this has not yet been available.

b) CCTV

The camera will move to a new location soon.

c) New Issues

Brunlees – the CAT Team will visit and speak with the resident regarding parking on the pavements linked to a business.

F22/2998

CORRESPONDENCE

All information received is shared with Members as soon as possible.

a) Information from SALC

Members are encouraged to read the regular updates which include important information and legal updates.

b) Councillor Pride Funding

Thanks were extended to Councillor Holt for the funding made available to support a number of local Parish projects. This will include a picnic bench (with wheelchair access) and a sensory bed at The Muddy and a picnic bench with funding towards the drainage at the allotments.

F22/2999

PLANNING

a) Reports

The refusal of the proposed Mast at Randlay is subject to an appeal and is supported by TWC. The Parish Council continues to believe that the alternative proposed locations should be accepted.

b) New Applications

There is one new application, recently received, this is for extensions to 30 Speedwell Ridge and will be deferred to a future meeting.

c) Planning & Development Sessions

Wrekin Area Committee (SALC) has arranged with TWC for a series of Teams events to cover all the elements of Planning and Development. Members are encouraged to attend and report back to a future meeting in order that other Members can benefit from the information gained at the session. The sessions will be hosted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of WAC.

d) Boscobel Arms

Councillor Sinclair enquired about the current position regarding the outstanding matters relating to the land and fence. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had met with TWC in the Autumn of last year, but no further information had been received.

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F22/3000 WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT

PC Evans has sent apologies, however regular reports are appreciated. The monthly walkabouts have restarted with Randlay Local Centre being the subject in January.

The police will also attend the Meet Your Councillors events whenever possible, at both Hollinswood & Randlay. It is the intention of the SNT to arrange regular weekly police surgeries as they continue to engage with the local residents as much as possible.

The next Estate Meeting will focus on Dunsheath and will take place in February.

F22/3001 FRIENDS OF HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY VALLEY

Councillor Turley and Councillor Creed had circulated reports which included information regarding the recent projects in the Valley and highlighted future plans. A visit by TWC to the Dew Pond has been postponed today, although the planned work will still take place. Work to update the Management Plan continues, with a view the Local Nature Reserve status being confirmed this year.

The Clerk had circulated a report regarding a partnership with Smallwoods which is exciting and will bring about further work in the Valley.

F22/3002 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Charity

The balance is currently £2361.36.

There is no 'target' figure, however the more that can be raised, the more street art can be provided as part of the Youth Provision Partnership. Also, the outdoor gym equipment for Randlay will be ordered to be installed following the completion of work on Randlay and the MUGA in particular.

The Chairman's Charity Event (a traditional disco dance) will now take place on 5th March and tickets (£10 to include supper) are available. There will be a raffle at the event. Please let the Chairman know how many tickets you can sell.

F22/3003 CLERK'S REPORT

SNAC @ HARP

The £15,000 received will employ the services of a part time Assistant Co-Ordinator (10 hours per week for 44 weeks of the year) on a fixed term contract. The role will include activities and family liaison to establish a calendar of events – where gaps are identified in activities and events already provided in the Borough.

The £12,000 is now available toward the Youth Provision Partnership Youth and SNAC Engagement Worker and the role will be advertised very soon.

Digital Clean Up

Councillor Creed, Glyn, Liam and Katrina had attended the latest assembly at Hollinswood Primary School regarding the reduction of email clutter and the effects on the Climate Change Agenda.

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Wednesday Wizards will be creating a thermometer for outside of HNC so that the children can see how much 'clear up' has taken place over a period of time.

Spring Bulb Planting

Liam and Glyn had provided a report regarding the planted areas. Some bulbs can be relocated to enhance other areas of the Parish in the Spring.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A number of matters were raised with the Councillors at the Meet Your Councillors event recently, but not all were relating to our Parish. Those relating to Telford Town Park will be forwarded to the Town Park Manager.

Randlay Local Centre – parking at the rear of the shops

Concerns were raised regarding insufficient parking for the contractors which results in them using the shop and residential parking area.

Concerns were also expressed that Randlay Avenue does not get cleared of mud at the end of each working day.

F22/3004

MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Turley reported that the recent Full Council Meeting took place at Oakengates Theatre, with limited numbers (due to covid regulations).

F22/3005

PARISH MATTERS

- a) Young people looking for somewhere warm and dry – using the underpasses during the night
- b) Abandoned Trolleys
- c) Damage to verge – opposite Deepdale, towards the school
- d) Abbey Fields to Stafford Park – loose bricks, puddles – damage caused by tractor
- e) Advertising screens need updating and to slow down to enable people to read the information
- f) Fly tips – Randlay Avenue to Stirchley Avenue
- g) Metal detecting – holes and repairs
- h) Randlay Local Centre hoarding
- i) Mill Farm Drive to Abbey Fields – dangerous due to slippery leaves
- j) SORN vehicles, caravans, boat and trailer – using parking spaces needed for residents
- k) Fence damage at the side of the Red Bridge to Stafford Park and the creation of a short cut which will mean walking on the railway line
- l) Route to Halesfield recycling centre, evidence of a dirt jump / BMX track and possible encampment

All matters will be reported to the relevant organisations for action, or undertaken by the Landscape Management Team.

F22/3006

MEETING SCHEDULE

24 th January 2022	7.00pm	Asset & Property	HNC
31 st January 2022	7.00pm	HR Working Group	Zoom
	8.00pm	Events WG	Zoom

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7.30pm

Full Council

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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm, thanking members for their important contributions to the meeting

SignedDate.....

Please note that these minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed as a true record at the next Full Council meeting on Monday, 21st February 2022.