

HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hallow Parish Council held on Monday 3rd June 2024 at Hallow Village Hall

PRESENT: H. Kemshall; M. Silvester; J Rose; L Marson; J. Walker; Julia Hixson (Clerk) and 1 member of the Public

1. Apologies for Absence. None

Cllr Rose tendered his resignation after 10 years of service on the Parish Council. Cllr Marson proposed a formal thank you for his years of service, seconded by Cllr Silvester, all agreed.

2. Declarations of interest and applications for Councillor Dispensations subject to the Localism Act 2011. Cllr Silvester declared an interest in respect to the Tennis Club and would refrain from any discussion and voting.

3. Public Question Time

The Parishioner voiced concerns as to whether the proposed new tennis court lights would cause light pollution in the adjacent area and the level of spillage into the surrounding area adjacent to the Conservation Area. The Chair advised that the specification would have to meet tight lighting requirements under SWDP regulations and advised checking the specification listed on the MHDC planning portal, ask questions of MHDC and make comment on the planning application.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the meeting in April

Subject to a few minor spelling corrections, the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings: May 13th, Annual Parish Council Meeting May 13th, Annual Parish Meeting May 20th were accepted. Proposed by Cllr Marson, seconded By Cllr Silvester.

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan and South Worcestershire Development Plan Matters

The Chair updated Cllrs on feedback received from Andrew Ford of MHDC and from the examiner of the NDP. Cllrs agreed, pending the outcome of the General Election in July, to withdraw the revised NDP with a view to picking up this work in 2025 and looking at more data for the 1st homes policy. The revised NDP would be withdrawn in due course, the current NDP made in July 2021 will be in force until 2026 due to changes in policy, and a new NDP is not now due until 2025/26.

6. Planning Applications:

Tennis Club Planning Application Consultation M/24/00444/FUL Hallow Tennis Club, Main Road Hallow Worcester WR2 6PW: Cllr Kemshall confirmed that the Parish Council's view was to support the planning application but would make further comments following on from the concerns raised by the parishioner present to include: checks that the lighting will be suitable for a residential area, adjacent to the Conservation Area, to ensure that the lights will comply with SWDP requirements, the daily timeframe that the lights will be operating and to emphasise that minimising light spillage and a reduction in light pollution would be very much appreciated by local residents.

Tree Preservation Order reference number 717 (2024) affecting trees at Park Acre, Church Lane, Hallow, WR2 6PF: MHDC had noted the Council's concerns over the significant changes to the building plans. Further comment would be made to acknowledge and welcome the TPO and voice concerns that any felling would compromise the extensive large mature trees.

7. Governance and Financial Matters

7.1 Bank Reconciliation for April – approved by Cllr Kemshall

7.2 BACS list for approval – approved by Cllrs Rose and Walker

8. Parish Matters

8.1a Bicycle Rack – The proposal to site a rack was revisited. Councillors suggested that a lit area near the entry ramps might be feasible and would not affect car park spaces. Cllr Marson proposed, and Cllr Walker seconded the motion to install a bike rack subject to the Parish Hall committee approving. Parish Clerk is to approach Parish Hall Chair Mrs Bowlcott to ask her to put this to her committee and follow up with a view to having a 5-bike rack installed over the summer period. Cllr Walker expressed interest in learning whether there was a plan by WCC to link up cycle routes into Worcester using the new bridge (Clerk tasked with making enquiries).

8.1b. Pavilion. Cllrs discussed ongoing work to determine costs in preparation for the grant application. Cllr Walker advised of his forthcoming meeting with the Pavilion working team and it was agreed that he would direct the committee to visit and provide constructive feedback on other new Pavilions recently built locally.

8.2 Following the completion of the Playground annual inspection Councillors revisited the proposed quotation. Cllrs Walker and Silvester have carried out an appraisal of the equipment against the quotation for repairs. Cllrs discussed the merits of repairing the existing equipment against replacement of the large item. A motion for the clerk to obtain 2 quotes for replacement of the large item and to proceed with repair of the rest was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Silvester and all agreed.

8.3. Bank mandate updates. Cllr Marson advised that a new mandate form would be completed to add and remove signatories.

8.4 Speeding - speed survey requests, VAS data analysis request. Main Road and Moseley Rd. The Clerk advised that this was being followed up again and since the meeting a date of 20th June for speed surveys to be conducted had been confirmed by the safety team.

8.5 Request from Hallow Church to financially assist with cost of publicity and banners for the Community Event on June 15th-16th. Cllrs discussed, and a motion to provide a donation of £200 to support this community event was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Silvester. Unanimously agreed.

Further Parish business: Cllrs agreed to carry out a review of the use of the playing field at the next meeting [on](#) July 22nd to which the cricketers, footballers, Parish Hall committee and members of the public would be invited.

NEXT MEETING: 22nd July 2024 Meeting ended 8.36pm.