

HALFORD PARISH COUNCIL Minutes

Meeting held on 8th January 2025 at The Bridge Inn, Halford at 6.30 pm

Meeting closed 7.20 pm

Present:

Cllrs Arthur, Cooper, Newell, Gale (Chair) and Whalley-Hoggins

Clerk: Karen Parnell

County Cllr Izzi Seccombe and District Cllr Malcolm Littlewood

No members of the public were present

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of Interests Councillors are asked to declare personal interests in any items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded that the code of conduct that took effect from 2021 provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision about the matter.

None

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on the 23rd October 2024

Minutes having been circulated were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held in October 2024 and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Democratic 15 minutes

Not required

5. Matters arising and new matters

An increase in crime in Halford was noted as was the need for vigilance.

A) Village Maintenance

The white lining needs refreshing outside Dormer Cottage opposite the Halford Bridge Garage and next to the Halford Bridge Inn, this needs to be repainted as it was missed when the other section was completed. WCC are aware.

Idlicote Road next to the 30mph sign between Halford Lodge and Far Cottages is damaged and has been reported to WCC for action.

Parking on verges remains an issue and various possible solutions were discussed.

A 30mph sign has now been replaced.

Signage on a local roundabout was deemed inadequate and will be reported to WCC for action.

B) Condition of footways in the Close

Pavements in the Close off the Idlicote Road have been reported as being in poor repair and covered in Moss. The houses are owned by Orbit Housing who will be asked to improve the area.

C) Allocation of CIL Monies

Proposed Cllr Whalley-Hoggins Seconded Cllr Arthur Agreed

Some monies will be allocated to enhancing the village by planting flowers notably around verges to deter parking as well as at the village gateways.

6. Planning

Application(s) reference: 24/02683/TREE

Proposed : T1: Mature Fur - Fell to ground - Improved light to property

At : 1 Church Terrace, Halford, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 5BX

For : Mr Nicholas Suckling

Application(s) reference: 24/02628/FUL

Proposed : Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey garden room on rear elevation

At : Angel Cottage, Paradise Row, Fosse Way, Halford Shipston-on-Stour

For : Mr Mark Humphris

Application(s) reference: 24/02805/FUL

Proposed : Single storey rear extension, material alterations to facades and new storage unit to front elevation.

At : Mildmay House, 6 Roman Way, Halford, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5BZ

For : Mr & Mrs Austin

7. Finance

Payments

Karen Parnell (Salary/Expenses) £ 500.00 Village Voices £ 100.00

Bank Charges £ 17.00 Japonica Pride £ 102.00 + £ 34.00 SDC Bin Emptying £ 147.60 SDC Land Lease £ 175.00 Paul Bannister (Domain) £ 25.98

Receipt

CIL Monies £ 4511.04

8. Councillors Reports:

County Cllr Izzi Seccombe

A white paper on Local Government Reform is being considered. Some existing councils are not in support of progressing the matter which requires an initial decision in the near future, but it is likely single tier authorities will become the future replacing district and county councils in Warwickshire. WCC will delay 2026 elections until 2027 and a business case will be put in place. All elected persons involved should be consulted.

District Cllr Malcolm Littlewood

West Midland Combined Authorities were discussed alongside future planning. The need to consider a parish plan, perhaps involving other parish councils was noted.

A consultation regarding The Ellen Badger Hospital and future beds is taking place.

9. Date of next meeting: 5th March 2025 – 6.30pm (Halford Bridge Inn)

Meeting closed: 7.20pm

Signed: Chairman on 5th March 2025.....