



MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 6:30 PM

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Present:

Cllr Alan Pearson (Chair)
Cllr Arthur Roden
Cllr Shirley Pearson
Cllr Garry Samuels
Cllr Paul Jones
Cllr Sheila Cartwright
Cllr Debbie Cartwright
Cllr Carl White

In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:

Chief Officer – Lindsey Smith
Cllr Tony Johnson – Guest
Alan Brown – Guest

Members of the Public:

There were 3 members of the public present along with PCSO Rob Evans

1. Apologies:

Cllr Ron Turville - illness
Cllr Ann Turville - illness

2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest

3. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th April 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr G Samuels
Agreed: 6
Against: 0

Abstain: 2

6. Public Participation – moved up agenda to enable PCSO to leave meeting

PCSO Rob Evans gave an overview of the top 3 priorities across Hednesford – Tesco/Hednesford Park, speeding and drug related activity and actions being taken to address these. There has been a 4% increase in crime and 16% increase in ASB. Data is being collated to ensure that the Police can be in attendance at the peak times. 9 arrests had been made over the previous 2 weeks relating to drug offences across the whole of Cannock. PCSO can now also issue £100 fines under PSPO powers and Tesco is also reporting more of ASB incidents and more cars are also being seized.

PCSO Rob Evans answered questions from Members and public and informed that issues with problem cars noisy/speeding cars exist Hednesford wide and was asked if a petition would work in forcing more action to be taken. PCSO Rob Evans informed that any petition should be taken to the Inspector

MOP raised that they cannot always hear what is going on due to the room layout

4. Cllr Tony Johnson - Leader of Cannock Chase District Council

Cllr Tony Johnson gave a comprehensive overview of the current situation regarding the devolution of Cannock Chase District Council and the submitted proposals to Central Government for the reorganisation and then took questions from Members and members of the public

Cannock Chase District Proposal can be viewed here - [Southern and mid Staffordshire councils write to Minister of State with joint plan for Local Government Reorganisation | Cannock Chase District Council](#)

Interim feedback on the proposal from Central Government can be viewed here -

<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/document-library/060325%20Interim%20Plan%20Feedback%20Form%20-%20Staffordshire%20and%20Stoke-on-Trent.pdf>

5. Presentation of John O'Leary Retirement Lamp

Alan Brown formally presented John O Leary's Retirement Miners Lamp to Cllr Alan Pearson of Hednesford Town Council

7. 2025-26 Meeting Schedule

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr G Samuels

Agreed: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Action: 25-26 Meeting dates approved

8. Finance

a.

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr P Jones
Agreed: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: 25-26 Financial Regulations approved

b.

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr P Jones
Agreed: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: Officers to find out why an additional MCP is required in the bar area. Only to commence under emergency spend if it is a legal requirement and not a recommendation

9. Verbal update from Committee Chairs

- a. Finance, Operations and Personnel (FOP) – Cllr Ron Turville - no update
- b. Regeneration and Community – Cllr Ann Turville – no update
- c. Pye Green Community Centre Committee – Cllr Garry Samuels - advised PGCC 50th anniversary on 17th July 2025 and outlined plans for the week
- d. Planning – Cllr Alan Pearson

Discussion took place about the granting of 24 hour licence at store on Market Street and about issue with incorrect used scaffolding against the pizza shop on Market Street. **These issues were passed to Cllr S Cartwright to look into and report back**

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr S Cartwright
Agreed: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: Officers to investigate taking on legal ownership of Cotswold Road Park Playing Field

10. CCTV Stats – May 2025 were reviewed and Members encouraged to report ASB in order to issues to be picked up

11. Chief Officer Update

- a. PGCC Officer and Caretaker have not started in their roles
- b. One of the Oak trees (UKSPF) has not survived – being replaced in November FOC
- c. CCDC are waiting for legal to come back regarding the plans to introduce car parking charges on long stay parking bays in Hednesford.
- d. Project Support Officer is working with CCDC to plan and install the S106 cycle shelter in Hednesford
- e. S106 Bus Shelter – opposite Tudor Road - this has been extended for a further 7 months. To monitor
- f. Market Street inconsiderate parking – bollards have been reinstalled outside area by Greggs – unclear who has actioned this or who holds the key
- g. Community Consultation 2025 – We Asked. You Said. We Did has launched to gain feedback from Community to steer the direction of the Town council for next 18 months. Chief Officer encouraged Cllrs to share the information and survey amongst their wards. Can be completed digitally, online or in paper format
- h. Heritage Revival Fund – information shared about funding available
- i. Remote Meetings – update from NALC on decision to permit Cllrs to attend meetings remotely – awaiting further advise on implementation
- j. Market Tender – update that the market is under tender until March 2026 with the option to extend for a further year is both parties agree. To discuss again November 2025
- k. Christmas Light Switch on 2025 - Spotty Dog events have agreed to oversee the Christmas Light Switch on again this year within the constraints of the existing budget and link it in with the Christmas Market

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr D Cartwright
Agreed: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: Approved for Spotty Dog to deliver the Christmas Light Switch on event

12. Update from Cllr Garry Samuels

Updated from Pye Green Resident Estates meeting – lots of issues that are currently being looked into

Discussion about 20 is plenty campaign and the need for information to be data based to support the initiative

Updated on littering campaign with Cannock Chase District Council following a meeting on how best to proceed with addressing the issue of littering and coordinating litter picks across the area

Location of attenuation pods across Hednesford following the securing of £40,000. Cannock Chase District have asked for suggested locations. To send any suggestions to Cllr Samuels by the end of June 2025

13. Discussion points from Cllr Carl White

Discussion about businesses requesting a weekly market in Hednesford and how this could work. It was felt that there is already a market and due to needing to close the road that it was not considered feasible unless an alternative location, budget and resources could be found.

Re -painting of loading and disabled bays was discussed

Action: Passed to Cllr Paul Jones to action

14. Devolution of District Councils and the potential impact upon Hednesford Town Council

Due to update from Cllr Tony Johnson on devolution this agenda item is moved to the next full council meeting

15. Resolve to move to private and confidential business

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr P Jones

Agreed: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Action: The MOP were invited to leave the meeting

16. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 630pm - Pye Green Community Centre
The meeting closed at 8:43 pm

Private and Confidential

Advice and comments were sought from Members on information they wanted to provide in response to an formal written enquiry

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr G Samuels

Agreed: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Signed:

Dated:

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