

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 1st November 2012

Present ; Councillors Mr J Powell (Chairman), Mr D Hodge Mr H Trevor, Mr J Parker, Mr R Downes, Mr M Morgan, Mrs A Taylor, Mr R Underwood, Mr A Cope, Mrs R Revel, and Mr N Newitt, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

Also present local residents including Mr E McCall, Mrs Trevor, Mrs Cope, Ms A Heath
Mr D Mathers – Ringway and Mr S Brown – Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance

Mr Mathers and Mr Brown introduced themselves, they were at the meeting to receive feedback from the Council and residents and answer any concerns arising from the proposed Planning Application for a Car Park at Hearne Lane. Mr Brown explained that all the Depots throughout Shropshire were being reorganised to streamline services and that Ringway had been engaged by Shropshire Council to provide such services.

Mr McCall addressed the Meeting, he outlined the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012) which stipulates that final decisions for planning should be made at a local level which he considered to be The Parish Council. Councillor Calder advised that in the normal Planning Process for Shropshire, the Unitary Council was deemed the ‘local’ level with the Parish Council as a consultee.

Mr McCall pointed out that within the Shropshire Planning Framework there was a commitment to protect Green Belt Land and prevent urban sprawl. Mrs Cope added that the intended field for development was untouched pasture land with a wealth of wildlife and fauna which would never be the same after 10 years as a Car Park. It was noted by members of the Council that the intended field is in the Conservation Area and also outside the Development Boundary.

An increase in noise from the Depot and Car Park was seen as a major problem affecting many local residents. It can be a determination of Planning Consent if increase in noise or disturbance is deemed to have significant effect on local residents. Residents advised that even conversations at the Depot early in the morning are plainly audible from neighbouring properties, so the proposed Car Park which will even nearer to residents can only increase noise intrusion. Mr Mathers advised that the Car Park would only be open from 7.30am but Councillor Cope pointed out that the Depot was opened up at 6.50am every morning. The proposed bunding around the Car Park was felt as insufficient to either prevent noise or disturbance from lighting.

There was general concern that the Depot was being expanded. Mr Brown refuted this comment saying that the Depot was being reorganised using the existing footprint. However he did acknowledge that staff from the Street Scene Team at Wem were being relocated to the Hodnet Depot, increasing the overall number of staff at Hodnet. Mr Mathers stated that there was a duty of care to the employees to provide adequate parking although he admitted there was no contractual obligation.

Expansion or not it was agreed that the Depot at Hodnet was wholly unsuitable for purpose now required. A single track lane inappropriate for the size of modern plant and machinery, leading to a Depot which in adverse winter conditions could be in use through the night which is next to residential development.

Mr Mathers acknowledged that Ringway are also contracted to Cheshire Council but reassured the meeting only in exceptional circumstances would Hodnet Depot be utilised for work in that County.

Councillor Cope queried that safety aspect of the Car Park entrance being directly opposite the Depot entrance. In addition Councillor Cope described a recent incident where a JCB was left running with its light flashing very early in the morning. This was just an example of the disregard that Depot staff had for local residents. Mr Mathers agreed that this was unacceptable and would advise all employees to be mindful of impact on local residents and that he will continue to monitor the situation

Councillor Calder thought it would be helpful if Mr Mathers would meet a residents group say every 6 months to discuss any problems that the Depot was causing – Mr Mathers agreed.

Mr Brown and Mr Mathers advised that would look into an alternative location utilising the space at the top of Hearne Lane.

Councillor Powell thanked Mr Mathers and Mr Brown for attending the Parish Council Meeting.

Ms A Heath attended the Parish Council Meeting to discuss the payment of Ground Rent for Hodnet Working Mens Club. She explained that the Club's outgoings and stated that a small profit was made last year but trading was difficult. The Club is staffed by volunteers except for 2 cleaners. She has paid the arrears for the year ended September 2012 and for next year a monthly Standing Order has been set up. It was brought to the Council's attention that rubbish other than recycling was often left out by the recycling bins which Mr Wellings disposed of in the Club's skip.

Councillor Powell thanked Ms Heath for attending

There appears to be some confusion over the extent of the Parish ownership of the ground, the clerk was asked to provide copy plans from the Land Registry for the next Parish Council Meeting.

Mr Marsh attended the Parish Council Meeting to raise his objections to the planned development at Station Road. Mr Marsh said that the proposed 16 properties were too many for the site and requested that it should be reduced to 12 in line with the Sam Dev site capacity.

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Councillor Taylor proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Morgan and all agreed.

36. Former Auction Yard, Station Road – Item 24

Final drawings have been received from Shropshire Housing which were discussed at length. Residents share Mr Marsh's view that there are too many houses on the site. Whilst the Parish Council acknowledge the financial considerations it feels that 12 properties should be the maximum and this would also allow for a green space in front of the properties. The Parish Council were agreed in principle to the site being used for wholly affordable homes and will advise Shropshire Housing accordingly subject to the following provisions:-

- Properties reduced from 16 to 12
- Bungalows presently hidden in top right hand corner of plan to be moved to the front of the site
- Green space to be landscaped to the front of the houses.
- Local Lettings Agreement in place
- Confirmation that a pavement will be constructed roadside to the development

37. Bins on the Pavement Shrewsbury Street

Complaints have been received regarding black waste bins being left on Shrewsbury Street pavement, impeding pedestrians especially the elderly and those with pushchairs. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents of Holyrood House and ask if bins to be put out only on the day of collection and removed as soon as possible after collection.

38. Football Fixtures 11th November

Last year the Remembrance Day service was marred by shouting from players on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was asked to liaise with local clubs to ensure the two minute silence was observed. In addition the Clerk was to ask the Sports Association if the Goal post uprights remaining on the pitch were safe or should they be removed whilst not in use for football matches.

39. Planning Applications

Ref12/04129/FUL- Erection of a garden room to side elevation; including installation of roof light, Crosslands Drayton Road Wollerton Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3LX- **Supported**

Ref12/04079/FUL Erection of two storey side extension, The Cottage 49 Marchamley Wood Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LH- **Supported**

12/04409/TCA - Felling of two Conifers and one Eucalyptus tree within Marchamley Conservation Area, The Leap Marchamley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LE - **Supported**

12/04443/TCA - To fell 2 No fir trees within Hodnet Conservation Area, St Lukes Church, Church Street Hodnet Shropshire- **Supported**

12/04390/FUL -Erection of a garage, carport, log and garden store - White House Station Road Hodnet Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3JF- **Supported**

Determination of Planning Applications

Ref12/03379/FUL - Erection of new entrance porch - Bear Hotel Shrewsbury Street Hodnet Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3NH - **Permission Granted**

Ref 12/03509/FUL - Change of Use of 2 part converted dwellings (application 08/000604/FUL) into 1 dwelling, 4 Shrewsbury Street Hodnet Market Drayton TF9 3NP- **Permission Granted**

Ref 12/03668/LBC -Replacement of 2No windows affecting a Grade II Listed Building, 1 School House School Lane Marchamley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LD- **Permission Granted**

Ref12/04079/FUL Erection of two storey side extension - The Cottage 49 Marchamley Wood Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LH-**Permission Granted**

40. Accounts

Expenditure	
nPower	1205.08
Lyon Hall 02.08.12	18.00
Mazars	18.00
V & W Electrics	107.34
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Hodnet Working Mens Club	265.00
Receipts	
HMRC VAT refund	546.75
Hodnet Working Mens Club	265.00
Interest	2.08

Total Balances at Bank as at 01 November 2012 - **£13233.17**

Payment of accounts proposed by Councillor Morgan Seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed

41. Precept

Councillors were reminded that the Precept for next year would be discussed at the next Parish Meeting. The Clerk will provide financial projections prior to the meeting.

42. Salary Review

It was agreed that remuneration for Mrs Bennett would remain at £200 p.a. A vote was taken to increase hourly paid workers to £8.21 in line with Grade 4 NFU Agricultural Workers Scale – majority vote agreed to accept - against Councillor Downes

43. Parking outside Hodnet School

Councillor Powell has received complaints that cars are now parking on the grass verge/pavement opposite the school. With cars parking now on both sides of the road this compounds the dangerous conditions for children. Vehicles approaching the school from Hodnet are unsighted for oncoming traffic and with only a car width of road now available, vehicles from both directions are meeting head on with nowhere to pass. The Clerk was asked to write to the School and PC Sturland with the Councils concerns. The Clerk was also asked to write to Dave Gradwell to ask what had happened to the planned road markings.

44. Local Joint Committee Meeting 10th October 2012 – Report Councillor Hodge

Meeting chaired by Councillor David Minnery. Biscuits & heating provided by Councillor J Parker. There were few members of the public in attendance other than those bidding for funds and the LJC representatives.

Hodnet represented by your Chairman and Vice Chairman. A short brief on Hodnet Parish was provided to the meeting; the recent planning applications were highlighted.

There was an extensive briefing on the Rural Broadband Update. Some £16.4 million public sector

funding secured (Shropshire Council & Broadband Delivery UK). Target is 100% coverage of broadband 2mps by end of 2015 plus as much superfast broadband via fibre as money available by end 2015.

Action: Still seeking communities to evidence their demand for broadband – some 8000 responses from business and residents so far. Website www.connectingshropshire.co.uk

Community Chest Applications:

Some £12K was awarded to the various projects, for example: Hedgehog Nursery, Hinstock (£4K), Childs Ercall Multi-Sports Facility (£2.5K), to Norton in Hales new equipment for new members and in-school sessions. Bizarrely to my mind some £300 odd was voted towards the costs of a new speed gun for the police as most of the costs were already funded it went through.

Action: Some £12K is still available; there were no requests from Hodnet at all. So maybe some thought before the next LJC meeting 27th February Market Drayton.

45. Correspondence

SC – Place Plan – Annual Review 2012-2013

Citizens Advice Shropshire – Annual Impact Report 2011/2012

Shropshire North Against Pylons – Councillor K Barrow, Oswestry South

Email – E Allwood re water lying on Wood Lane

SC – Consulting your Community – Training Session 20.11.12

Matter arising from correspondence

a) The clerk will report the potentially hazardous road conditions on Wood Lane to Shropshire Council Highways Department

Any Other Business

- Councillor Cope advised that next year he will be standing down as the Parish Council's representative on the Hodnet 2000 Trustee committee. Should another Councillor be interested in taking his place, he would be pleased to advise them of the duties involved.
- Street Lights not working
H3 H8 H25 H23 H32 H38 W4 W7
The Clerk will advise V &W Electrics accordingly

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm