

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 03 November 2011

Present ; Councillors Mr J Powell (Chairman) Mr D Hodge (Vice Chairman), Mr R Underwood, Mr J Parker, Mrs A Taylor ,Mr R Downes, Mr M Morgan, Mr H Trevor, Mr N Newitt, Mrs R Revel Also present and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillor Mr A Cope, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22.September 2011

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

Matter Arising

48. Bean Bank Road Wollerton – State of road surface – Item 123

The Clerk has now received funds from Severn Trent and this matter is now concluded.

49. Marchamley Road Footpath - Item 13

The Surveys were sent out earlier today, the closing date for returns is 30th November

50. Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Item 29

Hodnet School PTA has confirmed that are willing to bear the cost of mugs issued to those schoolchildren not living in the Parish. They have yet to confirm exact numbers and we await approximated numbers of children living in the Parish but are schooled elsewhere. Mike Powell has agreed to supply the mugs at cost price (exact price embargoed for the time being as commercially sensitive information). The Council all agreed that when exact numbers are known that the order is placed with Mr Powell.

51. Lyon Hall Car Park – Item 34c

Further to the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 27th October, the Clerk has received an amended quote of £388 + VAT which was agreed by the Council. Work will commence on 10th November at 12.30pm and the Car Park will be closed. The Clerk will give notice to the Medical Centre when the works are due to commence and will supervise closure of the Car Park.

52. Determination of Planning Applications

Ref /103557/FUL Renovation and extension to existing outbuilding including re-building of unsafe wall Lawn Cottage Shrewsbury Street Hodnet - **Permission Granted**

53. Accounts

| Expenditure | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Lyon Memorial Hall | 18.00 |
| N Power | 1206.16 |
| Stamps (footpath survey) | 151.20 |
| V & W Electrics | 145.44 |

| Receipts | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Severn Trent (Bean Bank) | 1584.00 |
| HMRC VAT repayment | 1341.91 |
| Interest | 1.83 |

Total Balances at Bank as at 03.11.11 £12063.98

Payment of accounts was proposed by Council Hodge and seconded by Councillor Morgan

53. Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting 27 November 2011

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

54. Land at Old Auction Yard

Parishioners living near to the site have expressed their concerns for the future of the site. The land is owned by Shropshire Council and is currently being used for storage of excess building materials. The site is very unsightly and the property on the land has been vandalised. The Clerk will write to Shropshire Council (the owners) asking for the site to be tidied up in the short term but what of the long term plans for this site which has lain dormant for over 20 years. It would make an ideal plot for residential development of affordable homes much needed in Hodnet with perhaps the promotion of the new Shropshire Council scheme of 'Build you own Affordable Home '. The plot will be identified as a potential development site in Hodnet's submission to the Place Plan

55. LJC Meeting 12.10.11

Councillor Hodge attended the Market Drayton & Rural Areas Local Joint committee on 12th October 2011 and provided the Councillors with a report. See attachment 1 to these minutes. An item of concern was brought to the attention of the Councillors; it would appear that the 30mph speed limits at Wollerton and Marchamley are not being enforced. It was suggested that this may be due to an error of Shropshire Council in the commissioning of the speed limit locations. Councillors also wish to know if the Speed Warning equipment tallies the numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and if so what are the numbers involved. The Clerk will ask PC Sturland to attend the next Parish Meeting to seek clarification of these matters

56. Hodnet Post Office

The Council has been made aware that the premises currently housing the Post Office is for sale. Councillors wish to ensure that this vital service to Hodnet is not downgraded or worse still lost completely.

57. COIF Charity Funds

The Clerk reported difficulty in changing the mailing address of statement for this investment. Apparently the required documentation confirming that these funds are held as a charitable trust have been mislaid and this problem has been ongoing since 2002. This investment was from the sale of Hodnet Fire Station, £8108.27 was placed with Official Custodian for Charities (a Department of the Charities Commission) in 1985 by Messrs Warren Upton & Garside solicitors for the Paris Council. In 1992 CCLA Investment Management Ltd was appointed to manage the Share Register of COIF Charity Funds and it would appear that at this time the required documentation was mislaid. These funds and management of the Hodnet Recreation Ground are wholly under the control of Hodnet Parish Council. The Council agreed that for the time being Councillor Ann Taylor and Councillor Michael Morgan are the signatories to the account and that any correspondence or statements should be sent to the incumbent Parish Clerk currently Mrs Maryjayne Rees. A copy of these minutes will be sent to CCLA Investment Management Ltd

58. Precept

The Chairman asked Councillors to consider any expenditure needed next year for discussion at the next meeting.

59. Footpath adjacent to A53 emerging at Espley Roundabout.

The Council has received complaints that the kissing gates at either end of this footpath are very difficult to manoeuvre through for those with pushchairs. The Clerk has sent a map to Shropshire Council of the footpath with a request for the gates to be changed or modified.

60. Correspondence

SC – Change of Address – Highways Traffic & Street Scene North
Police – 101 – Police non emergency number
SC – Cardboard Recycling
SC – County wide sample survey of housing stock
CCS – Community Fuel Buying Scheme
Letter – 2nd Hodnet Scout Group
How to respond to Planning Applications – 8 step guide
Shropshire Playing Fields Association
Letter – Mr W R Bate re Planning Applications at Bank Farm Kenstone
The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons
Letter – Hodnet PTA
SC – NE Flood Forum – Meeting 21.2.12
SC – Delivering local priorities through partnership working
Radio Shropshire
Warm Home Discount information
Letter – Hodnet Joint Headquarters

61. Matters arising from Correspondence

a) Cardboard Recycling

The Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Council requesting to be advised of future plans for Cardboard Recycling and in the meantime could they provide a Cardboard Recycling skip to be added to our present recycling receptacles at the Recreation Ground.

b) County wide sample survey of housing stock

The Clerk was asked to write to the Shropshire Council to ascertain the purpose of this survey.

c) Radio Shropshire

The station is set to lose around 33hours of Shropshire generated programmes per week. The Clerk will write to the BBC consultation service supporting Radio Shropshire as this is important to our rural community especially the elderly.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm