

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Hall on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7.30pm

Present ; Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr C MacKie, Mr J Parker, Mr A Cope, Mr H Trevor, Mr M Morgan, Mr J H Powell, Mr J Roberts, Mr R Downes and Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Mr N Newitt and Mr I Willicombe and Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

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Prior to the meeting all Councillors had received draft copy minutes and Councillor MacKie proposed that these be signed as a copy of the proceedings, this motion was seconded by Councillor Cope, all agreed.

Matters Arising

31. Review of Parish Plan – Item 2

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that there had been a very good response to the Parish Survey totalling 125 replies, which was a 25% return. Maryjayne Rees has been inputting the data from the surveys after which the next step will be a meeting of the group who draw up the survey to review data and draw up some conclusions. Councillor Hodge is hoping to bring these conclusions to the next Parish Council Meeting for review and then be included in the new Parish Plan. Councillor Hodge said that he would express the Parish Council's thanks to everyone involved in this project when the group met to review the data. Councillor Hodge also advised that there had been some further expenses relating to the survey but the running total was still within the grant received from Shropshire Council for this purpose.

32. Lease of Land to Hodnet Sports Association – Item 4

The Clerk advised that she had tried to chase Mrs France regarding the invoice from the Hodnet Recreation Ground's solicitors, Onions and Davies, which the Parish Council have agreed to pay, but she has been unable to make contact with her.

Both the Clerk and Councillor Parker will continue to try and contact Mrs France.

33. Community Grant – Old Auction Yard – Item 5

Councillor Hodge advised that the separate interest-bearing account to hold the £42,000 Community Led Housing Grant is now open. Councillor Powell wondered why the Parish Council had not received its share of the C I L money from Shropshire Council which had to be paid in respect of all the smaller, and in most cases single, buildings which had been constructed in the Parish.

Councillor Hodge said this would be investigated.

34. Weed Spraying – Item 7

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had spoken to the contractor who said that unfortunately rain had hindered this work but he was hopeful that it would be completed within the next week, including the additional areas requested.

The Clerk will continue to chase to ensure this is done.

35. Telephone Connection for houses at Old Auction Yard – Item 9

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that all the properties now had a landline connection.

36. Hedgerow Screening at Sewerage Treatment Works in Station Road – 10

The Clerk advised the Councillors that she had received a further email from Alan Hardwick at Fisher German,

who are the Agents for Severn Trent, confirming that Severn Trent are obtaining quotes and these works will be programmed for the start of the planting season this October.
The Clerk will note the timescale to ensure this work is done.

37. Former Goods Yard, Station Road, Hodnet – 11

Councillor Trevor showed the Parish Council photographs, which he had recently taken, showing that although progress had been made to move some of the cars the compound was full and there were still 30 cars outside. Councillor Hodge proposed that as the Enforcement Officer was due to visit the site 'after the middle of June' the Council should write to him, sending the photos, and asking what was the result of the visit.

38. Street Lighting - 28

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had spoken to Baschurch, Wem, Ellesmere and Oswestry Clerks to find out who they used for their street light maintenance, what their council's policies were as regards LED lights along with any feedback they had received from the general public. Most of the Councils also used Highline Electrical Ltd, finding them to be very good; additionally a lot of the Councils are starting to phase in a programme for switching to LED lights, depending on their budget restrictions. The Clerk also advised the Councillors that Highline Electrical Ltd had carried out the second inspection of a fifth of the lights in the parish and had a copy of the results.

A discussion took place, involving all the Councillors, as to whether Hodnet Parish should switch some street lights to LED. These LED lights would cost £285 plus £53 to fit and if a new bracket was needed a further £90, therefore £428 plus vat per light unit, but with their reduced wattage the running costs would be less in the future. After a review of the current lights not working, and lights which have been repeatedly repaired, a programme was agreed to convert 2 specified lights to LED and repair a further 3.

The Clerk was instructed to liaise with Highline Electrical Ltd.

39. Lyon Hall Carpark - 30

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Mr McClure about the work he had done earlier in the year and he had said that he would go and have a look but Councillor Parker said that he couldn't see any improvement and thought it would be better if he met Mr McClure in the carpark to discuss the problem.

The Clerk will liaise with McClure and Councillor Parker about this.

40. Road Markings - 30

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he had written to Councillor Simon Jones, Portfolio for Highways and Transport at Shropshire Council, and, having received an email confirmation of receipt, he then received a reply letter from David Gradwell, Area Traffic Engineer. In Mr Gradwell's letter he advised the Council that although their safety concerns were noted Shropshire Council would not be applying the double white lines on the Hodnet to Marchamley road as following the construction of the Hodnet Bypass the volume of traffic had reduced. Councillor Hodge suggested to the Council that the situation continued to be monitored and any incident/evidence could then be brought to Shropshire Council's notice in the future.

41. Planning

15/02318/FUL – Erection of a cattle cubicle building – Avenue Farm, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JL - **Support**

15/02335/PMBPA – Application for prior approval under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning Order 2015 for change of use from Agricultural to Residential use – Barn North East of Delta Lodge, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire - **Support**

15/02427/FUL – Agricultural cattle shed for dairy cows – Marchamley Farm, Marchamley Wood, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire – **Support**

15/02995/TCA – Works to 1 No Cedar Tree, 2 No Lawson Cypress Trees and 1 No Oak Tree as per schedule within Hodnet Conservation Area – Hodnet House, Drayton Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Support**

15/02637/FUL – Installation of a 150 kw Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array – Hawkstone Abbey Farm, Weston under Redcastle, Marchamley, Shropshire SY4 5LN

This planning application was discussed and the Council agreed that although they would support the application they wished to question whether the option of a roof mounted photovoltaic array had been fully explored.

The Clerk was instructed to update the Shropshire Council Planning website to this effect.

15/03342/TCA – Various works to trees within Hodnet Conservation Area – Hodnet Primary School, Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3NS

It was agreed to support this planning application.

Determination of Planning

14/01154/FUL - Erection of an equine workers dwelling – Lostford Manor, Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3QW – **Permission Granted**

15/02139/PMBPA – Application for prior approval under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning Order 2015 for change of use from Agricultural to Residential use – Dairy Shed, Tunstall Farm, Hodnet, Shropshire – **Prior Approval Required and Refused**

15/02224/VAR – Variation of condition 4 (garage/office use) attached to planning permission 11/02265/FUL to allow the office to be used for purposes other than those incidental to the enjoyment of The Vineyard and to be used by a third party – **Permission Granted**

15/02318/FUL – Erection of a cattle cubicle building – Avenue Farm, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JL – **Permission Granted**

14/03403/OUT – Outline application for the erection of 14 dwellings (to include access and footpath link to Wollerton) – Land off Drayton Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire - **Refuse**

42. Accounts

Expenses

Wollerton United Reform Church	Parish Council Meeting - May	1904	£18.00
Timberlink	Posts for Dog Fouling Signs	1905	£20.93
Mr J Hagans	Defibrillation Pads	1906	£43.50
Playsafety Ltd	Annual Play Area Inspection	1907	£106.80
N Power	Electricity re Street Lighting	DD	£1,145.15
Randall Hardy	Online Parish Survey	1908	£195.00
Highline Electrical Ltd	Annual Survey of Street Lights - part 2	1909	£158.40
Lyon Hall	Hire of Hall - 18th June 2015	1910	£18.00
SLCC	Online Training Course for Clerk	1911	£118.80

Receipts

A Heath	Hodnet Working Mens Club	£56.50
NatWest Bank	Bank Interest	0.83

Total Balances at Bank as at 6th August 2015:

Current Account	£100.00
Reserve Account	£ 14,626.22
2nd Reserve Account	£ 42,000.00

These expenses were proposed by Councillor Powell and seconded by Councillor Cope.

43. Correspondence

- David Sandbach – NHS Urgent Care Provision in Rural Areas
 - Various – Deer on land adjoining Parish
 - Jane James, Network Manager, Shropshire Council – Road Closures in Marchamley
 - S A L C – Sustainable Communities Act Workshop 16th Sept at Shirehall
 - Shropshire Council Emergency Planning Newsletter
 - Dianne Dorrell, Shropshire Council – Youth Provision Opportunities
 - Church Stretton Town Council – Series of Events - A Spirit of Place for Rectory Wood and Field
 - Shropshire Seniors – The Forum magazine x 2
 - Andrew Symonds – Bridleway off A53 – dealt with by Councillor Parker
 - Play Area Safety Inspection Report
 - Copy of letter from Shropshire Housing Group to a resident of The Grove, Hodnet
 - Rural Services Network – RSN Rural Conference September 2015
- a) Councillor Hodge advised the Council that being Chairman of Hodnet Patient Participation Group he would take forward the email from David Sandbach at this group's next meeting.
- b) Councillor Hodge had spoken to Councillors of Weston Parish Council regarding the deer in their Parish and was advised that Weston Council considered this matter dealt with and no longer an issue. Councillor Hodge had advised Weston Council that should this situation re-occur Hodnet Council would support them, all agreed.
- c) The Council instructed the Clerk to express the Council's disappointment to Jane James that having just been resurfaced the road at Marchamley was to be dug up again.
- d) It was suggested that a meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee and Mr Phil Wellings be held at the Recreation Ground to discuss the Play Safety Inspection Report on Tuesday 18th August.
- e) A discussion took place regarding the letter that the tenants of The Grove had received advising them that they will have to start paying a small annual fee towards the upkeep of the communal areas. The Clerk was instructed to contact Shropshire Council to ascertain if all the roads in The Grove were adopted after which she could take the matter up with Shropshire Housing Group.

44. Any Other Business

Councillor Hodge advised the Council that letters had been written to:

The Occupier of The Squirrel, Wollerton asking them to please remove the cones at the front of their property – to date this had not been done.

Brigadier Meek asking him to please cut the hedge bordering his property at the front as it was narrowing the pavement – this was completed promptly.

It was suggested that a similar letter be sent to Mr Kent asking him to cut back the hedges that border his land on the main road side of the old railway bridge.

All agreed and the Clerk was instructed to send this.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is September 17th at Lyon Hall, Hodnet