

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Wollerton United Reform Church School Room on Thursday 7th May 2015 at 7.30pm

Present ; Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr C Mackie, Mr J Parker, Mr A Cope, Mr R Downes, Mr M Morgan, Mr J H Powell, Mr I Willicombe, Mr N Newitt, Mr J Roberts and Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors Mr H Trevor and Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2015 Councillor Morgan proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Parker, all agreed.

Matters Arising

1. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Hodnet – Item 8

Councillor Hodge suggested that a notice be placed on the Hodnet website to remind people of the need to still dial 999 first, even though we have this facility in the Parish, all agreed.

2. Review of Parish Plan – Item 27

A meeting of the Parish Plan Review Group was held on 28th April and Councillor Hodge advised the Councillors that he would be emailing them a draft of the survey over the next few days and asked that any comments would be appreciated by Thursday 14th May. The plan is to post the survey to the Parish at the beginning of June for completion by 30th June.

3. Parking on the Grass Verge opposite the School – Item 75

Following on from the previous meeting's discussion about the CSO team Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he had spoken to PC Sturland who advised that the CSO team were now back to full strength. PC Sturland had thanked the Parish Council for their support but had advised Councillor Hodge to 'hold the charge for the moment' as regards writing to Commissioner for West Mercia Police and the Chief Constable.

4. Lease of Land to Hodnet Sports Association – Item 78

The Parish Council has been approached by Hodnet Sports Association to request a donation towards the cost of the renewing the lease of the Changing Room facilities next to Hodnet Recreation Ground. The total cost of their solicitors, Onions and Davies, is £694 of which they have already paid £150. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would help with these costs and the Clerk was asked to liaise with Mrs France in this regard. Councillor Powell wondered if it may be possible for the Parish Council to pay the solicitors directly and therefore reclaim the VAT, the Clerk will investigate.

5. Community Grant – Old Auction Yard – Item 94

Councillor Hodge advised that the Bank forms had been requested for a separate interest-bearing account to hold the £42,000 Community Led Housing Grant and as soon as this was open the money would be transferred across.

6. Dog Fouling Signs – Item 89

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that he spoken to Mr Wellings about erecting the signs and Mr Wellings was currently making some metal posts to put the signs on. Councillor Parker also said that he had had a complaint about a certain man who was continually allowing his dog to foul on pavements around the Station Road and The Meadow area. The man wears dark glasses and has a white stick so this was a delicate matter but the Councillors agreed that the Dog Warden should be asked to speak to him.

7. Permissive Path – Weed Spraying – Item 99

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Permissive Path had now been sprayed but the contractor wanted to know when to do the rest of the spraying around Hodnet. The Councillors agreed that this should be done within the next month and Councillor Parker asked if the contractor could also spray around the War Memorial, all agreed and the Clerk will liaise with the contractor.

8. Peplow Community Group

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he had written back to Mr Jackson, in reply to the funding request, asking for a breakdown of costs and had subsequently been advised that the matter was with Lichfield Diocese at present and Mr Jackson would return to the Parish Council once he knew more.

9. Telephone Connection for houses at Old Auction Yard

The Clerk advised that she had been liaising with BT and Councillor Parker over the matter of the land lines not being connected to these properties and it now appears that only one or two remain unconnected and these should be done shortly.

10. Hedgerow Screening at Sewerage Treatment Works in Station Road

The Clerk advised the Councillors that having checked the original planning permission, which Maryjayne had found after the last meeting, she had been in touch with Fisher German who draw up the plans and are Agents for Severn Trent. Fisher German is now looking into the lack of screening as per the plans and the Clerk will continue to chase them about this matter.

11. Planning

15/0134/FUL - Erection of silage clamp and concrete apron – Home Farm, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Support**

15/00992/FUL – Erection of one block of four stables including installation of roof mounted solar panels – The Horse Field, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Support**

Determination of Planning

15/01112/FUL - Erection of extension of two storey extension following demolition of existing single storey wing – Ravenscroft, The Grove, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire - **Permission Granted**

Determination of Planning

Ref 15/01341/FUL- Erection of silage clamp and concrete apron – Home Farm, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Decision: Granted**

Planning Enforcement

15/04585/ENF – Alleged conditions of 11/05197/FUL – Former Goods Yard, Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire

15/04586/ENF – Alleged conditions (hours) – Espley Car Repairs, Workshop at Station Yard, Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire

12. Acceptance of Accounts

Prior to the Meeting all Councillors had been given a copy of the Accounts for the last Parish financial year, detailing the expenses incurred and income received.

Acceptance of Accounts, Year Ending 31st March 2015, and approval of Annual Governance Statement was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor MacKie, all agreed.

13. Accounts

Expenses

St Lukes Church	Grant	1883	£1,000.00
Maurice Chandler Sports Centre	Grant	1884	£100.00
Hodnet Seniors Lunch Club	Grant	1885	£100.00
Severn Hospice	Grant	1886	£100.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	Grant	1887	£100.00
Randall Hardy	Parish Plan On-line Questionnaire	1888	£90.00
Lyon Memorial Fund	Lyon Hall Hire	1889	£111.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	1890	£103.00
K & S Landscapes	Spraying Permissive Path	1891	£45.00
J Bourne	Weed Killer for Hodnet Footpath Group	1892	£51.35
Highline Electrical	Street Lights	1893	£169.80
T R M Renovation	Pot Holes at Hodnet Working Mens Club	1894	£290.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	1895	£1,214.67
N Power	Street Lights	DD	£1,139.37

Income

Shropshire Council	2015/16 Precept	£16,878.00
HMRC	Vat Refund	£1,581.17
A Heath	Hodnet Working Mens Club	£113.00
NatWest Bank	Bank Interest	2.08

Total Balances at Bank as at 7th May 2015 £ 62,794.90

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

Councillor Roberts requested that the Bank Balances be separated out showing the £42,000 Community Led Housing Grant. It was agreed that this would be done for the next meeting.

14. Hearne Lane Depot

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he and Councillor Cope had attended a meeting with Victoria Doran and Phil Smith of Shropshire Council Highways on 27th April 2015 to discuss Hearne Lane and any planned road works in the Parish.

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that the planned work in Hodnet Parish was:

- . Patching along the Marchamley road and surface dressing later in the year
- . Footway and carriageway resurfacing at The Grove and installation of some dropped kerbs
- . Patching from The Bear to the junction of Station Road (it will be surface dressed in 2016)

Councillor Hodge added that if there were any matters regarding traffic issues the deadline for the next road safety submission was the end of May.

The Councillors discussed issues relating to A53, Hodnet by-pass, and a suggestion was made, from various members, to have kerbed central islands at the junctions for Lostford, Wollerton and Stoke on Tern. Councillor Hodge is going to take this matter forward with the Shropshire Highways.

15. Street Lighting

The Clerk had been advised of lights H26, W2, W14 and W15 which are not currently working and a discussion took place regarding the expense related to continually repairing what in some cases are the same lights. The Clerk suggested that she undertake an audit of which lights were currently not working and which had been repaired over the last 12 months, the Councillors agreed this would be a worthwhile exercise.

Correspondence:

- Mr Melvin Randles – Proposed New Dwelling at Mount Farm, Little Bolas
 - Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter April 2015
 - Mr Ben Walker of Connecting Shropshire – Fibre Broadband
 - PlayQuest Adventure Play Ltd – Playground Equipment
 - Highways Works Programmer – Road closure- Hazles Road 12th June 2015 for 3 days
 - Dianne Dorrell – SALC Membership
 - Highways Works Programmer – Road closure – Pumping Station to Mickley Lane, Fauls 2nd Sept 2015 for 3 weeks
 - Mrs Shirley Smith – trying to locate an old family home in Wollerton
- a) The Clerk is to contact Mr Randles to advise that Hodnet Parish Council look forward to receiving a planning permission request.
 - b) Connecting Shropshire will be attending the next Parish Council meeting in June.
 - c) The Councillors agreed not to take up membership of the SALC.

Any Other Business

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that he had been speaking to Mr Mark Prees, a local Scout Leader, who had in turn been approached by The Woodland Trust to see if there was anywhere in the Parish that might need trees or shrubs. The Councillors agreed that they would all think this over before the next Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.45pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is June 18th at Lyon Hall, Hodnet