

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 7th November 2013

Present ; Councillors Mr D Hodge (Chairman), Mr J Powell, Mr J Parker, Mr M Morgan, Mr R Underwood, Mr N Newitt, Mr R Downes, Mr H Trevor , Mr A Cope, Mr C Mackie and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

Apologies Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2013 Councillor Morgan proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Powell all agreed.

46. Parish Council Vacancy

Councillor Hodge welcomed Mr John Roberts to the meeting and proposed that Mr Roberts be co opted on to Parish Council, this was seconded by Councillor Parker and all agreed.

47. Hearne Lane – Item 4

The recent Liaison Group Meeting was very productive and Councillor Cope reported that on the whole nuisance noise and parking had been reduced. However, recently the Gritting Lorries had returned to the Depot causing another two lorries to be parked at the lower end of the lane , when it had been agreed that the lower end would be kept clear. Councillor Hodge will contact Graham Ratcliffe and Ian Walshaw and request that Parking is restricted to he agreed areas.

48. Access to the Wetland – Item 16

Councillor Underwood reported that Cow Lane has now been cleared. Gates, stiles and signs have been erected. All that remains outstanding before the path is officially open is for steps to be erected by the bridge. Hodnet Footpath group will shortly be meeting Stoke on Tern Footpath group on the Wetlands to undertake more path clearance work. They will also walk the route to Helshaw Grange to assess what work needs to be done there. Shropshire Council have undertaken to do more clearance work to the Wetlands and will be making an access off the By Pass to allow access for machinery. Councillor Underwood noted that Cow Lane was previously inundated with nettles and may need spraying next Spring – Clerk to note.

Councillor Hodge thanked Councillor Underwood for all his hard work on the project.

49. Flooding at College Houses

The Clerk advised that an e mail had been received from Ian Walshaw on 30th September stating that if the Agent for the land had not dealt with this issue then it would be referred to the Shropshire Council Land Drainage Team for remedial work to be carried out. Councillor Parker reported that the ditch has not been cleared out and therefore the Clerk was asked to instruct Ian Walshaw accordingly.

50. Enforcement Issues – Item 37

Councillor Hodge has spoke to Mark Southern (Enforcement Officer for Shropshire Council) regarding the following

- ⌚ Cheshire Game Supplies

Mark Souhthern was not aware of The Parish Council or indeed any residents complaints in this matter

Ⓟ Travellers Site

The site had been visited recently and whilst Mr Southern acknowledged that there was a parking issue, it is not an enforcement issue but a Highways issue. Our comments regarding the use of the day room and its position on site have not been investigated. Mr Southern is aware of an upcoming retrospective planning application for temporary additional caravan parking at the site. He is due to visit the site in the near future. Councillor Trevor advised that he had been called by a neighbour to an incident involving a person from the site. Councillor Trevor has advised other neighbours that any future incidents should be noted and reported to the Police.

Ⓟ Workshop at Station Yard

Mr Southern advised that there was no restriction on the number of cars parked at the workshop and therefore no infringement of planning

51. Neighbourhood Planning – Item 39

Councillor Hodge asked all Councillors to consider the infrastructure requirements for the Parish in the future so that a working list could be collated at the next meeting and Hodnet Place Plan updated.

52. Hodnet Development Abbots Way – Item 43

Councillor Hodge advised that the Appeal for the original application has been postponed until 14 January 2014. We are advised that Strutt Parker have requested a further postponement until February 2014. It is understood that Strutt Parker are seeking to progress the amended application and gain planning permission before the date of the Appeal on the original application. Further discussions regarding the 106 Agreement on Affordable Housing numbers are taking place between the Agents and Shropshire Council, which if resolved may lead to planning permission being granted.

The Parish Council has been advised by Shropshire Council Highways that it will be feasible to construct a pathway to the northern side of Station Road.

53. Digitise Historic Images of Hodnet

Councillor Mackie reported that Mr Roger West has about 200 slides of Hodnet which date back to the late 1800s. Initially he was seeking the Parish Council's views on whether these historic images should be preserved and updated to enable them to be available to a wider audience. The cost of digitising the slides professionally would be about £150/£200. It was proposed by Councillor Mackie that he approach Mr West to request that the slides be digitised at a maximum cost to the Parish Council of £200, Seconded by Councillor Powell – all agreed.

54. Recreation Ground Trees

There is a group of 4 Leylandii to the rear of the Fire Station. A report by Mr K Benbow stated that they are not root firm as the foliage far outweighs the root system and the recommendation was to fell the trees. Two quotes have been received

Benbow Brothers (Timber) Ltd £558

Mercian Tree Specialist £960

It was proposed by Councillor Powell that Benbow Brothers be instructed to fell the trees, Seconded by Councillor Hodge all agreed.

55. Salary Review

It was proposed by Councillor Powell that the rate for hourly paid work would be increased to £8.50 and remuneration for Mrs France be increased by 5% to £210 per annum, Seconded by Councillor Mackie all agreed.

56. 2014/2015 Precept

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Precept will be on next month's Agenda. Year on Year spend will be forwarded to Councillors in due course.

57. Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that Mazars have finalised the Audit and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern. However they did comment on the Paris Council's lack of Financial Regulation and Standing Orders, this has of course been rectified at the previous Parish Council Meeting. They also commented on the Assets Register which has now been covered by the Financial Regulations now in place.

58. Planning

Ref 13/04073/LBC - Installation of solar thermal panels to Listed Building - Bench Mark Cottage Rookery Lane Marchamley Shrewsbury SY4 5LQ – **Support**

Determination of Planning

Ref 13/03593/FUL -Erection of slurry store - Marchamley Farm, Marchamley Wood , Marchamley Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LH - **Permission Granted**

Ref 13/01679-Ful -Erection of a detached dwelling and formation of new vehicular access -Proposed Dwelling Adjacent 60 Station Road Hodnet Shropshire – **Permission Granted**

Ref 13/03355/FUL -Erection of two-storey side extension; internal alterations to existing staircase; altered roof to existing bay window - Linley Farm, Marchamley Wood, Shrewsbury SY4 5LH - **Permission Granted**

Ref 13/03537/FUL -Erection of single detached garage,formation of driveway and car parking/turning area improvements – Broad Lake Farm, Marchamley, SY4 5LE- **Permission Granted**

59. Accounts

Expenses

Npower	1788	£1,213.13
Mazars (Audit)	1789	£120.00
Lyon Hall	1790	£36.00
Highline Electrical St Light Repair	1791	£334.20

Receipts

HWMC	£56.50
Bank Interest	£2.22

Total Balances at Bank as at 7th November 2013 £15565.62

Payments of accounts was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Underwood all agreed

60. LJC Report Councillor Mackie

see appdx 1

61. Future of Fire Service Meeting 06.12.13 – Lyon Hall Hodnet 6pm

Councillor Hodge advised that he had been approached by the office of Owen Paterson MP to set up a meeting similar to that recently held at Baschurch. This meeting is not open to the public but it is intended to brief local elected officials regarding the options for the future of the Fire Service. The Clerk will identify all local Councils who would be covered in first response by Hodnet Fire Station. A small number of Councillors from these adjacent Parishes will be invited to the meeting.

Councillors were urged to complete the web based survey being undertaken by Shropshire Council collecting views of the general public about how the budget reductions should be implemented.

<http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-fire-and-rescue/comment-on-options/>

62. Correspondence

PC Sturland – Safer Neighbourhood Team

Highline Electrical – replacements required and new lantern for recycling centre

SC - Place Plan Annual Review 2013 -2014

SC - Community Infrastructure Levy

War Memorial Trust

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Shropshire Housing Group – Update re Station Road Development

AON - Snow Clearance, Salting & Gritting

- a) Highline Electrical have reported that Street Lights W1 and W10 are beyond repair. It was proposed by Councillor Powell that the lanterns are replaced by the new LED type, Seconded by Councillor Hodge – all agreed.
- b) Shropshire Wildlife Trust looks after reserves in Shropshire and are keen to encourage people to enjoy local nature and get involved in practical conservation. The Clerk will advise them of the new footpath soon to be open to the Wetlands
- c) The Parish Council were pleased to note that work will commence at the Station Road Development in the coming weeks. The Clerk was asked to remind the contractors that this is a quiet cul de sac road and nuisance to neighbours must be kept to a minimum and a transport plan is to be requested.

Any Other Business

Street Lights reported not working :-

H4 H12 H49 H42 H43 W9 W1 M1H30 –The Clerk will report to Highline Electrical for repair.

The usual contractor used to cut the hedges at the Recreation Ground can no longer provide that service. It was agreed that the Parish Council approach Mr Griffiths who will know what is required but to ensure that the laurel hedge behind the goalpost is not cut.

Councillor Hodge advised that he will not be able to attend the Parish Meeting in March 2014 and currently the Council is without a Vice Chairman. Councillor Powell proposed that Councillor Mackie should take the role which was Seconded by Councillor Parker- all agreed and Councillor Mackie accepted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is 12th December 2013