

# HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12 December 2013**

Amendments to Minutes Item 66 – Shropshire Council Enforcement Officer is Mark Southern

Amendments to Minutes Item 65 – Ian Walshaw indicated that the creation of a second ditch was a possible solution to the flooding problem but did not undertake to carry out such works

Subject to the above amendments Councillor Morgan proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed.

## **Matters Arising**

### **77. Hearne Lane Depot – Item 4**

Councillor Cope is concerned that there is no gritting to Drayton Road. A recent accident caused by icy conditions has highlighted this problem. Motorist are leaving the A41 and A53 which are gritted assuming that the Drayton Road will be similarly treated. Bearing in mind that this road is very well used it was decided that Council would write to Ian Walshaw requesting that Drayton Road be included in the gritting area or alternatively signage advising that no gritting has taken place.

Councillor Parker advised that it would be preferable that Station Road from the Fire Station to the Mini Roundabout is also included in the gritting area.

Councillor Hodge is arranging for a meeting of the Liaison Group very shortly and will mention the gritting problem.

### **78. Access to the Wetland – Item 16**

Councillor Underwood had advised Council that all works have been completed on the footpath and the formal orders have been received. He proposed that all the people who provided statements for support, the various property owners and Shropshire Council Outdoor Recreation be formally thanked for their contribution in creating the new footpath. All agreed and the Clerk will send out letters accordingly. Councillor Hodge wished to formally record the Parish Council's grateful thanks to Councillor Underwood who has tirelessly steered this long running matter to such successful conclusion.

### **79. Enforcement Issues – Item 37**

Councillor Trevor reported that vehicles are now parked within the designated site. It would appear that the visiting families have moved on and for the time being there are no nuisance issues.

### **80. Hodnet Development Abbots Way – Item 43**

Councillor Hodge was disappointed to advise that no agreement between the parties had been reached in respect of the 106 Agreement. In addition there were outstanding issues

- Ⓟ Highways contribution
- Ⓟ Viability of Affordable Housing

Recent correspondence from Strutt Parker indicated that they were still hopeful of a resolution before the Appeal date. However Councillor Hodge felt the Council must prepare for the Appeal and he will attend for the Council if required.

### **81. Football Netting – Item 73**

The netting has arrived and will be erected for the next scheduled match on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The L.J.C Project Feedback Form will have to be completed upon receipt of the Invoice.

### **82. Speeding in Marchamley – Item 758**

Councillor Powell was disappointed to read the correspondence regarding speeding in Marchamley. PC Sturland had advised that until such time that Shropshire Council introduced traffic calming measures then he cannot carry out enforcement . In addition it is difficult to find a safe location in which to operate a held hand device then stop vehicles.

There followed a general discussion on speeding within the Parish . It was felt that although Wollerton has the same enforcement issue as Marchamley that vehicles have in general slowed down through Wollerton since the introduction of the speed limit signs.

### **83. H4 Street Light – Item 76**

Councillor Powell suggested that column for Street Light H4 be renewed. The existing wooden pole is over 40 years old. At the same time the untidy overhead cabling could be replaced. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the work.

### **84. Parish Plan – Annual Place Plan Review**

it was agreed that the following items be recorded for CIL priorities in the Annual Review

- ⌚ Improvements to Recreation Ground equipments e.g multi activity pitch
- ⌚ Community facility improvements
- ⌚ Wollerton to Hodnet footpath
- ⌚ Pod/Shelter for Recreation Ground
- ⌚ Improvements to Pre School playgroup buildings
- ⌚ Improvements for local meeting centres e.g Lyon Hall , Scout & Guides Hall
- ⌚ Car Parking improvements for Primary School and support for existing services

Councillor Calder advised of the forthcoming CIL and Project Management Training – Councillors Hodge and Mackie will attend the North Area Training Session at Wem Council Chamber on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **85. Precept 2013/2014**

The Clerk advised that details regarding the precept had been received from Shropshire Council . In order to show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge on the 2014/2015 Council Tax Demand Notices, Hodnet Parish Council precept requirement would need to be £15284. The Council Tax Support Grant available from Shropshire Council for 2014/2015 is £1495. Thus a 0% increase would mean that the Parish Council would receive £16779 in total against £16806 received for 2013/2014.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan that a precept total of £16779 be requested for 2014/15 Seconded by Councillor Powell , all agreed.

### **86. Planning**

**Ref 13/04919/TCA** - Works to include crown lift by 10% and thin 2 Cherry trees, 3 Silver Birch trees and one Beech tree and fell one Scot's Pine tree and one Thorn tree all lying within the Marchamley Conservation Area Barrow Cottage – 17/18 Marchamley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LE – No Comment

## 87. Accounts

### Expenses

Shropshire Council (Footpath Grp)	1798	£200.00
KG Landscaping	1799	£1,176.00
Highline Electrical	1780	£386.40
C France	1781	£127.50

### Receipts

LJC Grant	£720.00
COIF Dividend	£303.90
Western Power (wayleave)	£61.58

**Total Balances at Bank as at 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 £13054.64**

Payment of Accounts was proposed by Councillor Morgan and Seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed.

## 88. Correspondence

KG Landscaping – Quote for 2014 season

Safer Neighbourhood Team – Report

Joanna Davies – Visibility on exiting Church Street

- a) KG Landscaping have requested confirmation for renewal of contract for grass cutting in 2014. In line with the Council's Financial Regulation another quote must be obtained. The Clerk was instructed to request a quote from KS Landscapes.
- b) Ms Davies is concerned at the poor visibility in emerging from Church Street on to Shrewsbury Street. Historically the windows of the shop opposite afforded drivers some assistance in seeing oncoming traffic but since the property has reverted to residential this is no longer available. It was agreed that there is a road safety issue and the Clerk was instructed to raise this with Dave Gradwell – Traffic Engineer at Shropshire Council to arrange a site visit to explore possible solutions.

## 89. Any Other Business

- ⌚ Street Lights requiring attention  
H28, H21, H11, H9
- ⌚ Road Surfaces requiring attention  
The Rock – Marchamley to Weston Road  
The entire of Hodnet to Marchamley Road
- ⌚ The Parish Council were pleased to learn that Lord Lieutenant A Heber-Percy has been elevated to KCVO for services to the Sovereign and the Clerk was instructed to send a letter of congratulations
- ⌚ Councillor Morgan advised that Randall Hardy continues to provide invaluable assistance in the running of Hodnet Website. In recognition of his hard work it was agreed that £50 in vouchers and a letter of thanks should be forwarded.

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

**The next Parish Council Meeting is 13 February 2014**