

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 12th January 2012

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 and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

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

Also present Mr Benbow – Hodnet Fire Station

Councillors will be aware from recent media coverage that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is being forced to find another £1million pound saving due to Government funding cuts. Five stations are at risk of closure including Hodnet. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is one of the most poorly funded in the UK despite being consistently voted one of the best run brigades. Shropshire firefighters took to the streets to personally ask the taxpaying public for their views on how their local fire service should look in the future as it faces unprecedented financial cuts. Mr Benbow reported the overwhelming support from local residents and that most would be happy to pay an extra 3p or 4p on their Council Tax bill to retain such a vital service. The Council thanked Mr Benbow and will send a letter of support to the Chief Fire Officer.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2011

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

Matter Arising

75. Marchamley Road Footpath - Item 13

Councillor Underwood advised that the Footpath Group were contacting Shropshire Council to arrange a meeting to take matters forwards.

76. Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Item 29

Mr Powell has advised that due to supplier difficulties the previously requested mug could not be provided. He has been able to source a substitute but with two handles. A sample was shown to the Council and it was agreed that the order for 250 mugs should go ahead with the new mugs.

77. Accounts

| Expenditure | |
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| J C France | 90.00 |
| Lyon Hall | 18.00 |
| V & W Electrics | 360.38 |
| J C France | 90.00 |

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| KG Landscaping | 1008.00 |
| Lyon Hall | 18.00 |
| N Power Street Lights | 1203.16 |
| Receipts | |
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| Bus Shelter Reimbursement | 410.00 |
| COIF Dividend | 266.17 |
| Western Power Wayleave | 57.98 |

Total Balances at Bank as at 12 January 2012 £ 7493.75

Payment of accounts was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Trevor.
All agreed

78. Land at Old Auction Yard - Item 54

Councillor Powell has received a telephone call from Mr A Copson from Saxonby (a construction, development and training Company in Shrewsbury) who plan to develop the site. The Parish Council will be advised as soon as draft plans are available.

79. Marchamley Bus Shelter

The Clerk advised that reimbursement for the cost of repair to the shelter has been received and the matter is now concluded.

80. Meres & Mosses Housing Stock – Item 74b

The Clerk has received assurance from Meres & Mosses that the house in Marchamley is structurally sound and is visited on a monthly basis by their representative. No further correspondence has been received in respect of the heating problems and the Clerk will chase for a response.

81. Planning Applications

Ref 12/00019/FUL – Change of use of land to extend residential curtilages erection of garages and stores and provisions of drainage systems in association with planning application **10/02936/FUL** granted 19.11.10- Barns at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, TF9 3LJ - **Supported**

Ref 12/00018/VAR- Variation of condition no.2 attached to planning application **10/02936/FUL** dated 19.11.10 to allow amendments to the approved plans to change the external appearance and internal layouts of the no. 3 barn conversions -Barns at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, TF9 3LJ - **Supported**

Ref 11/05724/COU – Change of use of shop to provide extra residential accommodation, 7 Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet TF9 3NP – **No Comment**

82. Correspondence

KG Landscaping – request confirmation of continuation of contract for 2012
V & W Electrics Ltd – H2 New Lantern required - sanction requested £190 +VAT
SC- Information Only -Post 16 Education Transport Assistance for Entitled Students-Consultation arrangements for September 2012
S C - Annual Town & Parish Emergency Planning Briefing on 28 3.12- SC arrangements for the forthcoming Olympic Games

Matters Arising from Correspondence

- a) The Council agreed that K G Landscaping be retained for 2012 for mowing of the Recreation Ground – The Clerk will advise them accordingly
- b) Councillor Newitt proposed sanction be given to replace lantern on street Light H2, seconded by Councillor Morgan all agreed – The Clerk will advise V & W Electrics Ltd accordingly

83. Any Other Business

Councillor Taylor advised that she is still in possession of the Spade that was used to cut the first sod of the Hodnet By Pass. It was agreed by all that the spade should be displayed in the Lyon Hall, Councillor Taylor will bring the spade to the next meeting.

Councillor Morgan advised that the Website Group were planning to hold a painting competition for children, in order to raise the profile of the Hodnet Website and he sought sanction from the Council to offer a prize. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Morgan and Seconded by Councillor Hodge that the Council provide a £25 prize which was agreed by all.

Councillor Parker asked the Council if there would be any objection in principle in using the Recreation Ground for a Parish Picnic to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Firm dates and details have yet to be decided. The Council are happy to support this idea.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.25pm