

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 12 December 2013

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

Apologies Councillors Mr N Newitt, Mr H Trevor, Mr J H Powell and Mr R Underwood

Also Present – Dr Irfan Ghani – Consultant in Public Health, Charlotte Cadwallader

Councillor Hodge welcomed Dr Ghani to the meeting. Dr Ghani advised that although Shropshire tends to have a good uptake of the flu vaccine, Hodnet area has one of the lowest uptakes. Therefore he had asked to come to Council to enlist help in promoting awareness and to encourage those most at risk to get their flu jab. Symptoms of flu can be very unpleasant and can last for several days. Flu can lead to more serious complications like pneumonia and bronchitis which need hospital treatment. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people may see their GP and tens of thousands may be hospitalised because of flu each winter. Shropshire Council Public Health has set ambitious targets to vaccinate 75% of all those in the most “at risk “ categories. Dr Irfani will pass on the relevant web links to Councillor Mackie who will update the Hodnet Website. Councillor Hodge thanked Dr Ghani and Ms Cadwallader for their attendance.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013

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

Matters Arising

63. Hearne Lane – Item 4

Councillor Hodge reported that he had visited the site a few time since the liaison meeting and it would appear that parking of the Depot vehicles had generally improved. Councillor Cope confirmed that with one or two exceptions the lower end of Hearne Lane has remained clear. In the absence of freezing weather there has been little need for Gritting Lorries and therefore it was agreed that the Liaison Group hold a meeting in January .

64. Access to the Wetland – Item 16

Councillor Underwood had advised Council that the steps are now installed by the bridge and the footpath is fully usable. Hodnet Footpath Group have arranged a group walk around the Wetlands, with an option to walk up to Helshaw Grange, on 29th December and are drafting another leaflet covering this new walk.

65. Flooding at College Houses – Item 49

Councillor Parker reported that he has met Ian Walshaw on site . Whilst the farmer has agreed to clean out the ditch and Mr Walshaw suggestion to create another ditch alongside ,the crux of the problem is that there is not proper outfall.

66. Enforcement Issues – Item 37

The parking adjacent to the traveller site continues to be a nuisance. Mark Southern will raise the issue but unfortunately the road is not adopted and therefore not a Highways issue which could be addressed by the police.

67. Hodnet Development Abbots Way – Item 43

Councillor Hodge advised that the Appeal for the original application has been rescheduled for 5th February 2014.

68. Digitise Historic Images of Hodnet – Item 53

Councillor Mackie reported that Mr West is reluctant to allow his collection of slides be digitised .

69. Future of Fire Service Meeting 06.12.13

Council Hodge advised that the meeting had been well attended by Owen Paterson MP , from the Fire Authority Councillors David Minnery and Malcolm Price, Unitary Councillor Karen Calder Chief Fire Officer John Redmond and Assistant Fire Officer Andy Johnson, various Councillors from adjacent Parishes and the Fire crew from Hodnet. Councillor Minnery outlined the financial situation which was that £1.9m of savings must be found by 2020 and how the decision making process would work . The Fire Authority gave a presentation explaining in more detail the financial constraints and outlining some of the options being considered. Hodnet Fire crew gave a presentation which underlined how vital it is that the Hodnet Station remain open. The formal Public Consultation will be undertaken next year but in the meantime it is imperative that we all show our support for Hodnet Station by completing the on line survey.

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

It was agreed that a letter from the Parish Council would be sent to the Shropshire Fire Authority thanking those who attended the meeting and underlining our support in maintaining the Fire Station at Hodnet.

70. Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Planning

The annual update to the Place Plan is due at the end of January. Projects which we may wish to include

- Ⓟ multi activity pitch for the Recreation Ground
- Ⓟ community centre for Peplow
- Ⓟ Wollerton to Hodnet footpath and support for existing services

71. Precept 2013/2014

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council are meeting on 19th December to discuss setting the Council Tax base and therefore there are no details available regarding Parish Precepts.

72. Accounts

Expenses

SLCC	1793	101.00
Mrs M Rees Salary	1794	1125
Mrs M Rees Expenses	1795	110.35
JT Hockenhull	1796	50.40
Highline Electrical	1797	1071.07

Receipts

VAT refund	763.45
HWMC last 2012/2013 payment	56.50
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Total Balances at Bank as at 12th December 2013 £15428.62

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

73. Football Netting

Councillor Hodge advised that the Council had received advice that the LJC grant has been paid and therefore the netting has been ordered, with expected delivery date of before Christmas.

74. Determination of Planning

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

75. Correspondence

Speeding in Marchamley – Julian Latham

Speeding in Marchamley – PC M Sturland

SC – Street Name & Numbering – The Old Auction Yard, Station Road, Hodnet

Highline Electrical Ltd – Quote for replacement lantern H30

- a. Shropshire Council has been approached to formally name and number the properties to be built on the Old Auction Yard. The Parish Council agreed that the Old Auction Yard name be retained for this development. The Clerk will advise accordingly.
- b. Highline Electrical have quoted £322+vat for replacement lantern to H30 the Council agreed this expenditure.

76. Any Other Business

Street Light H4 is not working, the contractor has been to out to repair it but it is shorting out. The Council sanctioned spend for a new lantern if required. In addition the light at the top of Station Road near the bus stop was reported as faulty.

There are areas of the Lyon Hall Car Park which need attention

- Ⓟ roots growing up through the surface
- Ⓟ blocked guttering along the side of the hall
- Ⓟ damaged covers in need of replacement
- Ⓟ broken concrete bollards to the front of the hall
- Ⓟ right hand corner brick pillar to the entrance to the car park

Councillor Trevor will be asked to liaise with Councillor Parker and undertake remedial action.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is 9th January 2014