

# HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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

**Apologies** Councillors Mr N Newitt , Mr J Roberts, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 09 January 2014**

Amendments to Minutes – Councillor Underwood advised that there were problems with the Marchamley Permissive path. Recent very wet weather had washed out the end of the Path – Shropshire Council and Councillor Powell are to undertake repairs, unfortunately the continuing inclement weather may do further damage.

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

## **Matters Arising**

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

A meeting of the Hearne Lane Depot Liaison Group took place on 24 January , Councillors Hodge and Cope were in attendance. It was agreed that many of the “nuisance” problems of noise and parking have been satisfactorily addressed. Councillors raised the issue of gritting to Drayton Road but were advised by Ian Walshaw that under Shropshire Council policy unclassified were not gritted and in fact Shropshire Council has no legal responsibility to undertake gritting to any roads. Ian Walshaw also stated that it would not be practical to erect signage warning of ice/untreated road as this would set a precedent for other unclassified Shropshire Roads.

Ian Walshaw outlined future plans for Parish Roads

2015 – complete resurfacing of Hodnet to Marchamley Road

2016 – resurfacing and change of road markings to Hodnet to Lostford Road

Councillor Cope advised that there had been another accident along the Drayton Road this morning involving 4 cars and Councillor Morgan advised that 2 weeks ago a car had overturned near the turn to Fauis.

Councillor Hodge proposed that the Parish Council send a letter to the Highway Department to request that in the interim period whilst the road still has the appearance of a classified road (until works are undertaken in 2016) it should either be gritted or signage erected to warn of untreated road. Seconded by Councillor Mackie – all agreed.

When the Drayton Road is resurfaced and remarked there could be an opportunity for the centre line to be offset creating a walkway to one side of the road . This may be an alternative to creating a footpath from Wollerton to Marchamley.

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

Councillor Hodge was pleased to confirm that agreement between the parties had been reached in respect of the 106 Agreement and Highways contribution resulting in the Appeal being withdrawn and the Hearing cancelled. Strutt Parker have indicated that the project will now move forward. The Parish Council's robust stance in negotiating improvements and reduction in density has resulted in a development which has addressed many of the Parishioners original concerns with the application .

**92. Football Netting – Item 73**

The netting is yet to be erected – recent football matches have been cancelled as the pitch is waterlogged. The Clerk still awaits the invoice.

**93 H4 Street Light – Item 76**

The Clerk advised that the replacement of H4 column may take sometime. Western Power will replace the existing wooden pole with another wooden pole providing the existing pole is found to be dangerous. The Clerk had arranged to meet a Western Power representative on site, however the recent weather and subsequent disruption to the network has resulted in a huge increase in their workload and a meeting maybe months away.

Alternatively if the Council would like a metal pole then a contractor would have to be engaged. Councillor Morgan proposed that as H4 has not worked for sometime and the delay of waiting for a new pole is unquantifiable then the Parish Council should go ahead and replace the broken lantern, Seconded by Councillor Hodge – all agreed. The Clerk will instruct Highline Electrical accordingly.

**94. Parish Plan – Annual Place Plan Review**

Councillors Hodge and Mackie attended a briefing - “determining planning applications and presumption in favour of sustainable development”. The numerous Parish Councillors attending were briefed that National planning policy requires Local Planning Authorities to identify and maintain a rolling five-year supply of deliverable land for housing. At present Shropshire Council is lagging behind this target. As the existing SAM Development Plan housing policy has yet to be ratified then refusals of applications solely on the grounds that they are contrary to that Development Plan would be unlikely to be sustained at appeal. To be effective objections to Applications must be evidence based and alternatives for what may be acceptable must be considered. At the Appeal stage in the absence of convincing evidence to the contrary the Inspector is likely to make decisions based on Government Policy which is to stimulate the economy by building houses.

**95. Future of Hodnet Fire Station – Item 69**

Fire Officer Benbow advise Councillor Hodge of a meeting of the Shropshire & Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority Strategy and Resources Committee which Councillor Mackie attended. This Meeting was to review the Outcomes of the Phase 2 Risk Management Planning and to seek decisions on which proposals should go forward for full consultation in Phase 3. One of the recommendations was that the proposed closure of the four “low risk” stations which includes Hodnet should not progress to the next Phase 3 Meeting. The Strategy and Resources Committee had been impressed by the cases put forward by the four stations involved and the meeting held at Hodnet clearly assisted in highlighting the problems of response time and back up, together with showing overwhelming support from local people in retaining these stations.

Whilst this is very good news there is a small possibility that this decision could be reversed at the the full consultation meeting.

**96. Resignation Councillor Underwood**

Councillor Hodge thanked Councillor Underwood for his many years of effort and dedication to the Parish Council. His attention detail has been most valued. Councillor Underwood has been instrumental most recently in he creation of the Marchamley - Hodnet permissive path and the creation of access to the Wollerton wetlands. A small gift was presented to Councillor Underwood with best wishes from the Council members.

The Clerk was asked to advertise the vacancy in the Market Drayton Advertiser,Website and Notice Boards.

## 97. Planning

**Ref 14/00484/FUL** - Erection of single storey extension on east elevation and single storey porch extension on north elevation - Land At Broadlake Farm, Marchamley, Shropshire - **Support**

**Ref 14/00162/FUL** - Alterations to raise roof lines to include removal of 2 no. dormer windows from front elevation - Oaktree Farm Tern Hill, Market Drayton TF9 3QW - **Support**

**Ref 14/00281/FUL** -Erection of an uncovered silage clamp - Hawkstone Abbey Farm Weston Under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LN - **Support**

### Determination of 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, Shropshire SY4 5LE – **No Objection**

## 98. Accounts

### Expenses

Lyon Hall Med Centre Wayleave	1802	£500.00
Mrs M Rees ( R Hardy gift )	1803	£50.00
Lyon Hall Hire	1804	£66.00
D Hodge	1805	£20.95
R Hardy (Website)	1806	£40.95

### Receipts

Hodnet W M C 2014 2 pyt	£56.50
Interest	£1.88
Hodnet Medical Centre	£500.00

**Total Balances at Bank as at 13.02.2014 £9934.43**

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

## 99. Correspondence

Sir A Heber- Percy

R.O.S.P.A – Playground Inspections

Peter Richards – Land at The Avenue Peplow

SC – Rural Community Broadband

Hodnet Footpath Group – request for funds

Ms Mazloom & Ms Howell - Squirrel frontage traffic cones

KS Plantscape – quote for mowing Recreation Ground

SC – Annual Town & Parish Emergency Planning Briefing 2014

SC- Fairness Respect Equality Launch 21.03.14

BBC – Dr Barbara Moore

- a) Unitary Councillor Calder has been contacted by Peter Richards & Co regarding the single plot exception site at the Avenue Peplow. The Parish Council Planning Committee visited the site in May 2012 and had no objections but Shropshire Council felt the plot was too isolated and not within or adjacent to a recognised site. Councillor Hodge will advise Councillor Calder that the Parish Council's stance remains as no objection.
- b) Connecting Shropshire is working to bring additional funding into Shropshire to provide faster fibre broadband in rural Shropshire areas. Hodnet Parish has been identified as one of those areas and the Council has been invited to support the application . The Clerk was asked to send a letter of support.
- c) Hodnet Footpath Group have requested £50 to assist with the production of a leaflet to outline the route of the new access to Wollerton Wetlands. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan that the Parish Council accede to the request – Seconded by Councillor Underwood – all agreed.
- d) Following complaints a letter was sent to the occupiers of “The Squirrel “ to remove the orange cones and replace with something more appealing. A reply has been received saying that an alternative method had been purchased and would be erected soon. Councillor Morgan advised that a chain fence has been erected which whilst preferable to the cones , is incorrectly sited. Councillor Morgan provided documentation from the Appeal clearly showing the correct boundary. The Clerk was asked to inform Shropshire Councils Highways and Planning Departments of this infringement and to write to the occupiers asking them to move the fence to the correct position as shown in the documentation
- e) KS Landscapes have quoted £70 per cut for mowing the Recreation Ground. Following a discussion it was decided that K&G Landscapes should retain the contract for this year. The Clerk will advise the respective firms appropriately.

### **Any Other Business**

The Clerk was asked to chase up Messrs Benbow to fell the leylandii on the Recreation Ground. A branch has fallen down in the recent storms and action is required to prevent any further damage.

Councillor Mackie reported that the future of the Local Joint Committee is up for review. There are no funds available for grants and it is unlikely any funds will be available in the future. Shropshire Council has asked for views on if or in what way the LJC's ( there are some 30 Committees areas for Shropshire ) should proceed. It was decided at the LJC for this area that it should exist as a formal platform for Parish and Town Councils with mutual interests having a defined channel to Shropshire Council ( providing a service agreement is in place with Shropshire Council for raising and rectifying issues )

The Clerk is unable to attend the next meeting scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> March and requested that the meeting be moved. It was agreed that the meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.**

**The next Parish Council Meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014**