

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 13th May 2010

**Present:** Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mrs R. Revel, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge and Mr R. Downes. Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk) and a member of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mr P. Perry and County Councillor Mrs K. Calder

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

1. **Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 179**  
The Clerk advised he had written to Lucy McFarlane (SC), to ascertain any progress, but to date had no reply. He will pursue the matter further.
2. **State of Roads - Item 180**  
In the absence of Councillor Calder, the question of Salt Bins will be held in abeyance. It was reported that several pot holes have re-appeared in Wood Lane and these have been reported to Shropshire Council. Councillor Powell added that the state of the road in Kenstone was suffering from pot holes and Councillor Parker reported pot holes at the entrance to the Lyon Hall car park and on the pavement immediately adjacent. Clerk to pursue the matter further.
3. **Public Transport to Telford - Item 181**  
Speaking for Councillor Calder, Councillor Underwood stated she now had the name of the 'man in charge', Mr Jonathan Hayes, and would be taking the matter of Route 342 up with him.
4. **Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 182**  
The Clerk advised that having approached SC with regard to the pot holes, he had been told they could not assist, as the road was unadopted and they had strict instructions from Shrewsbury not to get involved.
5. **Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 183**  
Shropshire Council have advised that Option 2 has been put forward for consideration for inclusion in this years' budget. Mr Gradwell promised to advise of any further developments.
6. **Gateway for Wollerton - Item 184**  
No further information has been received, but it is hoped the new measures will be initiated sometime in May.
7. **Parish Plan - Item 185**  
**Q29. Restriction of HGV's through Hodnet.**  
A letter received from SC stated that 'funding for the introduction of traffic management measures such as weight restriction orders is limited and the demand for such schemes outstrips the resources available.' Furthermore, a scheme for the introduction of a weight restriction would not receive sufficient priority to be considered for inclusion in our Capital Works Programme at the present time'. 'This issue is being encountered across the country

and is something the Department for Transport is currently investigating'. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Owen Paterson MP, to pursue the matter further and obtain, from SC, the results of the recent traffic survey conducted in Marchamley.

**Q36. Housing Associations.**

The Clerk advised he had written to the Bromford Group, who stated they were happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter of local communities having an input into policy decisions by Housing Associations. A letter to Meres & Mosses had received a reply suggesting a member of the community join the Towns & Rural Communities Association (TARCA) and attend the next meeting. Councillor Taylor volunteered to attend and the Clerk was asked to get further details.

**Q38. Recreation Ground - Paved Footpath**

It was agreed that this matter should be raised at the next site meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee.

**8. Land Registry - Voluntary Registering of Parish Council Property - Item 186**

The Chairman advised that all Registration had been completed. The Clerk advised that Land Registry had informed him the Dog Pound did not belong to the Parish Council, and therefore could not be registered. It was agreed that in the absence of any legal owner, the Parish Council would continue to maintain the pound.

**9. Parish Plan - Hodnet Parish Website - Item 188**

Councillor Cope requested that Hodnet 2000 Education Trust be included on the website. Councillor Underwood suggested he liaise with Mr Cope to discuss the matter further. Councillor Cope also volunteered to assist with the new website.

**10. Parish Plan - Footpaths**

Councillor Underwood expressed interest in looking at the possibility of footpaths between Wollerton and Hodnet and Marchamley and Hodnet. In the past it had been determined that pavements were far too expensive and permissive footpaths would need the co-operation of landowners. Councillor Taylor added she had spoken, in the past, to agents for the Leverhulme estates, who had not shown any interest in the proposals. Councillor Underwood suggested the Parish Plan Footpath Group could carry the idea further and asked for the 'blessing' of the Parish Council, which was willingly given.

**11. Parish Plan - Litter Bins**

After due discussion, it was decided that no action need be taken at the present time, but if a definite need arose for more litter bins, the matter would be addressed.

**12. Training Evening for Councillors and Clerks**

Mr P. Morton of Shropshire Council invites members to attend a 'Code of Conduct' training course at Cheswardine Village Hall on Wednesday 26th May at 6.30pm. The following members agreed to attend:- Councillor Newitt, Councillor Revel, Councillor Parker, Councillor Underwood and the Clerk.

**13. Plant a Tree in Marchamley**

A member of the public had asked if it would be possible to plant a tree on the small traffic island in Marchamley. Councillor Powell advised it had been tried in the past, but the ground was very stony and there was little chance of any tree developing. He agreed to look at the feasibility of a potted tree being planted. The Clerk suggested a removable flag pole could be installed for use on specific occasions, but the idea was discounted.

**14. Hodnet Parish Brochure**

Councillor Underwood proposed the existing brochure be updated and put on the Hodnet Website in PDF form. He had spoken with the Graphics Designer Norman Jones, who had quoted a price of £160 + VAT. This cost could be recovered by asking existing and any new sponsors to pay a further £10. The motion was seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed. The Clerk agreed to contact the sponsors.

**15. Lyon Hall - Entrance to Car Park Surfacing**

Councillor Parker drew to the attention of members, the poor state of surfacing and asked if repairs could be carried out. The Clerk was asked to contact Trevor Goodwin. It was made clear that any necessary repair work to the adjacent pavement was the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

Incidental to the above, it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Lyon Hall Management Committee for the impressive refurbishment of the hall.

**16. Acceptance of Accounts for 2009/2010**

Acceptance of Accounts for 2009/2010 was proposed by Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor Parker and all agreed.

**17. Determination of Planning Applications**

In answer to Councillor Powells' query with regard to the number of applications pertaining to removal or pruning of trees and whether they warranted application for Planning Permission, SC advised that they only required an application after site visits with owners to determine the need for planning permission. Applications were kept to a minimum. All species of trees came under the Planning Act of 1990, whether indigenous or not.

**18. Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 09/03052/FUL - Amended Planning Application** for erection of temporary seasonal rearing pens and outdoor runs; erection of maintenance/storage shed; formation of access track to include change of use of land at Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Councillor Powell attended the Appeal meeting on 11/05/2010 and on arrival was informed the Inspector had already heard an appeal by the applicant 3 years ago and could not sit on this appeal. Therefore there was no appeal hearing. The Planning Department had also lifted the Stop Notice on the applicant, despite several contraventions of the rules, including permanent residential caravans housing workers for over 12 months, in squalid conditions. The amended plan showed a reduction of roof height of approx 60cms, which was considered to be totally irrelevant. The supposed inclusion of an amended ecology report was not included. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Mark Perry (SC) to object in the strongest manner to this flagrant disregard of public opinion and continuous abuse of the planning regulations and criteria.

**19. Accounts - Expenditure**

West Shropshire Talking Newspapers - Funding Grant	£25.00
Hope House Children's Hospices - Funding Grant	£100.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care - Funding Grant	£50.00
Leverhulme Hesketh Trust - Footpath Rent - 01/03/2010 - 28/02/2011	£1.00
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire - 04/03/2010 (Parish Plan) & 25/03/2010	£32.00
Aon Ltd - Annual Insurance Premium	£1409.46
F. Bennett - Car Park Maintenance - 01/10/2009 - 31/03/2010	£100.00
V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Maintenance - March 2010	£107.65
NPower Ltd - Street Lighting Account - 01/01/2010 - 31/03/2010	£1133.40
Graham Withers - Professional Charges re Hodnet Social Club Lease	£88.13

NPower Ltd - Street Light Photo Cell Continuous Usage - 01/04/09 - 31/03/10	£94.21
Lyon Memorial Fund - Grant	£1000.00
D. Beddow & Co - Internal Audit 2009/2010	£67.75
<b>Accounts - Income</b>	
Shropshire Council - Annual Precept 2010/2011	£18000.00

**Total Balance in Accounts as at 13/05/2010** **£14174.24**

Payment of accounts was proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Hodge and all agreed.

## 20. Correspondence

SC - Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD: Issues & Options Consultation  
 SALC - Parish Pump magazine - March 2010  
 Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - Funding Request  
 Aon Ltd - Insurance Policy Transfer  
 Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club - Funding Request  
 SC - Shropshire Local Development Framework - Planning for a Flourishing Shropshire  
 SALC - Membership of Your County Association  
 SC - Shrewsbury North West Relief Road - Public Consultation  
 SC - Planning Application Appeal Hearing - Cheshire Game Supplies - 11/05/2010  
 SC - Consultation on a New Educational Vision and Criteria to Review Primary and Secondary Schools  
 SC - Notification of LJC Meeting 12/05/2010 - Hinstock  
 SC - LJC Agenda for Meeting on 12th May 2010 and Minutes of Meeting held on 10th March 2010  
 RoSPA - Notification of Annual Playground Inspection - June 2010  
 North Shropshire Association of Local Councils - Minutes of Meeting held on 15th April 2010  
 Hodnet Sports Association - Request for Financial Assistance for Changing Rooms  
 SC - Site Allocations and Management of Development - Issues & Options DVD Presentation  
 SC - Draft Code of Practice for the Agricultural Use of Poultry Manure - Consultation Document

## 21. Matters Arising from Correspondence

**a) SC - Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD: Issues & Options Consultation**  
 Councillor Underwood, who had discussed this matter at the LJC meeting of 12th May, emphasised that the 'Site Allocation' maps, mentioned in the report, were possibilities only. The object of the consultation was for anyone to make comments and raise issues re development boundaries and potential sites. The Chairman considered this matter to be too important to discuss on this occasion and asked for a special meeting to be called for the 25th May. Clerk to arrange. It was further agreed that the Issues & Options Stage Response Form be sent to each Councillor prior to the meeting.

**b) SALC - Membership of your County Association**  
 It was agreed that membership of Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC), would not be considered on grounds of cost.

**c) SC - North West Relief Road - Public Consultation**  
 It was agreed this matter be discussed at the meeting on 25th May 2010.

**d) SC - Draft Code of Practice for the Agricultural Use of Poultry Manure**  
 It was agreed this matter be raised at the next Parish Council meeting on 17th June 2010.

**e) Maurice Chandler Sports Centre, Hodnet Luncheon Club, Hodnet Sports Association**  
 It was decided the requests for funding from the above organisations should be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting on 17th June.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm