

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 14th January 2010

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker and Mr R. Downes, Mr D. Hodge, Mr P. Perry, Mrs R. Revel and Mr A. Cope.

Also present were Group Captain Warren James, (RAF Shawbury), Squadron Leader Neil Hope, (RAF Shawbury), County Councillor Mrs K. Calder, Sharon Cannon, (Community Support Officer), Mr Winston Brown, (Market Drayton Advertiser), and Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk).

Apologies: None

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Group Captain James to take the floor.

He began by giving an overview of RAF Shawbury and its relationship with the community. He was in the process of visiting some 23 Parish Councils within the immediate vicinity and thanked HPC for the excellent relationship it had with the RAF.

The level of existing operations stood at approximately 92,000 movements per year, with night flying being slightly increased due to training requirements for the war in Afghanistan. Throughout the year some 1000 trainees, covering Helicopter Flying Training, Air Traffic Control, Maintenance and Base Operations helped to put between 5 and 10 million pounds into the local economy and groups within the camp raised some £20,000 for local charities. All trainees, who range from 16 - 40 years old, participate in helping the local community. He intended for the base at Shawbury to be increasingly used for the community, with Car Boot Sales, Craft Fairs, etc. He offered to help the community and invited anyone with ideas to get in touch.

The Group Captain advised that Jet aircraft would be deployed to RAF Shawbury within the next 4/5 years and noise levels would change.

The floor was then opened for questions and he was asked why the change to jets was needed. He replied by saying that the modern role of helicopters required much larger aircraft, such as twin rotor helicopters and all required to be wheel based. At present, helicopters at Shawbury were skid based and much smaller. In order to train new helicopter pilots in the conditions they are likely to find on real operations, they needed sites abroad to simulate those conditions. Shawbury could not fulfil those requirements. In answer to another question, the Group Captain advised that some 79 Relief Landing Grounds were available for his helicopters, and all of them were provided on a voluntary basis by land owners. He expressed his gratitude and said operations could not continue without the co-operation of such people.

The Chairman thanked Group Captain James and Squadron Leader Hope for coming. The Chairman then invited Community Support Officer Sharon Cannon to take the floor.

Sharon began by thanking the Parish Council for funding the Police Mail Box and Signage. She continued by advising that the Meadow Community Hall was being set up as a meeting point for the Police and the Community, and a PACT meeting would be organised shortly. Another project was the North Shropshire Safety Partnership, involving all the Emergency Services, to create safer roads in Shropshire.

Councillor Mr Underwood and Councillor Mr Cope raised the problem of speeding motor cyclists through Wollerton and Hodnet, particularly when the 'bikers' have their meetings at the Stormy Petrel at Tern Hill. Sharon advised that PC Mick Sturland, who attended all the meetings, had initiated safety training and advised bikers that the law, by use of a speed gun, would be enforced.

She added that it was more of a deterrent and catching of all speeding bikers was not possible, due to manpower levels, and at the request of the Chairman, she would bring the concerns of the Parish Council to the attention of Inspector Sarah Wagstaff.

The Chairman thanked Sharon for coming to the meeting.

135. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2009

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

136. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 115

The Chairman advised that no further progress had been reported and hoped SC would attend to the matter now that Christmas and the New Year were over.

137. State of Roads - Item 116

Several members reported that 'Grit Boxes' had either disappeared or were empty during the adverse weather, and side roads, crucial to residents, had never been gritted. Councillor Calder advised she would look into the matter of Grit Boxes and voice the concerns of members with regard to the side roads. Potholes, reported at the last meeting, had been repaired.

138. Public Transport to Telford - Item 118

The Clerk advised he had written to SC again, but due to increased cost, imposed by the operators, they would not consider the re-routing of Bus Service 342 through Wollerton. Councillor Underwood referred to the Parish Plan and suggested that several people would use the proposed route and so pay for itself. Councillor Calder agreed to take the matter up with SC.

139. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 119

The Clerk advised he had written to Meres & Mosses, but to date had no further progress to report.

140. Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 120

The Clerk advised he had not heard from the school, but would follow up the matter.

141. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 122

There was still strong concerns being voiced over speeding through Wollerton, Hodnet and the road leading to Marchamley and further calming measures were needed. Councillor Calder suggested a new survey be conducted on Drayton Road, Hodnet and the results of a recent survey in Shrewsbury Street should be obtained. Clerk to contact SC.

Councillor Cope advised he had repeatedly informed the Police of speeding motorists, but never heard anything further. It was hoped these complaints were followed up and warnings duly issued. Members were encouraged to report any speeding incidents to the Police.

142. Street Light Numbering - Item 124

The Clerk advised the cost of renumbering all street lights and cleaning of all glass domes would be £15.46 per light, or £15.00 per light if over 50. After due discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor Parker, that only the numbering should be carried out. All agreed.

143. Parish Plan - Item 126

Councillor Morgan advised that a meeting of all 'Parish Plan Volunteers' had been arranged for Thursday 21st January at 7.30pm and the Parish Plan should be put on the agenda for the

next Parish Council meeting.

144. Adoption of Telephone Boxes in Hodnet and Marchamley - Item 128

The Clerk advised he had requested BT to carry out maintenance work on the telephone kiosks, but to date had not received any reply.

145. Land Registry - Voluntary Registering of Parish Council Property - Item 129

Having had a meeting with Mr A. Rowlands of Land Registry, the Clerk advised the process would take some time and registering of the 'Dog Pound' might prove difficult as there was no paperwork to substantiate the claim of ownership. Councillor Taylor advised that she recalled a new fence round the pound had been erected some 50 years ago by the Parish Council. This and other evidence of maintenance would be put to Land Registry. The Recreation Ground, Lyon Hall Car Park and the Cattle Pound at Wollerton, should not prove difficult to register.

146. LJC Meeting - 16/12/2009 - Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet - 7.00pm

Councillor Calder advised that owing to the economic climate, severe cuts in services would be imposed this coming financial year. There was expected to be a shortfall of between 10% - 20% in government funding. Next year should prove to be better.

147. Request to Conduct Maintenance Work on Rec. Ground Cycle Track - Item 134c

The Chairman advised he had not received a reply to his request from the boy 'Ken' to meet with him to discuss the matter. No further action will be taken.

148. BT Cable Laying - Recreation Ground

The Clerk read a letter from BT requesting permission to lay a cabling trench along the recreation ground side of Station Road. In light of the close proximity to the footpath and the concern with regard to tree roots and the proposed 'wayleave' offered by BT, It was agreed that further advice should be sought. Councillor Powell advised he would contact a Land Agent.

149. Parish Precept 2010/2011

After due discussion, Councillor Perry proposed the Precept be set at £17,500. An amended amount of £18,000 was proposed by Councillor Newitt. The amended proposal was accepted by 6 votes to 5.

150. Determination of Planning Applications

Ref: No. 09/02841/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side elevation at Ashleigh, 14 Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

Ref: No. 09/02983/FUL - Alterations and extensions including raising of roof structure to provide first floor living accommodation, erection of a sun room, replacement of flat roof over garage with a pitched roof and associated external works at 4 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

Ref: No. 09/03156/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side elevation and porch to front elevation at 12 The Crescent, Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

151. Planning Applications

None

152. Accounts - Expenditure

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| J.S. Ridgway & Sons - Annual Hedge Cutting, Station Road, etc. | £71.87 |
| Shrewsbury High School - Printing of Copies of Parish Plan | £23.40 |
| Lyon Memorial Fund - Hodnet Medical Centre Wayleave Payment | £480.00 |
| NPower Ltd - Street Lighting Account - 01/10/2009 - 31/12/2009 | £1122.61 |
| Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire - 10/12/2009 | £16.00 |
| Thankyou Gift for Maryjayne Rees - Secretary of Parish Plan Committee | £65.48 |

Accounts - Income

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| Mr A.E.H. Heber-Percy - Part Funding of New Street Light - Church Street. | £750.00 |
| Fortis Insurance - Repairs to Street Light Damaged by Vehicle Collision | £199.41 |
| C.O.I.F. Dividend - 01/09/2009-30/11/2009 | £266.17 |
| Fortis Insurance - Repairs to Column and Surroundings at Lyon Hall Car Park | £640.00 |
| Hodnet Medical Centre - Wayleave 2009 | £480.00 |
| E-on Central Networks - Station Road Wayleaves 2010/2011 | £54.61 |
| Nat West Bank Plc. - Interest from 01/10/2009 - 31/12/2009 | £1.17 |

Total Balance in Accounts as at 14/01/2010 **£3160.88**

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

153. Correspondence

Councillor Mrs A. Taylor - Thankyou Letter

SC - Standards in Local Government - Role and Purpose of the Standards Committee

SC - Annual Emergency Planning Briefing - Shirehall, Shrewsbury - Tues 2nd February 2010

SC - Rural Community Engagement: Hubs and Clusters of Sustainable Communities

West Mercia Police Authority - Your Police Service 2010 and Beyond - Consultations

SC - A New Charter for more effective Local Government in Shropshire - Draft Copy for Consultation.

SC - Review of Public Conveniences

154. Matters Arising from Correspondence

None

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm