

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 14th May 2009

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

Also present was County Councillor Mrs K. Calder, Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk), PC Mick Sturland, CSO Sharon Cannon from West Mercia Constabulary, and a member of the press.

The Chairman welcomed everyone, and prior to the meeting proper, invited PC Sturland to take the floor.

He began by issuing details of crime figures for Market Drayton Rural South, emphasising the increase in agricultural burglaries, with tractors being targeted and shipped abroad to Eastern European countries. He asked that everyone be vigilant. he also left details of the 'Rural Watch'.

Another concern raised was the complaints about speeding outside Hodnet Primary School. He stated that a survey had been conducted and the results of the data collected would be announced soon. He also advised that speed limits in Wollerton, Hodnet and Marchamley were not being complied with. Councillor Calder suggested there should be a meeting between SC Highways, The School, The Police and The Parish Council. This was agreed and Mrs Calder advised she would liase with the Clerk.

Councillor Taylor asked 'how things were' in Station Road. PC Sturland advised that at present everything was quiet, but expected the situation to change with the coming of lighter evenings and school holidays.

Councillor Powell asked if the 'Speed Gun' could be used in Marchamley. PC Sturland stated he would do this as and when time allowed.

The Chairman thanked PC Sturland and the CSO for coming, then proceeded with the Parish Council meeting.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mr D. Hodge

- 1. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2009 – Item 149**  
Councillor Taylor proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings, seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.
- 2. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton – Item 150**  
This matter had been discussed prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting, and after due deliberation, Councillor Underwood had proposed the Parish Council make a formal application to reinstate a footpath, with preference being given to Cow Lane. This was seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed with one objection. The proposal was carried. (See separate report).
- 3. Installation of Playground Equipment – Item 151**  
The Clerk advised that Playdale Playgrounds had conducted repairs to the artificial surfacing, by pumping concrete under the subsiding areas.

- 4. Traffic Calming Measures for Marchamley and Wollerton - Item 153**  
Councillor Calder advised that delay in progress had been caused by the formation of a new interim Regulatory Committee, which would convene on 23rd June to discuss the matter.
- 5. State of Roads - Kenstone - Item 154**  
The Clerk advised that SC had made temporary repairs to all the areas of concern. Councillor Morgan and Councillor Newitt pointed out that these repairs were already deteriorating. Councillor Powell advised that although repairs to potholes had been made in Kenstone, the edges of the roads were still in a poor state and mud was still a big issue. The Clerk was asked to write to SC. again.
- 6. Street Lighting at Top of Hodnet Village - Item 156**  
The Chairman advised he and Councillor Powell had held a meeting with Mr Heber-Percy and general agreement had been reached for a light to be erected on the corner of the Bear Hotel, by the rear entrance on Shrewsbury Street. Several options for lamp designs had been put forward, but more were awaited. It was decided that further discussion would take place at the next meeting. It was also agreed that repainting of existing lamp posts in Shrewsbury Street should be considered, with 'black' being the favoured colour. The Clerk was asked to get three quotes for the work. The columns in question to be from Hodnet Service Station to the top of Shrewsbury Street.
- 7. Parish Council Notice Board in Wollerton - Item 157**  
The Clerk advised he had contacted Mr I. Jones, who was happy to refurbish existing notice boards and build a new one for the exterior wall of Wollerton Room. It was pointed out that this would have to be built along the lines of the one outside the Lyon Hall, but without a lock. The Clerk was asked to seek permission from the Wollerton Room Committee to erect the new board on the wall of the building.
- 8. Speed Cameras - Item 159**  
Councillor Calder advised she would pursue the matter with other parties.
- 9. Funding Requests - Item 160**  
The Chairman advised that application for funding had been made by Hodnet Luncheon Club, just one day after the last meeting and requested it be included in the already approved list of grants. Approval for a £100 grant was proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.
- 10. CCLA Management Ltd - COIF Account - Item 147**  
The Clerk advised that due to the economic recession, the fund had lost some £11,000 in value, but recommended it remain in the fund as this type of investment was always prone to rises and falls and in due course would rise again and re-establish better levels.
- 11. Verbal Complaint re Planning Application No. 09/70036/FUL - Item 162**  
Councillor Calder advised that 30 complaints had been received with regard to the approved application. The Clerk advised he had replied to the original complainant.
- 12. Verbal Complaint re Hedge Cuttings at Lawn Cottage, Hodnet - Item 163**  
The Clerk advised that all hedge cuttings had now been removed. It was agreed that a site meeting be held with regard to the surfacing of the Social Club car park. The date was set for Tuesday 19th May at 7.00pm. Councillor Perry suggested that the cost of any repairs should be partially met by Shropshire Council. Any decision to be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.
- 13. Bromford Group - Proposed Development at Station Road, Hodnet - Item 168a**

The Clerk advised that The Bromford Group had informed him that all proposals had been shelved, due to the economic climate.

**14. Letter from Resident of Wollerton re The Squirrel Inn - Item 168b**

Having written to Environmental Health & Safety, Trading Standards, Public Protection Dept. at Shropshire Council and the Planning Enforcement Officer, the Clerk advised that various members of the above had visited The Squirrel Inn, some on more than one occasion, and had come to the conclusion that nothing official could be done, as the car park was not a health hazard and keeping it in a tidy state was a private matter. The Planning Enforcement Officer informed the Clerk that up to 2 vehicles could be 'for sale' without contravening any laws. He advised that the landlord had only put up vehicles for sale during the quiet months, but now that outside catering business was coming into season, sales would cease. Trading Standards stated that the whole matter was not within their jurisdiction.

**15. Allotments**

Councillor Calder advised that arrangements for allotments had already been made for the children at Hodnet School. The Clerk stated that no mention of allotments had been made in the survey for the Parish Plan. It was suggested by Councillor Powell that a notice be placed in the Parish Magazine and on the notice boards, asking for views on the matter.

**16. Access Steps to Lyon Hall Car Park**

Following a verbal report on the condition of two railings, the Clerk advised he had inspected the scene and observed the corroded sections. He considered the matter required attention and suggested that Mr N. Thomas of Drayton Road Garage be asked to repair the railings. This was proposed by Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor Perry and all agreed. The railings to be painted black.

**17. Lyon Memorial Hall - Support for Funding Application**

Councillor Parker outlined plans for the main hall and advised that funding needed would amount to some £50,000 and a grant had been applied for. To help in the application, he asked that the Parish Council give its written support to the project. He further suggested that financial support in the region of £1000 be considered. Councillor Taylor proposed that as Trustees of the Lyon Hall, the Parish Council should give its written support and arrange for a grant of £1000. Seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed.

**18. Public Transport to Telford**

The Chairman asked that this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

**19. Marchamley Bus Shelter**

The Clerk advised that Mr Reg Anslow of Marchamley had repainted the bus shelter with wood preservative and considered his public spirit deserved a token of appreciation from the Parish Council. Councillor Newitt proposed that he be given wine up to the value of £10. This was seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.

**20. Determination of Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 09/70158/FUL** - Erection of first floor to side elevation at 54 Wood Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

**21. Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 09/00005/FUL** - Extension to form new garage and bedroom and bathroom at 3, The Woodlands, Peplow, Market Drayton. **No objections.**

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**22. Accounts - Expenditure**

Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - Funding Grant	£250.00
Severn Hospice - Funding Grant	£100.00
Hodnet Joint H.Q. Management Committee - Funding Grant	£100.00
West Shropshire Talking Newspaper - Funding Grant	£25.00
St. Luke's Church, Hodnet - Churchyard Maintenance Grant	£850.00
Hodnet Pre-school Playgroup - Funding Grant	£100.00
Samaritans - Funding Grant	£100.00
V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Repairs for Feb 2009	£136.27
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire 12/03/09 (PPC) 26/03/09 (PC)	£32.00
NPower Ltd - Street Lighting Account - 01/09/2009 - 31/03/2009	£1097.06
Allianz Annual Insurance Premium	£1342.27
Hodnet Luncheon Club - Funding Grant	£100.00
<b>Accounts – Income</b>	
SCC - Annual Precept for 2009/2010	£16,000.00
HMRC - VAT repayment for period 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009	£209.13

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

**23. Correspondence**

Hodnet Senior Citizens Fellowship & Luncheon Club - Request for Funding  
Shropshire Council (SC) - Local Joint Committees - New Reorganisation  
Wrekin View Naturist Club - Invitation to Biennial Open Evening  
SC - Notification of European Parliamentary Elections - 4th June 2009  
Mr I. Etherington - Notification of his cessation as a councillor for NSDC  
PC Mick Sturland - Community Crime Fighter for Market Drayton Rural South  
SC - Local Joint Committee Representation  
RoSPA - Notification of Annual Playground Inspection - June 2009

**24. Matters Arising from Correspondence**

**a) Shropshire Council - Local Joint Committees - New Reorganisation**

It was agreed at the Annual Parish Council meeting that Councillor Underwood act as the Parish Council representative and the Clerk would advise SC accordingly.

**b) Wrekin View Naturist Club Invitation to Bi-annual Open Evening.**

After due discussion, nobody appeared interested in taking up the invitation.

**25. Any Other Business**

**Pandemics - Volunteer Groups**

Councillor Calder outlined a plan for volunteer groups to be formed in the event of a pandemic. They would be responsible for giving support to affected patients in ways such as collecting prescriptions, shopping, etc. Mrs Calder was looking to set up a group in Hodnet, with herself and Rev. Charmian Beech as contacts. The Chairman volunteered and Councillor Parker put forward his wives' name. It was hoped that the project would spread throughout Shropshire.

**26. Items for the next Agenda**

**Overhead Cables in Hodnet and Marchamley - Councillor Powell**

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

