

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 15 December 2011

Present ; Councillors Mr J Powell (Chairman) Mr D Hodge (Vice Chairman), Mr R Underwood, Mr J Parker, Mrs A Taylor ,Mr R Downes, Mr M Morgan, Mr H Trevor, Mr N Newitt, Mrs R Revel Councillor Mr A Cope, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

Also present Mrs C Tellwright, Mr Morgan and PC Sturland

Apologies: None

Mrs Tellwright and Mr Morgan attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding Planning Application 11/04429/FUL - Land at Lostford Lane. Councillor Powell advised that this matter was on the Agenda for Council discussion later in this meeting. This application is a scaled down version of a previous allocation which was refused but many of the previous objection have not been addressed and geographical difficulties are obviously the same .Mrs Tellwright outlined her objections which were noted by the Council for further discussion at this meeting - **see Item 73**.

The Council was also advised of a water leak on Mickley Lane. Water is running down the lane and recent frosts have made the road treacherous. Severn Trent have been in attendance from August and as recently as October but the problem has not been solved. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Severn Trent and request urgent repair.

PC Sturland had been invited to the meeting as concerns had been raised regarding speeding in Hodnet, Wollerton and Marchamley. Travelled speeds taken on 6 December indicate that Wollerton and Marchamley are above the Department of Transport's criteria for the current 30mph limit. Brian Williams the Police traffic Management Officer has liaised with Dave Gradwell the Shropshire Council lead on Highways to include further traffic engineering measures to meet the travelled speed criteria. Such engineering measures as advised by the Dept. of Transport should ensure better compliance on a 24hour a day basis and bring benefits to residents. Further discussions with the Highway Authority regarding village speed limits will take place in January. The Council requested that the Clerk write to the Chief of Police outlining our concerns in this matter.

PC Sturland was thanked for his attendance.

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

Councillor Powell declared an interest in **Item 62** and did not take part in the discussion.

Councillor Morgan declared an interest in Planning Ref11/05195/FUL **Item 73** and removed himself from the room whilst the matter was discussed.

Matter Arising

62. Marchamley Road Footpath - Item 13

Councillor Underwood gave a summary of the results from the recent survey

Return rate from Hodnet 20%

Return rate from Marchamley 34%

Overall return rate 24%

76% of Hodnet respondents would use the footpath at least monthly

82% of Marchamley respondents would use the footpath at least monthly

Indicated usage

	Hodnet	Marchamley
Daily	7	15
Weekly	52	32
Monthly	35	21
Annually	2	8

Councillor Underwood proposed that the matter be passed back to the footpath group to take forward, taking advice from Shropshire Councils Access Development Officer and consider drawing up detailed proposals together with costings/funding streams for the scheme. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Revel and all agreed.

63. Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Item 29

The Clerk reported numbers of children attending Hodnet School have been received but numbers for Children living in the Parish but not attending that School are difficult to calculate. A general discussion took place and it was decided that 250 mugs be ordered.

64. Accounts

Expenditure	
H G Ash Ltd	465.60
Lyon Hall	18.00
Lyon Memorial Fund	500.00
Timberlink	14.82
Society of Local Councils	97.00
Mrs M Rees Salary	1125.00
Mrs M Rees Expenses	164.78
Mr S Lloyd Bus Shelter	410.00
British Legion	15.00

Receipts	
Hodnet Medical Centre Wayleave	500.00

Total Balances at Bank as at 15.12.11

£9472.14

Payment of accounts was proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Hodge

All agreed

65. Land at Old Auction Yard - Item 54

Unitary Councillor Calder advised that the land was no longer owned by Shropshire Council as it had been sold on last May and since then has changed hands. However that did not preclude the Parish Council identifying the plot in the Place Plan for a possible development site. Councillor Calder will try to ascertain the new owners as the Council is still keen for the site to be tidied up.

66. Precept

Following a general discussion it was agreed that the precept for 2012/2013 be reduced to £17,000.

67. Footpath adjacent to A53 emerging at Espley Roundabout. – Item 59

The Clerk advised that this footpath is under the care of the Highways Division and they advised that the ‘kissing gates’ had been installed to prevent animals straying on to the highway, however they understood our concerns and would look at providing alternative gates.

68. Cardboard Recycling - Item 61a

Following a request by the Clerk for clarification, Shropshire Council replied that as the requirement to remove Cardboard from composting waste had been imposed so quickly that future plans for Cardboard Recycling had not yet been finalised. Councillor Calder advised of a temporary Christmas scheme provided by Pink Skips, for a charge of £25 the will site a skip for recycling of Cardboard only.

69. Salary Review

It was proposed by Councillor Newitt that remuneration for Frances Bennett and Phil Wellings would remain the same as last year, seconded by Councillor Parker all agreed.

70. The Squirrel at Wollerton

An Enforcement Officer has attended the premises and it clear from the signage removal ,that the present incumbents do not intend to use the property for business. An Agent has been engaged and it is envisaged that a retrospective Change of Use application will be applied for in the New Year. The Council are still very concerned for the future of this property and will not be minded to support such an application.

71. Marchamley Bus Shelter

The shelter has now been restored and the Clerk will seek reimbursement from the farmer who accidentally damaged it.

72. Market Drayton Place Plan – Item 41

Councillor Hodge had provided the Council with a detailed paper with amendments to Hodnet Parish submission to Market Drayton and Surrounding Area Place Plan 2011/2012. The Council’s vision for Hodnet is :-

A sustainable and vibrant community that seeks to maintain its existing social and economic infrastructure while encouraging investment and further employment opportunities together with the provision of limited housing development in character with the village to meet the needs of local young families and an ageing population.

A general discussion took place and it was agreed that Councillor Hodge should go ahead and submit these amendments. The Chairman and the rest of the Councillors thanked Councillor Hodge for all his hard work in producing this document.

73. Planning Applications

Ref 11/04429/FUL - Erection of an agricultural storage building and 5 no. wooden sheds to house ducks and geese with chicken wire runs; retention of hardcore track and hardstanding- Land at Lostford Lane Lostford Shropshire – **initial objection registered**

The Council is very concerned with many aspects of this Application it is very similar to a previous Application at this site which was refused but none of the previous problems have been addressed The Council **object** to this Application

- Visual Impact – the proposed building is enormous and not in keeping with the development.
- The Building is to be used to house non Agricultural equipment from other sites.
- The proposed site is badly drained as a previous occurrence of pollution to a local water course had demonstrated.
- There are conflicting and numerical inaccuracies in the application relating to number and time required for rearing ducks.
- A previous enforcement notice to remove hardcore has yet to be complied with.
- The Access road is neither suitable for heavy vehicles nor increased volume of traffic.

Ref 11/04865/LBC 11/04864/FUL – Conversion of existing Barns into five residential dwellings with erection of new garage block following demolition of metal framed sheds affecting Grade 11 Listed Building at Cotton Farm, Stoke Upon Tern Market Drayton TF9 3JQ- **This Application does not fall within Hodnet Parish boundary**

Ref 11/05007FUL – Renovation and conversion of farmhouse to form two dwellings: conversion of barns to form four dwellings to include insertion of rooflights; erection of 4 bay garage block; installation of bio disc drainage system, formation of car parking and amenity areas, Bowling Green Farm, The Avenue, Peplow. - **Supported**

11/05197/FUL - Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act for the change of use of land for stationing of caravans for residential occupation with associated development to include day room and septic tank, Former Goods Yard Station Road Hodnet Shropshire. **Object**

- The site is not suitable for domestic use
- The site has a very high water table and not suitable for a septic tank
- The proposed septic tank is only 30metres from the water supply
- The proposed Change of use will prejudice future development of the site as an Industrial area.
- There are suitable Caravan pitches available within 2 miles of this plot.
- Access is via a narrow lane which is frequently used by walkers

11/05195/FUL - Conversion of existing barn and stable block into provide a three bedroom dwelling, together with the erection of a two bay car port and installation of a bio-disc drainage system Woodlands Farm Wood Lane Wollerton Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3NY - **Supported**

74. Correspondence

Letter - Ms M Williams – Marchamley Footpath – **discussed within Item 62**

E Mail – Sam Robinson – Skatepark

Letter – Mr M Batkin – Marchamley Footpath – **discussed within Item 62**

SC – Torch Relay

Letters – Mr E McCall - Land at Webster Lane – **discussed within Item 73**

Shropshire Housing Group Annual Report

Citizens Advice Shropshire – Annual Impact Report

Market Drayton Rural Policing Team Newsletter

SC – Integration of Corporate Support Services

Letter – Ms C Beech – re Housing

Matters Arising from Correspondence

a) Skatepark

The Council wished to know more details of the request for a Skatepark. For example approximate size, location and how many would use it. The Clerk will write for more details.

b) The Rector has written to the Chairman expressing her concern regarding Meres & Mosses housing stock in Marchamley. There is a particular house which is in a poor state of repair and apparently inadequate for the number of people residing there. In addition the properties on Castle View should have some secondary means of heating water, should their supply of Heating Oil run out. The Clerk was asked to contact Meres and Mosses and request their comments.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50pm