

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 16th December 2010

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mr A. Cope, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mrs R. Revel and Mr H. Trevor. Also present was Mrs K. Calder (SC) and Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk).

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr Howard Trevor as the newly co-opted Councillor.

Apologies: Councillors Mr D. Hodge and Mr R. Downes

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28th October 2010

Councillor Underwood proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings, seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed, subject to the following amendment:-

Item 86 should have read 'information from the Hodnet brochure and not the brochure itself would be put on the Hodnet Website'.

101. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 82

Councillor Underwood advised that communications between the SC Countryside Access Team and interested parties had been established and it was hoped the matter could be progressed.

102. State of Roads - Item 83

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had informed him the damaged road signs on the Wollerton/Hodnet Bypass junction would be repaired within the next 4 weeks. Councillor Parker mentioned the need for a salt box in Church Street, as the recent weather conditions had caused a resident to fall. Councillor Trevor advised he had received a written request from a resident in Marchamley asking for salt bins to be placed in School Lane. Topping up existing boxes was also requested. Councillor Kalder agreed to look into the matter as soon as possible

103. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 84

Four quotations for resurfacing the road were put before the members and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification on the specifications from Masta Pave. He was also asked to approach Meres & Mosses, Severn Trent Water and all the private residents of Bean Bank to seek agreement on contributions towards the overall cost. It was expected that the cost would be in the region of £300 per party.

It was proposed by Councillor Newitt and seconded by Councillor Powell that ideas for creating a footpath across the Recreation Ground should be held over until the next meeting. All agreed.

104. Parking Outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 85

The Clerk advised he had received a letter from Shropshire Council confirming they would be happy to arrange for the provision of 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings, but not before the Safer Routes to School Team had liaised with the Headteacher.

105. Collapsed Culvert – Old Railway Line – Item 87

Councillor Parker advised that the temporary fencing, erected by Shropshire Council, consisted of barbed wire and he considered it to be a serious danger, particularly to children. The Clerk was asked to take the matter up with Shropshire Council.

- 106. Hedge Impedence from Hill Cottage to The Vineyard - Item 90**
The Clerk advised members he had written to the owners of the hedge, who had sent a written reply confirming he had made arrangements for a contractor to cut back the hedging as soon as the weather permitted.
- 107. Speeding Traffic - Station Road, Drayton Road and Lostford – Item 92**
The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from SC informing him that the request for a Vehicle Activated Sign had been forwarded to the Traffic Signals & Street Lighting Team, who in turn had written to confirm the request had been included on the list of VAS's for future consideration. In light of the current financial climate, it could be some time before the request was moved into the acceptance stage.
The request to SC for 30mph zones to be extended from Wollerton to Hodnet and from Hodnet to Marchamley has been declined as the current 'Village Speed Limit' policy would not permit such an extension.
Some members considered speeding through the existing 30mph zones was commonplace and the Clerk was asked to contact P.C. Sturland with a view to him utilizing the hand held speed gun, to deter would-be speeding drivers.
A letter from Arriva was read to the members, outlining the action taken against the reported speeding bus driver(s). It was hoped the problem would not occur again.
- 108. Litter Bins and Dog Litter Bins in Wollerton – Item 93**
The Clerk advised the Dog Litter Bin had now been installed in Wollerton.
- 109. Espley Roundabout – Sponsorship – Item 95**
The Clerk read a letter from SC, which discouraged the planting of flowers and shrubs, as this would lead to higher maintenance costs for the Council once the sponsorship came to an end. They did have a sponsorship scheme for cutting the grass, but the members considered the costs to be too high, i.e. £1000 sponsorship fee plus £300 per sign on the roundabout. Councillor Revel suggested the Probation Trust, working with young offenders, could be utilized, subject to approval from SC. The Clerk to investigate further.
Shropshire Council also advised that they did not consider the removal of tree guards on the bypass as a priority as it would cost approximately £10,000, and the photo-degradable guards would eventually break down. In the meantime, they would not damage the trees. The members considered the degrading of the guards would create an eyesore and it was suggested the Probation Trust could possibly carry out the work, subject to SC approval. Clerk to investigate further.
- 110. Shropshire Council Winter Review - 2010/2011**
This matter has been discussed under Item 102.
- 111. Vacancy for Parish Council Clerk**
The Clerk asked that the vacancy be publicised on the Hodnet Website, in the Press and on all notice boards. The position would be based on an average of 15 hours per week, with salary negotiable. The cut-off time for applications would be mid February, with interviews taking place before the end of February, in order for the successful applicant to 'learn the ropes' before taking over on 31st March 2011.
- 112. Precept 2011/2012**
Councillor Powell proposed the precept remain unchanged on £18,000 per annum. This was seconded by Councillor Newitt and all agreed.
- 113. A442 – Hodnet – Peplow - White Lining of Road.**
SC carried out initial investigations and declared the necessary criteria could not be met.

114. West Mercia Police – 30mph Signs on Wheelie Bins

The Clerk read an E-mail from P.C. Sturland, advising that stickers would be placed on Wheelie Bins in certain areas, which would remind motorists of the speed limit. The Clerk was asked to submit a request for stickers to be placed on bins in Drayton Road, Hodnet, Shrewsbury Street, the main road in Wollerton and the A442 in Marchamley.

115. Hodnet Pharmacy – Archive Material

Councillor Underwood advised he had been given a 'Prescription Book' at a LJC meeting, covering prescriptions issued from Hodnet Chemists' from 1919 – 1979. He considered it to be of great interest as a part of local medical history and should be preserved. He considered some of the information to be confidential as it contained details of existing people in the parish. Both Dr. Raichura and Dr. Mehta had agreed the record could be held at the Hodnet Medical Centre and Councillor Underwood proposed this should be the case, subject to an insert being placed in the book that Hodnet Parish Council was the owner and it was being entrusted to the Medical Centre. This was seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed.

116. Planning Applications

Ref: No. 10/04462/FUL – Erection of detached three bay open fronted garage with garden store and first floor games room at Barrow Cottage, 17-18, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LE. **No objections.**

Ref: No. 10/04920/FUL – Erection of a single storey rear extension at 7 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No objections.**

Ref: No. 10/05083/COU – Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the Change of Use of existing caravan from rest room to residential use (part retrospective) at Field No. 4515, Damson Lodge, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No objections.**

Determination of Planning Applications

Ref: No. 10/02936/FUL – Conversion of agricultural buildings to form three residential units with separate annexe to Unit 1 with glazed link and an additional extension to Unit 3 at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, market Drayton, TF9 3LJ. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

117. Accounts - Expenditure

Mr A.E.H. Heber-Percy – Hodnet Brochure Sponsorship Refund	£10.00
Mr G. Crooke	£10.00
Rocking Horse Workshop	£10.00
West Midlands Shooting Grounds	£10.00
Hodnet Village Stores	£10.00
Salop Motor Club Ltd	£10.00
Mulberry Bush Studio	£10.00
Rytex Kennels & Cattery	£10.00
The Bear Hotel	£10.00
Brady Corp Ltd – 'Dogs not Allowed Signs'	£24.19
Lyon Memorial Fund – Wayleave from Medical Centre	£480.00
Lyon Memorial Fund – Room Hire – 28/10/2010	£16.00
Mike Fox Training Services – Weed Spraying Programme 2010	£282.00
Royal British Legion – Remembrance Sunday Wreath (Paid 16/11/2010)	£16.50
Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – Membership Fee 2011	£95.00
Timberlink Ltd – Posts, Rails and Wiring for Maintenance on Rec/ School Footpath	£61.93
S. Howell-Jones – Salary for 01/10/2010 – 31/12/2010	£900.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs – PAYE for 05/10/2010 – 05/01/2011	£225.00
S. Howell-Jones – Expenses from 17/09/2010 – 16/12/2010	£211.07

Accounts - Income

Hodnet Medical Centre – Wayleave Payment for 01/10/2010-30/09/2011 £480.00

Total Balance in Accounts as at 28/10/2010 £7106.15

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

118. Correspondence

North Shropshire Safety Scene – Funding Request

SC – Memorial Carol Services – Emstrey Crematorium - 14th/15th December 2010

West Mercia Police – PC Mick Sturland – Crime Report for October 2010

West Mercia Police – Defend your Defender – Notice of Theft Warning

Miss M. Williams – Trees Overlooking Shrewsbury Street - Hodnet

Mr P.N. Rivers – Letter of Thanks re Traffic Problems in Drayton Road

West Midlands Ambulance Service - Plans for becoming an NHS Foundation Trust

Proposals to Amalgamate Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin NHS Trusts

SC – Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Type and Affordability of Housing

Shropshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter – Autumn 2010

Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust – A Healthier Future

Came & Co. Parish Council Insurance – Newsletter

Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing – A Practical Guide for Parish Councils

SLCC -Playground Inspection & Maintenance Course - Gobowen

SC – Changes to Waste Collection Days over the Christmas Season

Hope House Children's Hospice – Funding Request

Pentabus – Forthcoming Production in Local Village Halls

Market Drayton Town Council – Survey for Town Plan – Request for Suggestions and/or Comments

West Mercia Police Authority Consultation – Continued Effectiveness of Policing etc.

119. Matters arising from Correspondence**a) Miss M. Williams - Trees Overlooking Shrewsbury Street**

The Clerk advised he had written to Miss Williams, suggesting she write to the Land Agents for the Hodnet Estate. He had furnished her with the address.

b) SC – Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Type and Affordability of Housing

The Chairman requested this matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

120. Matters for the Next Agenda

See above.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm
and served delicious mince pies to all those present.