

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 16 May 2013

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

Also Present Nicola Parry C.S.O, Mr V Whiston, Mr P Benbow and Mr J Benbow

The Parish Council was advised by Messrs Benbow that Hodnet Fire Station was under threat of closure. The Chief Fire Officer facing a budget reduction of £1.6 million had identified cuts which he is being forced to consider including redundancies , merging brigades and closing on call fire stations in Clun, Baschurch, Prees and Hodnet. The Fire Authority is undertaking an impact assessment of the options available but in the meantime Hodnet Fire Station is gathering all the support it can to fight the threat of closure. The Parish Council voiced its overwhelming support for retention of the station and with the aid of data requested from Mr J Benbow will put together an informed response to the Fire Authority.

Mr Whiston addressed the Parish Council with his concerns about the parking and increased vehicles in connection with the Depot at Hearne Lane. In the past he had an understanding with the Depot that their staff would not use his driveway for turning round, unfortunately this is now happening frequently. Up to 20 vehicles including large trucks are being parked up Hearne Lane and often partly on the pavement causing difficulty to Mr Whiston and his neighbours. Truck drivers park in the lane between 6.30am and 7.30am awaiting instructions from the Depot. Mr Whiston is finding it increasingly frustrating to conduct his own business as deliveries to and sales from his farm requiring large vehicles have problems getting passed the parked vehicles. Councillor Powell thanked Mr Whiston and confirmed that the Parish Council was aware of this problem and will be liaising with the Depot to reach an early solution.

Councillor Powell announced the sad loss of two ex Parish Councillors Gerald Mothershaw and Phil Perry. Both had made significant contribution to Hodnet and would be sorely missed. The Parish Council had a moment of silence in remembrance of these fine gentlemen.

Mrs Ann Taylor who recently stepped down from being a Councillor was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Taylor has served many years on the Parish Council as a Councillor and also Chairman in 1997 for several years including 2003 when Hodnet By Pass was built. The Parish Council wished to acknowledge her long and diligent service to the community and presented her with a rose bush with their thanks.

Councillor Hodge took the Chair and thanked Councillor Powell for all his hard work.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2013 Councillor Underwood proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed.

1. Acceptance of Accounts 2012/2013

Acceptance of Accounts and approval of Annual Governance Statement Proposed by Councillor Powell and Seconded by Councillor Downes all agreed.

2. Vacancy – Hodnet Parish Council

The Clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy in the Market Drayton Advertiser, Hodnet Website and Parish Notice Boards. Applicants should forward their details to the Clerk by 13th June ahead of the next Parish Council Meeting.

3. Traffic Calming Measures

Unfortunately PC Sturland was unable to attend , however he sent his report which was presented CSO Parry. The Crime Report showed that Hodnet crime statistics are below the National Average. For some time now Safer Road Partnerships has carried out roadside enforcement near the school and their efforts has seen a reduction in average speeds over time. The Team have also taken possession of a hand held laser to carry out roadside enforcement and education. The Chairman thanked Ms Parry for her attendance and advised that the Parish Council will study the report and forward any questions to PC Sturland.

4. Hearne Lane – Councillor Cope

Councillor Cope provided photographic evidence of the problems caused by parked vehicles from the Hearne Lane Depot. Traffic volumes have definitely increased to and from the Depot. Sub contractors arriving in Road Sweepers, JCBs and other large plant just to sign in and out were exacerbating the congestion . Gritting lorries currently parked up at the Depot are taking up valuable space inside he Depot and therefore large HGV are being parked in the lane.

Unitary Councillor Calder suggested that the Liaison Group should be set up as soon as possible to try and come up with options to alleviate the current problems – she will follow this through with Ringway and Councillor Cope. However it was agreed that a long term solution must be found and Unitary Councillor Calder will set up a meeting with Ms C Wilde Highways and Transport Commissioning Shropshire Council and Councillors Powell and Hodge.

5. Abbots Way Development

Most of the Councillors attended the Consultation Meeting held on 14th May , the local attendance was much less than the previous meeting and in the absence of any fresh plans or drawings it was difficult to assess what Strutt Parker had in mind for any future planning submission. The Clerk advised that an email received from Strutt Parker today advise that they hoped new plans would be available in 2/3 weeks time.

6. Planning

Councillor Powell declared an interest in Planning Application 13/01478 and took no further part in the discussion

13/01466/DIS - Retention of hardcore track and hardstanding, erection of a portal framed metal clad agricultural building, 5 wooden duck and geese sheds and chicken wire runs - Land At Lostford Lane Wollerton Shropshire **Information only**

13/01215/FUL -Erection of a dairy cow cubicle building -Hopley Farm Hopton Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3LE -**Supported**

13/01478/VAR -Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) attached to 12/04614/FUL to allow for alteration to approved design and size - West Midlands Shooting Ground, Kenstone, Hodnet Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3LH. **Supported**

13/01679/FUL - Erection of a detached dwelling and formation of new vehicular access - 60 Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton TF9 3JF.**Supported but noted drawings show soakaway on neighbours land.**

13/01503/FUL - Formation of new driveway/access to existing barn - Wollerton Farm, Wollerton Market Drayton TF9 3NA .**Supported**

13/01657/VAR -Variation of condition number 2 attached to planning permission reference 12/05005/FUL to allow the omission of the separate buffer tank -Beech House, Wollerton, Market Drayton TF9 3NB. **No Comment**

Determination Planning Applications

11/05007/FUL -Renovation of farmhouse, conversion of redundant barns to form four dwellings to include insertion of rooflights, erection of four bay garage block, installation of bio-disc drainage system and formation of car parking and amenity areas (Amended Description) -Bowling Green Farm, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton TF9 3JL – **Permission Granted**

11/01953/OUT-Outline application for the erection of an Agricultural Workers Dwelling with all matters reserved for later approval. -The Vale Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LH - **Permission Granted**

13/01215/FUL -Erection of a dairy cow cubicle building -Hopley Farm , Hopton, Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3LE - **Permission Granted**

Planning Appeals

12/01993/REF – Squirrel Inn Wollerton Market Drayton TF9 3LX - 6th March 2013 10.00am at The Council Chambers, Edinburgh House, Wem - **Appeal Allowed**

7. Accounts

Expenses

St Luke's Church	Grant	£900.00
The Mayor's Charity Fund	Grant	£100.00
Severn Hospice	Grant	£100.00
Wollerton Tennis Club	Grant	£250.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	Grant	£100.00
Prostate Cancer Research	Grant	£50.00
Shropshire RCC	Grant	£100.00
Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club	Grant	£100.00
Lyon Memorial Fund	Hire of Hall	£18.00
AON Ltd	Insurance	£1559.55
Npower	St Light Elect	£1300.02
Mrs M Rees	Printer	£109.99
JH Powell	Footpath Rent	£400.00
Lyon Hall	Hall Hire	£36.00

Receipts

Precept		£16806.00
VAT Repayment		£1026.13
Hodnet WMC	Ground Rent	£56.50
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Total Balances at Bank as at 16th May 2013 £18903.19

Payment of Accounts was proposed by Councillor Underwood Seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed

8. BT Wayleave

The 3 yearly BT Wayleave is due for renewal. Councillor Powell proposed an increase of 2% a year allowing for inflation i.e. £143.70 , Seconded by Councillor Parker all agreed.

9. Correspondence

V & W Electrics – Pricing
Highline Electrics – Pricing
BT - Connecting Shropshire Faster Broadband
HM Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire – UK National Honours
Greenvale – Request to use Recreation Ground for a family day
Richards & Co – re Benbow Family
PC Sturland – Telephone Scam
SC – Footpath Modification Order
Ms A Heath – Oak Tree by Social Club
SC- Shropshire Council Road Safety Policy
SC - Rural Health Survey
PC Sturland – First Aid at Work Course
K & S - Quote for Weed Spraying
K Benbow – Tree Report
Rev C Beech – State of footpath
SC - Local Joint Committee Meeting dates

- a) It was decided that subject to meeting Health and Safety and Insurance requirements then future repairs of Street Lighting should be handled by Highline Electrics.
- b) It was decided that Greenvale may have use of the Recreation Ground for their family day subject to a donation to Hodnet 2000 and a reminder that the Playground would be open to members of the public.
- c) The Clerk was asked to accept the quote from K& S Landscapes for Weed Spraying, date for commencement to be advised in due course
- d) Following Ms Heath's email regarding the Oak tree outside the Social Club, the Clerk instructed Benbow Brothers to inspect the trees on the Recreation Ground and down the Avenue at Peplow. Their report confirmed that the Oak tree by the Social Club was healthy with only one small dead branch which will be removed when there are passing. However the following remedial work was recommended :-

- clearing basal growth from the Lime Trees at the Avenue to facilitate proper inspection.
The Clerk was asked to instruct Benbow Brothers to commence clearing the epicormic growth on the Lime Trees and allow inspection.
 - Fell 2 Oak trees and 1 beech tree , remove dead wood in Beech tree at the Avenue
The Clerk will ascertain if the Oak and Beech trees recommended for felling belong to the Parish Council or are in fact the responsibility of Shropshire Council.
 - Fell 4 Leylandii on the Recreation Ground – not thought to be urgent but requiring consideration within 2 years.
The Recreation Ground Committee will be meeting soon and will consider the suggested work on the Leylandii
- e) Rev C Beech has advised that the footpath connecting Drayton Road to Old Hall Wollerton had not been reinstated and the promised finger post has not be installed. Councillor Underwood will liaise with the Footpath Group to rectify.

Any Other Business

- i. Councillor Underwood advised that the Permissive Footpath in Marchamley was to be officially opened on on June 11th at 7.00 pm – all were cordially invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony which Councillor Calder will undertake.
- ii. The Footpath Group have arranged another walk for Sunday 26th May starting from the Lyon Hall Car Park at 11.00 am.
- iii. Councillor Parker reported that still no work has be undertaken on the ditch adjacent to College Houses , the Clerk was asked to request SC Highways Department to provide an update on this matter.
- iv. Councillor Underwood advised the Council that it had been brought to his attention that negotiation were ongoing between Shropshire Council and a local farmer to provide an access route across/along the disused railway line at the Wollerton end. Further details are awaited but the Parish Council would not wish to see any diminution in ease of access for walkers or damage to wildlife.
- v. Councillor Powell was concerned to report fly tipping in the ditch by the unofficial lay by near the sign for Wollerton approaching from Hodnet. Garden waste, tyres and large metal drums have been dumped there. The Clerk was asked to advise Shropshire Council to request removal of the items and to fence off the area and prevent any future tipping.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting is 20th June 2013