

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker and Mr R. Downes. Also present was Councillor Mrs K. Calder (Shropshire Council), Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk), a member of the public and P.C. Mick Sturland (West Mercia Constabulary).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited P.C. Sturland to take the floor. He advised members that now the Stormy Petrel had closed and the 'Bikers' had moved nearer to Whitchurch, he would be able to attend PC meetings on a more regular basis. The Police 'Mail Box' in Hodnet was working well and residents were keeping him informed of their concerns. Speeding in Station Road seemed to be the predominant concern and he had already dealt with some offenders. Councillor Underwood asked if he had powers to confiscate vehicles in the event of anti-social driving. P.C. Sturland confirmed he could seize a vehicle if offenders persisted. Councillor Powell advised that the 'Bikers' were now using Marchamley as a route to their new venue at the Raven, Prees Heath, and requested that some pro-active action be taken by the Police. P.C. Sturland said he would be using the radar gun to deter speeders through the village. Other speeding matters were raised in relation to Drayton Road. He suggested the Parish Council contact Safer Roads Partnership to investigate the possibility of identifying a Community Concern Site (CCS) in Drayton Road, where an enforcement van could be safely sited, although this could prove difficult, in which case Shropshire Council should be approached for improved signage and road markings. The Chairman thanked P.C. Sturland for his informative talk and answering all questions.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs R. Revel

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

#### **59. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 45**

Lucy McFarlane (SC) had advised that as she had no response from any of the interested parties, it was her intention to produce a final report to obtain authority to carry forward a recommendation to publish a legal order to add a path on the historical line through the mill.

#### **60. State of Roads - Item 46**

Councillor Powell confirmed that pot holes at Kenstone had been repaired. The Clerk advised after 3 meetings with SC Hodnet, the '80 mph' signs in Wood Lane would be replaced immediately. He also advised SC of the missing man hole cover at The Squirrel Inn. The Chairman mentioned broken directional signs on the back road out of Wollerton. The Clerk to inform SC.

#### **61. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 47**

The Clerk read a letter from Meres & Mosses H.A. basically distancing themselves from any responsibility to repair the road surface of Bean Bank. The members felt this was totally unacceptable and a strongly worded letter should be sent. It was also suggested that Severn Trent and the local press be contacted.

#### **62. Parking Outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 48**

The Clerk advised he was still awaiting information from SC re the interim measures of Zig-Zag markings and 'School - Keep Clear' signs.

- 63. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 49**  
The road marking improvements are presently being conducted. Councillor Powell remarked there was a road signage overload in Wollerton.
- 64. Parish Plan - HGV Traffic in Marchamley - Item 50**  
Councillor Powell studied the recent survey figures for Marchamley, which highlighted the HGV traffic. It proved the volume and speed was a concern. The Clerk was asked to write to Safer Roads Partnership enclosing the survey figures. P.C. Sturland had advised he would use the Radar Gun as a deterrent.
- 65. Hodnet Parish Website - Item 51**  
Councillor Cope advised there had been 6220 pages read in 3 months. It was generally accepted the site was proving very popular.
- 66. Hodnet Parish Brochure - Item 52**  
The Clerk read a letter from Blakeley Graphics, which quoted £1500 for 2000 copies and £1900 for 5000 copies. This was considered too high a cost. A proposal to modify the existing brochure for inclusion on the website was proposed by Councillor Underwood and seconded by Councillor Powell, but no firm decision was made by other members. Councillor Underwood stated he would liaise with the Clerk to discuss increasing the numbers of sponsors. Councillor Hodge suggested the brochure was not necessary and the money could go towards the cost of the website.
- 67. Collapsed Culvert - Old Railway Line - Item 53**  
The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had carried out an inspection of the culvert, but to date had no further progress to report.
- 68. Playsafety Ltd - Recreation Ground Safety Report - Item 57**  
Following a site meeting by the Recreation Ground Committee on 3rd August 2010, the Chairman issued the following report to all members:-  
Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan, Mr J. Powell and Mr R. Downes
- 1) Investigate whether the footpath from the Hodnet Club to Station Road can be exposed without hindering mowing. (Consult Trevor Goodwin)
  - 2) Having read the RoSPA report, it was decided to raise the soil levels where there was a trip hazard. (Consult Phil Wellings)
  - 3) Dog Bins to be relocated into more prominent positions with more prominent signs. (Consult Phil Wellings)
  - 4) Footpath to the school: The wire fence on the field side to be repaired and the barbed wire on the road side to be removed. (Consult Phil Wellings)
- 69. Signage for Lyon Hall Car Park - Item 58a**  
It was agreed this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 70. Hedge Impedence from Hill Cottage to The Vineyard - Item 58b**  
The Clerk advised he had sent a letter to the owners of Hill Cottage, who had assured him the matter would be dealt with by the 3 owners of the hedge concerned.
- 71. Weed Spraying Programme - Item 58c**  
This programme has now been completed. Councillor Powell suggested the matter be automatically put on the Agenda each June.

**72. Speeding Traffic - Station Road, Drayton Road and Lostford**

Following the discussions with P.C. Sturland earlier in the meeting, it was agreed that Safer Roads Partnership be contacted to establish whether a Community Concern Site could be raised for the Drayton Road area, although some doubt was expressed as to finding a suitable and safe 'off road' site for an 'Enforcement Van'. It was further suggested Shropshire Council be notified of the problem with a view to improved signage and road markings. Another deterrent would be the use of a hand held Radar Gun by P.C. Sturland.

Problems with Station Road speeding were already being dealt with by P.C. Sturland and again, he would use the Radar Gun if deemed necessary. It was also suggested registration numbers of offenders be taken and notified to P.C. Sturland.

With reference to the concerns of residents in Lostford, it was considered unrealistic to have staggered speed limits. It was suggested that registration numbers be taken of offenders and passed to P.C. Sturland.

**73. Litter Bins and Dog Litter Bins in Wollerton**

After reading a letter from a regular dog walker in Wollerton, complaining about the amount of dog waste in the village, it was unanimously agreed to provide a post mounted 'Dog Waste' bin by the entrance to Wollerton Club. Clerk to arrange.

**74. Tree Felling in Conservation Area**

Councillor Taylor brought members' attention to the number of trees being removed within a conservation area of the parish, without apparent planning permission. After due discussion, it was agreed that no action be taken on this occasion.

**75. Dangerous Wall in Shrewsbury Street**

Councillor Taylor advised that she considered the wall bordering the Hodnet Estate, opposite the Service Station, appeared to be in a dangerous state. Councillor Parker suggested an area of wall opposite the school also looked suspect. The Clerk was asked to contact the Estates' Agents.

**76. Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 09/03052/FUL** - Councillor Calder advised the appeal against refusal of the first application was held on 25th and 26th August and a decision was expected sometime in October 2010.

**Ref: No. 10/03402/TCA** - Remove lower branches of one Oak tree within Marchamley Conservation Area at Marchamley House, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No Comments.**

**Ref: No. 10/03611/FUL** - Erection of a cover over existing silage clamp at Wood Farm, Marchamley Wood, Shropshire, SY4 5LH. **No Comments.**

**Ref: No. 10/03720/FUL** - Erection of one dwelling with formation of vehicular access and parking area on land at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire. **Supported the Application.**

**Ref: No. 10/03761/FUL** - Erection of two storey extension to side elevation at 26 The Grove, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3NT. **No Comments.**

**Ref: No. 09/00507/OUT** - Outline Application for the erection of a motel and new vehicular access at proposed motel site, Tern Hill, Market Drayton. This application will be considered by the Strategic Committee on 23rd September 2010 at 2.00pm at The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND. Shropshire Council Recommendation: To Grant Permission.

**Parish Council re-iterated opposition to the application.**

## Determination of Planning Applications

**Ref: No. 10/02714/VAR** - Variation of condition number 2 attached to planning permission

**Ref: No. 10/00010/FUL** to allow the minor repositioning of the dwelling on site at land adjacent to 7 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Permission Granted.**

**Ref: No. 09/03052/FUL** - Erection of temporary seasonal rearing pens and outdoor runs; formation of access track to include change of use of land at Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton. **Planning Permission Refused.**

**Ref: No. 10/03402/TCA** - Remove lower branches of one Oak tree within Marchamley Conservation Area at Marchamley House, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No Objections.**

### 77. Accounts - Expenditure

Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire 29/07/2010	£16.00
Mazars LLP - Annual Audit Fees for 2009/2010	£182.12
Lyon Memorial Fund - BT Wayleave Payment 01/09/2010 - 31/08/2013	£138.86
F. Bennett - Lyon Hall Car Park Maintenance - 01/04/2010 - 30/09/2010	£100.00
S. Howell-Jones - Stationery - (Paid Viking Direct by Credit Card)	£22.42
H.M. Customs & Excise - PAYE for period 01/07/2010 - 30/09/2010	£322.00
S.Howell-Jones - Salary for period 01/07/2010 - 30/09/2010	£803.00
V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Numbering (Total 81)	£666.23
S. Howell-Jones - Expenses from 18/06/2010 - 16/09/2010	£179.69
Randall Hardy - Hodnet Website Donation	£70.00

### Accounts - Income

Rytex Kennels - Hodnet Brochure Sponsorship	£10.00
Bear Hotel - Hodnet Brochure Sponsorship	£10.00
Telereal - BT Wayleave for 01/09/2010 - 31/08/2013	£138.86
C.O.I.F. - Quarterly Dividend - 01/06/2010-31/08/2010	£266.17
<b>Total Balance in Accounts as at 16/09/2010</b>	<b>£9670.93</b>

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

### 78. Correspondence

West Mercia Police Authority - Looking at the Facts  
Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - Thank you Letter  
No Need for Nuclear - House of Commons Early Day Motion No. 557  
SC - Core Strategy Development Plan Document - Notification of Submission to Secretary of State  
SC - Statement of Community Involvement for Shropshire - Draft Document for Consultation  
SC - Working with Communities on Planning and Regeneration for Places in Shropshire  
Citizens Advice Bureau - Shropshire. Funding Request  
SC - E-mail re Future of Shropshire Schools Consultation  
SLCC \_ Special Edition Newsletter re Excessive Precepts  
SC - Guidance for Drainage & Flooding  
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire - HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee Preparations - June 2012  
Association of Local Councils - Various Courses for Councillors  
SC - Your Parks & Countryside Magazine re The Countryside Access Team  
SC- E-mail re Meetings of all Public Service Sectors 'Join the Conversation' meetings in September  
SC - The Developing Times - Details of Current Affordable Housing Schemes  
SC - Local referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases - Consultation Response  
SC - Empty Homes Strategy Consultation  
SC - Rights of Way User Survey  
SC - New Shropshire Charter - Working Together for the Benefit of the Community  
Mrs J. Parker - Thank you E-mail on Behalf of St. Luke's Church  
Canon (U.K.) Ltd - Cost Saving within the Government Sector

**79. Matters Arising from Correspondence**

**a) HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire - HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee Preparations - June 2012.**

It was agreed the letter be passed to Hodnet Primary School. The Parish Council did not propose to organize any events.

**80. Items for the Next Agenda**

**Discuss Co-option of a New Councillor**

**81. Any Other Business**

Councillor Underwood advised members the next Joint Committee meeting would be held in The Lyon Hall on 20th October 2010.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm