

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 17th June 2010

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mrs R. Revel, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge and Mr R. Downes. Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk), two members of the public and Susan Dell, Business Manager for Bromford Group Housing Association.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and after introducing Susan Dell, invited her to take the floor. She began by explaining her role as Tenancy and Estate Manager within the group, which had approximately 25,000 properties in 3 separate companies for ease of management. She recognised that Hodnet had recently suffered from poor tenancies and consequent anti-social behaviour, but the enforced evictions of 2 families had alleviated that problem. Mrs Dell continued by explaining the two types of affordable housing schemes as:- (1) A proportion of affordable housing can be provided as part of a larger development of new housing, and (2) As an exception, affordable housing can be provided outside the housing allocation to meet particular local needs and include single houses. Both types of scheme have to comply with the policy for local housing need in the relevant local plan. Councillor Underwood asked how houses are allocated. Mrs Dell advised that 'most need' is given priority and applicants must be Registered Home Seekers. Another question asked was 'why problem families have been mixed with elderly residents in the past'. The answer was 'purely on grounds of homelessness and the availability of a property'. This situation has now been relieved by the choice of local lettings (Scheme 106), which provides housing for local people who cannot afford to purchase housing in the local area, on the open market. Another way to avoid problems is to stipulate residents need to be over 40, but the need must be proven. Who do we approach to discuss a Local Lettings Plan? Shropshire Council.

To protect residents on a Housing Association development, all new tenants have to comply with the conditions of a Starter Tenancy, which lasts 12 months with an option of a further 12 months, followed by permanency. Mrs Dell also advised that before any new development was considered, there would be full consultation with the community.

The Chairman thanked Susan Dell for coming and explaining the process for allocating houses.

Apologies: Councillor Mr P. Perry

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th May 2010

Councillor Cope proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings, seconded by Councillor Revel, and all agreed, subject to an amendment to Item 18, whereby the Clerk had mistakenly stated that Councillor Powell was present at the appeal hearing on 11th May. In fact, he was not present, but had acquired his information from County Councillor Karen Calder.

22. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 1

The Clerk advised he had received an E-mail from Lucy McFarlane, who stated that she had written to local landowners and was still awaiting replies from them. She would advise the Council of any further developments.

23. State of Roads - Item 2

The Clerk reported that pot holes in Wood Lane, Wollerton, Marchamley and Kenstone had been repaired, but according to Councillor Powell, Kenstone had not been dealt with. Councillor Cope mentioned pot holes in The Grove, Hodnet and Councillor Morgan stated the road markings at the entrance to Wood Lane, Wollerton, needed repainting. Clerk to address these matters.

24. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 4

The Clerk advised he would write to Meres & Mosses for an update on progress.

25. Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 5

There was no further progress to report, but the Clerk advised he would contact SC again.

26. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 6

The Clerk advised he would write to Alice Dilley to see what progress was being made.

27. Parish Plan - Item 7

Q29. Restriction of HGV's through Hodnet.

Having requested information regarding the recent traffic survey in Marchamley, David Gradwell (SC) advised that the findings of the survey were not completed, but would include the volume of HGV traffic through Marchamley. He had spoken to Alice Dilley of the Traffic Engineering Team and asked her to forward the results of the survey when they became available.

The Clerk advised he had written to Owen Paterson MP, who had forwarded his letter to the Secretary of State for Transport. He would reply when a response was received.

Q36. Housing Associations.

The Clerk advised that a representative from Meres & Mosses or the Towns & Rural Communities Association (TARCA) would attend the next meeting on 29th July, to answer questions on Housing Association policy and procedures.

Q38. Recreation Ground - Paved Footpath

It was agreed that this matter should be raised at the next site meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee.

28. Parish Plan - Hodnet Parish Website - Item 9

Councillor Cope advised that Hodnet 2000 Education Trust was now on the website. It was stated that Weston Education Trust and the Hodnet Charities would also be included. A meeting was to be held on Tuesday 22nd June and it was hoped that the website would soon become open to public access.

29. Parish Plan - Footpaths - Item 10

Councillor Underwood advised that Mr Angus Taylorson had become Chairman of the Parish Plan Footpaths Group, and would be discussing the possibility of permissive footpaths between Hodnet and the surrounding villages.

30. Training Evening for Councillors and Clerks - Item 12

The meeting, attended by Councillors' Revel, Underwood, Newitt and Parker plus the Clerk, was described as interesting and useful, but what mainly came out of the evening was a doubt about the way 'Matters Arising' in the Minutes should be addressed. It appeared that all items should be placed on the Agenda and not recorded under Matters Arising, so that the public could see exactly what was to be discussed and not have to wait approximately 6 weeks before the ratified Minutes were posted on notice boards. Having found no references to this matter in the Clerks Manual, the Clerk advised he would contact SC to establish the correct procedure.

31. Plant a Tree in Marchamley - Item 13

To date, no action has been taken on this matter.

32. Hodnet Parish Brochure - Item 14

The Clerk advised he had written to all past sponsors + one new business to ask for £10 donations towards the cost of updating the brochure. To date he had received 5 positive responses. It was agreed to hold the matter until the next meeting in case further donations were forthcoming. Councillors were asked to think of any businesses they could approach in order to obtain further support. A decision as to whether to proceed would be taken at the next meeting.

33. Lyon Hall - Entrance to Car Park Surfacing - Item 15

The Clerk advised that all repairs had been completed by KG Landscaping.

34. Planning Applications

Ref: No. 09/03052/FUL - Amended Planning Application for erection of temporary seasonal rearing pens and outdoor runs; erection of maintenance/storage shed; formation of access track to include change of use of land at Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

The Council unanimously agreed to object to the application on grounds previously drawn to the attention of the Planning Authorities. The Clerk read an E-mail from a resident who was suffering from infestations of flies, causing her to spray her bedroom and bathroom most days. This had not occurred prior to Cheshire Game Supplies arriving on site. It was agreed the Clerk write, yet again, to the Planning Department.

35. SC - Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD: Issues & Options Consultation

Acceptance of the Minutes of the special meeting of 25th May and the completed response form was proposed by Councillor Hodge, seconded by Councillor Underwood and agreed by all, subject to an amendment on Page 4 of the response form. Councillor Underwood had stated Route X64 stopped in Hodnet at 6.30pm and was the last bus. He suggested a later bus be added to enable children to take part in extra curricular activities at school, without being time restricted by having to catch the 6.30pm bus.

Councillor Cope asked why residents had not been informed by SC of the Site Allocations Consultation. The Clerk advised he would investigate further.

36. SC - North West Relief Road - Public Consultation

The Clerk stated he had received a letter from SC advising that the project was being held in abeyance until clarification was sought from the Government.

37. Funding Requests

Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - It was proposed by Councillor Powell and seconded by Councillor Hodge that £250 be awarded to the centre. This was agreed by all, with the exception of Councillor Morgan and Councillor Cope, who declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

Hodnet Sports Association - After due discussion, the members decided that they could not support the request for funding of running costs as these should be met from income. If there was something specific needed, further consideration would be made.

Hodnet Luncheon Club - It was proposed by Councillor Powell and seconded by Councillor Parker that £100 be granted to the club. This was agreed by all, with the exception of Councillor Morgan, who declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

St. Luke's Church - Hodnet - It was proposed by Councillor Cope and seconded by Councillor Hodge that £850 be granted to the church for maintenance of the church grounds. This was agreed by all, with the exception of Councillor Parker and Councillor Powell, who declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

38. Recreation Ground - Dog Fouling on Cycling Park

The Clerk read an E-mail he had received from a resident, complaining of the dog fouling on the cycle track and asked if notices could be posted advising dog owners not to enter the cycling area. The members agreed to look into the matter at the proposed site meeting due to take place after the RoSPA report has been received.

39. Registration of Members Interests

The Clerk asked Councillors to let him know if their original Declarations of Interest remained the same, and if not, to advise him of any changes.

40. British Telecom Wayleave Review 2010/2013

It was proposed by Councillor Powell and seconded by Councillor Taylor that the present charge of £131 every 3 years should be increased by 6% to allow for inflation over the last three years. All agreed. The new charge will be £138.86

41. Accounts - Expenditure

S. Howell-Jones - Repayment of Income Tax for 2009/2010	£232.10
S. Howell-Jones - Expenses from 26/03/2010 - 17/06/2010	£288.10
West Mercia Supplies - Litter Picking Equipment	£52.36
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire 13/05/2010 & 25/05/2010	£32.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE from 05/04/2010 - 05/07/2010	£128.00
S. Howell-Jones - Salary from 01/04/2010 - 30/06/2010	£997.00

Accounts - Income

H.M. Revenue & Customs - VAT Repayment - 01/10/2009-31/03/2010	£1143.14
Hodnet Social Club - Rent from 01/04/2010 - 30/09/2010	£285.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs - Repayment of Income Tax for 2009/2010	£232.10
West Midlands Shooting Grounds - Hodnet Brochure Update - Sponsorship	£10.00
Rocking Horse Workshop - Hodnet Brochure Update - Sponsorship	£10.00
Hodnet Hall Gardens - Hodnet Brochure Update - Sponsorship	£10.00
Hodnet Village Stores - Hodnet Brochure Update - Sponsorship	£10.00
Broad Lake Farm - Hodnet Brochure Update - Sponsorship	£10.00
CCLA - C.O.I.F. Investment Dividend for 01/03/2010 - 31/05/2010	£228.96

Total Balance in Accounts as at 17/06/2010 **£14562.41**

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

42. Correspondence

St. Luke's Church, Hodnet - Request for Funding

SC - Reduction of Waste and Increase in Recycling Survey

Hope House Children's Hospices – Thank you Letter

Marie Curie Cancer Care – Thank you Letter

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper for the Blind – Thank you Letter

SC - Extra Care Housing PFI Scheme - Discussion for 400 New Extra Care Houses and Facilities

SC - Highways Winter Service Review - 2010/2011

SC - Consultation for a New Arts Strategy for Shropshire/Questionnaire

SC- Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2011

Shropshire County NHS - Consultation on Primary Trust Care's Single Equality Scheme

SC - Honorary Aldermen of the County of Shropshire

SC - Consultation on Site Allocations - Declaration of Interest by Councillors

43. Matters Arising from Correspondence

a) SC - Highways Winter Service Review

Councillor Morgan suggested more gritting of by-roads in extreme weather be included in any programme. It was also suggested that more salt bins be provided and kept topped up with grit. Clerk to advise SC.

b) SC- Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2011

The Clerk advised he would look at the Parish Plan to identify any areas pertaining to the assessment and duly notify SC of any findings.

44. Items for the Next Agenda

Railway Line - Collapsing Culvert

School Footpath from Social Club Car Park Entrance - Barbed Wire

It was agreed this matter be dealt with at the proposed Recreation Ground site meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm