

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Lyon Hall Hodnet Thursday 18 December 2014

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

Apologies Councillor Mr J Roberts

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 06 November 2014, Councillor Morgan proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Mackie all agreed.

Matters Arising

63. Drayton Road – Item 7

The Clerk wrote to the two connections given by Councillor Willicombe requesting traffic data for Hodnet. Unfortunately these requests were passed straight to Mr Gradwell, Traffic Engineer, Shropshire Council with whom the Council has already been liaising. However in reply Mr Gradwell stated that he did have traffic count information carried out in Marchamley 2010 and Wollerton in 2013. He confirmed that an up to date traffic survey as promised has not yet been undertaken. He further stated that there have been no recorded accidents involving HGV's in Hodnet for 3 years either on the road through Hodnet to Marchamley or along Drayton Road.

Councillor Powell reported that there had been an accident near the Lostford turn along The Drayton Road – attributed to ice on the untreated road. This particular road does have it's own micro climate and frost pockets lead to treacherous conditions. The Parish Council highlighted this problem to Shropshire Council Highways last year but they will not grit this B road in line with Shropshire Council Winter Maintenance Policy and neither will they erect a warning sign for ice. The Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Highways and report the latest incident and to enquire when the surface work to Drayton Road was going to be undertaken which at least will physically change the look of the road to a minor road. Councillor Powell was concerned that he did not wish to see a major accident occur in order for something to be done and if necessary the Parish Council should consider hiring a private contractor to grit the road.

64. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Hodnet – Item 8

Councillor Hodge advised that the cabinet had been ordered . The Fire Service were happy to leave installation up to the Parish Council and Mr France from Barlow's Malpas had been asked to undertake this.

Councillor Morgan advised that an AED was available at Beech House, there is also a trained nurse there 24 hours a day and they would be happy to be called upon in case of emergency. Details of the various AED facilities in the village will be advertised alongside the general information upon the AED installation at the Fire Station.

65. Review of Parish Plan – Item 27

Councillor Hodge reported that census information had now been received from Shirehall enabling the steering committee to formulate future requirement for Hodnet Parish. Unfortunately he has heard nothing from Nicola Fisher regarding the request for financial support to produce the updated plan. The Clerk had produced a budget for the update plan in the sum of £848.48 , councillor Mackie proposed that this figure be accepted , Councillor Cope seconded and all agreed.

66. Precept 2015/2016

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council has resolved for the next budget year not to pass on the Council Tax Support Grant previously received in the last 2 years. Last year the Grant received was c£1500. A Budget forecast has been drawn up for 2015/2016 using last year's income and expenditure and precept without CTSG – which shows a worst case scenario of a small loss.

Councillor Calder explained that the financial pressures on Shropshire Council were extreme. The County has an ageing population which is growing faster than the Country average. Added to this they could not be sure of the impact of the Adult Care Act 2015 to the already large cost of Adult Services. Central Government announced a 1.8% decrease in the Precept available to County Councils. No detailed information has been received from Shropshire Council.

67. Planning

Ref 14/04787/VAR - Variation of Condition No.1 (approved plans) attached to planning application 11/04429/FUL approved on appeal to amend the approved plans -Land At Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Shropshire – **Object**

Ref 14/04682/FUL -Erection of rear conservatory -Radmoor House, Peplow Market Drayton TF9 3JZ - **Support**

Ref 14/05144/OUT - Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (all matters reserved) - Land Adjacent To Laburnum Villa, Wollerton, Shropshire - **Support**

Amendments to Planning

Ref 14/03403/OUT - Outline application for the erection of 14 dwellings (to include access and footpath link to Wollerton)- Land Off Drayton Road Hodnet Market Drayton TF9 3NF – **Object**
Correspondence from Mr P Rivers was read to the Parish Council regarding this amendment.

Determination of Planning

Ref 14/04378/FUL - Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation for kennel staff - Rytex Kennels Wellington Road Peplow Market Drayton TF9 3LB – **Permission Granted**

Councillor Powell requested that upon electronic notification of any new/amended Planning Applications that the clerk advise the whole Planning Committee. Paper Copies will still be forwarded to Councillor Powell.

68. Accounts

Expenses

Highline Electrical	St Light Repair	1854	£738.90
C France	Lyon Hall Verges	1855	£102.00
M Rees	Salary	1856	£1125.00
M Rees	Expenses	1857	£84.60
Timberlink	Gravel	1858	£19.95
First Aid Scotland	AED Cabinet	1860	£497.94
Highline Electrical Ltd	W6 new lantern	1861	£543.60

Receipts

HMRC	VAT Refund	£539.27
Interest		£0.61
Bank Interest		£0.49

Total Balances at Bank as at 18th December 2014 £13165.32

Payment of Accounts Proposed by Councillor Powell, Seconded by Councillor Mackie all agreed.

69. Correspondence

R Underwood – Marchamley Permissive Path

W Mercia Police – December Update

D Gradwell – Traffic survey **see Item 63**

C Tellwright – Land at Lostford

SC – LJC Commissioning Youth Activities

BT – Telephone Kiosk , The Grove

SC – Shropshire NHS Walk In Centre

Mr P Rivers – Land off Drayton Road **see Item 67**

a) It was agreed that the Permissive Pathway at Marchamley should be sprayed in April ahead of the general weed spraying schedule for the rest of the Parish. It is not permissible to use residual weed spray. It is hoped that Shropshire Council will return with a roller to create a proper surface. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that the pathway is still not widely known and it was suggested that temporary “footpath” signs be erected.

Any Other Business

The following Street Lights were reported as not working – W08, H10, M4 . W14 is still not working despite being attended to in November. The Clerk will advise Highline Electrical accordingly.

The Recreation Ground roadside hedge running down Station Road should be cut. The Clerk will arrange.

Councillor Parker has been given numerous photographs by the late Derek France of the construction of the By Pass. Councillor Parker was asked to thank Mrs France for her kind donation.

Councillor Parker reported that cars were still being parked on the grass verge opposite the school causing damage. Various parking initiatives round the country using pupils to monitor and report errant parking are being undertaken with success. The Clerk was asked to contact the school to advise of the ongoing problem and enquire if a similar initiative could be implemented. In the meantime temporary “keep of the grass “ signs will be erected.

Councillor Mackie reported that the hedge between the gate and bridge at Wollerton remains uncut and is causing a hazard. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Kent to request that he cuts the hedge within 14 days failing which the Parish Council will undertake the work and forward the bill.

Councillor Trevor reported that there were several potholes along the driveway to Hodnet Working Mens Club. He will investigate and report what needs to be done.

Councillor Morgan reported potholes in the road above Woodlands Farm – the Clerk will advise Shropshire Council.

Councillor Trevor reported that work was being undertaken on Sundays at the Station Yard Garage contrary to planning condition . The clerk will chase up reply to our previous correspondence and advise of this latest infringement.

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council have agreed to erect a litter bin near to the School – Mrs Alanthwaite will be advised .

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is January 15th 2015