

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 18th February 2010

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mr P. Perry and Mr A. Cope.
Also present were Mr Winston Brown, (Market Drayton Advertiser), and Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors Mr D. Hodge, Mrs R. Revel, Mr R. Downes and County Councillor Mrs K. Calder.

155. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2010

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

156. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 136

Councillor Underwood advised he had been in communication with Lucy McFarlane, who was progressing the application for a footpath and had written to all the potentially affected landowners/adjacent landowners plus statutory consultees - Ramblers Association and Open Spaces. The Clerk advised he had been contacted by a Ramblers Association member who had also completed a User Statement. He had received a letter from SC asking if the Ramblers would have any objection to any of the potential routes. He personally favoured the 'Mill Route'.

157. State of Roads - Item 137

In the absence of Councillor Calder, there was nothing further to report on this matter. The Chairman wished it to be noted that on reporting a deep pothole in Wood Lane, Wollerton to SC Customer Services at approximately 4.30pm one afternoon, he was very impressed to see repairs being effected by 8.00am the following morning.

158. Public Transport to Telford - Item 138

In the absence of Councillor Calder, there was nothing further to report on this matter.

159. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 139

The Clerk advised he had received a letter from Meres & Mosses, who stated that despite repeated attempts to contact Severn Trent Water, had, to date, received no replies and until ownership of Bean Bank could be established, nothing could be done. They added that they would continue trying.

160. Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 140

The Chairman advised that the survey, carried out by the school, favoured Option 2, but as the school had not returned the drawings to the Parish Council, members could not comment. The Speed survey carried out by SC in October 2009, did not show specific speeds past the school at crucial times, i.e. 8.45am - 9.15am and 3.15pm - 3.45pm. The Clerk was asked to find out if this information could be extracted from the general results of the survey.

161. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 141

The Clerk distributed results of the survey conducted by Shropshire Council in October

2009. (See above). In the absence of Councillor Calder, the suggestion of a further survey on Drayton Road had, to date, not been followed up.

162. Street Light Numbering - Item 142

The Clerk advised that V&W Electrics Ltd had agreed to re-number all street lights at a cost of £7.00 per lamp post, and work would proceed during the Spring months.

163. Parish Plan - Item 143

Councillor Morgan advised that a meeting of all 'Parish Plan Volunteers', held on 21st January had proved very successful, with a good turnout, but he expressed disappointment at the lack of school parents and young people. He asked members to study the Parish Plan and address any matters that required Parish Council action. These would be discussed at the next meeting.

164. Adoption of Telephone Boxes in Hodnet and Marchamley - Item 144

The Clerk advised he had a written reply from BT stating that the kiosks would remain in situ, with telephony, for the time being, but did not rule out inclusion in any future rationalisation programme. They also stated that in their opinion the kiosks did not merit any maintenance or repainting and were not on their agenda for 2010. They suggested the Parish Council re-apply in 2011.

165. Land Registry - Voluntary Registering of Parish Council Property - Item 145

The Clerk advised that all necessary paperwork and documentation was now in the hands of The Land Registry. The whole process of registering would take approximately six weeks.

166. LJC Meeting - 16/12/2009 - Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet - 7.00pm - Item 146

Councillor Underwood advised the next LJC meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th March, but he would be unable to attend. The Chairman stated he would attend in his place.

167. BT Cable Laying - Recreation Ground - Item 148

Acting on behalf of the Parish Council, Mr R. Oakes of Barbers Rural had received a reply from BT stating that their Wayleave rates are fixed and non-negotiable.

The members expressed their disappointment at this arbitrary attitude, but after due discussion agreed that the work could be conducted on the Recreation Ground, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The route of the cable laying must follow the right hand side of the footpath (looking from the Fire Station end), to avoid any damage to tree roots.
- 2) No work is to be carried out until the end of the football season - approximately mid May, as the line of the trench would encroach near or on to the playing surface.
- 3) All areas to be re-instated in good order.
- 4) Any future subsidence or areas in need of repair, as a direct consequence of the cable laying, must be made good by BT.

168. Parish Precept 2010/2011 - Item 149

The Clerk advised the Council Tax taxbase, based on Band D properties had been adjusted upwards to £591.01. This means that the Parish Tax proportion of the Council Tax will stand at an average amount of £30.46

169. Renewal of Hodnet Social Club Lease

After due discussion it was agreed that Graham Withers & Co should be asked to draw up a new lease, due to the expiration of the present lease. It was further agreed that the lease pertaining to the changing rooms should be taken into account when compiling the new lease.

170. Car Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Report by Mrs J. Siddons

This matter was discussed under Item 160.

171. Tree Pruning by Football Pitch - Hodnet Recreation Ground

Councillor Perry requested permission for the removal of 2 small branches of a Sycamore tree which impinged onto the playing area of the football pitch. After studying photographs, the members agreed to the request. Councillor Perry advised he would contact Mr P. Wellings to do the job and also ask him to burn the pile of cuttings by the car park area.

172. Parish Plan - Hodnet Parish Website

The Chairman advised that there had been a very enthusiastic response to the idea of a Parish Website as brought up in the Parish Plan. Several volunteers had agreed to set it up in the name of Hodnet Parish Council, but all organisations and individuals would be invited to input material. The annual cost of the site would be £34.95, payable by the Parish Council. Promoting the service would include space in the Parish Magazine, notices on all PC notice boards and access to the Chairman's and the Clerk's E-mail addresses for further information. The website address would be hodnet.org.uk and it was hoped the site would be up and running in the very near future. Members were invited to look at the Audlem P.C. site for some excellent ideas. It was unanimously agreed the project should go ahead. Councillor Underwood stated he was very impressed with the turnout of potential volunteers at the recent Parish Plan meeting.

173. Determination of Planning Applications

None

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Ref: No. 09/03701/LBC - Works to facilitate insertion of a flue pipe to rear roof line of existing garden room at Hillhampton Cottage, 13/14 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

Ref: No. 10/00010/FUL - Erection of one dwelling and detached garage; formation of vehicular access with passing bay; installation of septic tank drainage system; construction of retaining wall and boundary fencing, at land adjacent to 7 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

Ref: No. 10/00506/TCA - Felling of an Ash tree (9). Removal of dead/weak branches and light pruning where necessary to Yew trees (1-2). Removal of two lower branches overhanging driveway to tree (2) to restore and maintain balance. Removal of weak/broken/dead branches, pruning of cross branches rubbing together to Oak and Ash trees (13 -20) within Marchamley Conservation Area at Westview, School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

Ref: No. 10/00395/FUL - Erection of agricultural building for the storage of machinery and implements at West Midlands Shooting Grounds, Kenstone, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire. **No comments.**

Councillor Powell expressed an interest and did not take part in discussions.

Ref: No. 10/00581/TPO - Crown lift to 5 metres 1 x Horse Chestnut Tree under North Shropshire District Council (Land adjacent to Hillhampton Cottage, Marchamley)TPO 1987 at Chestnut Hill, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

Ref: No. 10/00584/TCA - Crown reduce by 25% 1 x Sycamore Tree and reduce lower limb by 15% 1 x Oak Tree within Marchamley Conservation Area at Chestnut Hill, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

175. Accounts - Expenditure

Central Networks Services Ltd - Repairs to Damaged Power Pole - Lyon Hall	£372.60
Land Registry - Fee for Registering of Parish Council Land.	£40.00
V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Maintenance - January 2010	£208.71
Mrs M. Rees - Stationery Items for Parish Plan	£42.24
Lyon Hall Memorial Fund - Room Hire for 14/01/2010	£16.00
E.ON Central Networks - Transfer of Supply to Church Street Light	£405.95
KG Landscaping - Repairs to Drainage Channels - Lyon Hall Car Park	£47.00
Mr I.F. Jones - New Notice Board and Refurbishment of Existing Boards	£367.00
Accounts - Income	
Hodnet Social Club - Rent for period 01/10/2009 - 31/03/2010	£290.00
Fortis Insurance - Repair to Power Pole by Lyon Memorial Hall	£372.60

Total Balance in Accounts as at 18/02/2010 **£3645.99**

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

Councillor Powell asked that a letter be sent to Owen Paterson MP to complain about the extortionate rates charged by a monopoly such as Central Networks, for transferring electrical supply from one street light to another, less than one metre apart. (£405.95).

Why should there be a monopoly?

176. Correspondence

Shropshire Association of Local Councils - Revised Constitution and Questionnaire
SC - Standards Committee Meeting - 28/01/2010 and Minutes of Previous Meeting - 08/07/2010
SC - Core Strategy & Site Allocations and Management - Have your Say.
SC - Shropshire Link - Advice and Information
SALC - Courses for Chairman, Councillors and Planning. List of Burial Fees
SC - Shropshire Local Development Framework - Frequently Asked Questions
NSPCC - Request to become a Campaign Partner to raise Awareness.
SC - Notification of Road Closure on 7th March 2010
SC - Maintaining High Quality Education Provision - Consultation Meetings
SC - New Outdoor Recreation Service - Newsletter
JDH Business Services Ltd - Internal Audit Service
SLCC - The Practicalities of Playground Safety Course - Hereford 20/04/2010
SC - Shropshire Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Final Plan Publication
SC - Community Emergency Scheme - Annual Emergency Planning Briefing

177. Matters Arising from Correspondence

None

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm