

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Hall on Thursday 18th June 2015 at 7.30pm

Present ; Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr C Mackie, Mr J Parker, Mr A Cope, Mr H Trevor, Mr M Morgan, Mr J H Powell, Mr N Newitt, Mr J Roberts, Mrs J Evans (Clerk) and Mr C Taylor of Connecting Shropshire

Apologies: Councillors Mr R Downes & Mr I Willicombe and Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

Mr Chris Taylor of Connecting Shropshire gave a presentation to the Parish Councillors which outlined the plan and timescale for connecting Shropshire to fibre broadband. He advised that much of Hodnet Parish is connected to the Hodnet Telephone Exchange, which has three cabinets serving about 550 premises and fibre broadband work is due to start in this area this Autumn. In his presentation Mr Taylor advised that because of the distance from their exchanges certain areas of the Parish, like Peplow, may not be able to benefit from fibre broadband.

Councillor Hodge thanked Mr Taylor for his presentation after which Mr Taylor left the meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2015 Councillor Parker pointed out that it not him that had spoken to The Woodland Trust regarding the point raised in 'Any Other Business', it was Councillor Mackie, the Clerk apologised for the error. Councillor Hodge suggested that the minutes be amended in this respect after which Councillor Morgan proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Mackie, all agreed.

Matters Arising

16. Review of Parish Plan – Item 2

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that to date 53 completed paper surveys had been received, 15 online surveys and 4 young people surveys had been completed. The closing date for completed surveys was 30th June 2015 and he was hopeful that 100 completed surveys would be received overall. To date the Parish Plan survey has cost £ 629.75 against a Shropshire Grant of £890.

17. Lease of Land to Hodnet Sports Association – Item 4

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Mrs France and advised her that the Parish Council had agreed help with the solicitor's costs incurred by Hodnet Sports Association in relation renewing the lease of the Changing Room facilities next to Hodnet Recreation Ground. Mrs France said she would speak to the solicitors, Onions and Davies but to date had not returned to the Clerk. The clerk advised the meeting that she would continue to chase this matter.

18. Community Grant – Old Auction Yard – Item 5

Councillor Hodge advised that further Bank forms had been completed and it was hoped that the separate interest-bearing account to hold the £42,000 Community Led Housing Grant would be opened soon.

19. Dog Fouling Signs – Item 6

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that the signs were now put up and Councillor Hodge advised that leaflets had been distributed around The Meadows and Station Road and a leaflet had also been displayed in the Post Office Parish Notice Board.

20. Weed Spraying – Item 7

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had spoken to the contractor who had agreed to do the rest of the spraying around Hodnet, including around the War Memorial within the next 2 weeks.

21. Telephone Connection for houses at Old Auction Yard – Item 9

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that two properties remained unconnected to a landline but these should be connected over the next few weeks and he would report further at the next meeting.

22. Hedgerow Screening at Sewerage Treatment Works in Station Road – 10

The Clerk advised the Councillors that she had received an email from Alan Hardwick at Fisher German, who are the Agents for Severn Trent, confirming that this work was 'on their radar' but as it is now outside the optimal planting season Severn Trent and their contractors are considering options regarding timescales for the implementation for landscaping. Mr Hardwick was hopeful that planting work would start in the autumn but he was awaiting confirmation of this. Councillor Hodge instructed the Clerk to keep this in the diary and chase for an update before the next Parish council meeting.

23. Former Goods Yard, Station Road, Hodnet – 11

Following the Planning Enforcement Notice received in this connection Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he had received an email from the Enforcement Officer advising that on re-visiting the sites he had found no evidence of a planning breach at the traveller site. Furthermore the Officer had spoken to the owner of the car repair site and had agreed to revisit the site again after the middle of June by which time they should have complied with the restrictions on vehicle storage. Councillor Trevor confirmed to the meeting that he had seen some activity at the site although no cars had been moved yet. Councillor Trevor will report again on the situation at the next Parish Council meeting.

24. Hearne Lane Depot – Item 14

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he had emailed David Gradwell, Traffic Engineer for Shropshire Council, regarding the Councillors concerns about overtaking at the junctions on the A53 Hodnet By-pass discussed at the last meeting. Mr Gradwell had replied that the request for kerbed central islands on the A53 at the junctions for Lostford, Wollerton and Stoke on Tern will be assessed and put forward for consideration of funding as part of next year's Capital Programme.

25. The Woodland Trust

Further to the approach from The Woodland Trust none of the Councillors had thought of anywhere where that needed any trees or shrubs in the Parish at the moment so the matter was left for the time being.

26. Planning

15/01848/FUL – Erection of 1 dwelling and formation of vehicular and pedestrian access and installation of Bio Disc Sewage Treatment Plant – land adjacent to Old Barn, Wollerton, Shropshire

This planning application, plans and architects drawings were discussed in detail by all councillors present. A vote was then taken where a show of hands was requested from any councillor who wished to approve the planning application as it currently stood. Two Councillors voted to approve this application and therefore as the majority of the Councillors did not wish to approve the application Councillor Hodge authorised the Clerk to forward the Parish Council's objection to Shropshire Planning Department. The wording of the objection was agreed as:

'Hodnet Parish Council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it is not in-keeping with the surrounding area, the size of the planned application has increased from the previous application made for this site and also concern was expressed about the moving of the access for the planned property into closer proximity to the corner' - all points which had been raised in the Councillors discussion.

15/02139/PMBPA – Application for prior approval under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning Order 2015 for change of use from Agricultural to Residential use – Dairy Shed, Tunstall Farm, Hodnet, Shropshire

15/02224/VAR – Variation of condition 4 (garage/office use) attached to Planning Permission 11/02265/FUL to allow the office to be used for purposes other than those incidental to the enjoyment of The Vineyard and to be used by a third party – The Vineyard, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury SY4 5JY

Determination of Planning

14/00698/FUL - Erection of 2 affordable dwellings and associated garages; installation of shared sewage system; formation of new vehicular access – South of Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire – **Permission Granted**

15/00992/FUL – Erection of one block of four stables including installation of roof mounted solar panels – The Horse Field, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Permission Granted**

Ref 14/05739/FUL- Erection of a detached dwelling – Long Lane Farm, Long Lane, Marchamley, Shropshire – **Decision: Refuse**

Councillor Mackie advised the meeting that he had attended the Shropshire Council Northern Planning Committee meeting on 9th June where the above decision had been taken. The application for 14 houses off Drayton Road, Hodnet had also been discussed and refused at the same meeting. On 9th June both applications had been discussed and The Planning Officer had stated that both these developments were outside the Development Area as per the SAM Dev. Councillor Hodge advised all that the SAM Dev was in the final stages of completion now.

27. Accounts

Expenses

N S Print	Printing Parish Surveys	1896	£208.00
Dove Ford & Co	Accounts Auditor	1897	£63.00
Jane Evans	Stamps, Envelopes etc re Parish Survey	1898	£363.75
Jane Evans	Clerk Quarterly salary	1900	£875.00
Jane Evans	Clerks itemised expenses	1901	£142.45
H M R C	PAYE re clerk's salary	1902	£250.00
Soc. of Local Council Clerks	Training Day	1903	£20.00

Income

A Heath	Hodnet Working Mens Club	£56.50
NatWest Bank	Bank Interest	2.43
C O I F	Dividend - Recreation Ground	354.63

Total Balances at Bank as at 18th June 2015:

Current Account	£100.00
Reserve Account	£ 17,633.64
2nd Reserve Account	£ 42,000.00

These expenses were proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Roberts.

28. Street Lighting

The Clerk distributed to the Councillors a schedule which she had drawn up showing work done on each of the street lights over the last 12 months and also which lights were currently not working. Of the 80 street lights in the Parish, 7 were currently not working. The Councillors discussed the findings of the schedule which seems to suggest that the same lights were being repaired more than once and of these some were currently not working. It was agreed that the Clerk should look at the contract that the Parish Council had with Highline

Electrical Ltd, who carried out the maintenance on the street lights, and also investigate any other electrical contractors which may undertake this type of work.

29. Correspondence:

- Shropshire Council - Empty Homes Newsletter
 - Severn Hospice – Thank you letter
 - Hodnet Seniors Luncheon Club – Thank you letter
 - Ann Williamson – Family Tree of Doris Mary Manning
 - Rural Services Network – Rural Crime Survey
 - Save the Village Campaign – Keeping the Green Fields Green
 - Maurice Chandler Sports Centre – Thank you letter
 - Karen Booth – Requesting permission to place Geocaches around the Wollerton Wetlands
 - Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter
 - Tim Barker, Armed Forces Champion – Armed Forces Day – Fly the Flag
- a) Councillor Powell said he would look into the email from Mrs Williamson.
 - b) The Councillors agreed to the Geocaches around the Wollerton Wetlands request.
 - c) It was agreed that the Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter should go on the Hodnet website and the Clerk would liaise with Randall Hardy regarding this.
 - d) Councillor Powell said that he would take forward the ‘Fly the Flag’ initiative.

30. Any Other Business

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that the drainage work completed earlier this year on the Lyon Hall car park looked as if it was deteriorating again and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr McClure to come and have another look at it.

Councillor MacKie made the point that the road markings around the Parish seem to be almost worn out and some are now quite difficult to see. Councillor Hodge will take this matter forward with Victoria Doran.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is August 6th at Lyon Hall, Hodnet