

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**Present:** Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mr A. Cope, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mrs R. Revel Mr H. Trevor and Mr R. Downes. Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mr D. Hodge

The Chairman brought forward the Item on the Agenda re the Supplementary Planning Document, for the benefit of the two members of the public.

The main point for the Parish Council to consider was the proposed policy regarding affordable housing in the Hodnet area. After reading the 59 page document, the Chairman came to the conclusion that as there was so much red tape and so many 'hoops' to jump through for potential developers, he considered the chances of any affordable housing being built in the parish as remote. He had talked to a local architect, who advised the bureaucracy attached to building programmes was killing the trade. He assured the members of the public that there were no planning applications for affordable housing in the area and as things stood, none were expected.

Demand for affordable housing for local people was dependant on numbers being on the official Housing List, but members felt there should be other and easier ways of establishing demand as not all people who wished to live in the locality were on the Housing List.

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

#### **121. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 101**

The Clerk advised that Lucy McFarlane (SC) was waiting to hear from Mr Peat before progressing the matter further.

#### **122. State of Roads - Item 102**

Awaiting a progress report from Councillor Calder re the provision of salt boxes.

Councillor Morgan asked that Shropshire Council be informed of a blocked drain in Wood Lane, Wollerton, which had caused flooding, forcing motorists to drive on the wrong side of the road.

#### **123. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 103**

Masta Pave has confirmed the price for full resurfacing work in Bean Bank does include a dense base course. Meres & Mosses have promised to contribute £1000 +VAT towards overall costs. The Clerk advised he had written to, and left messages with Severn Trent, but to date had not received a reply. The 8 privately owned houses would be contacted once Severn Trent had made a commitment.

#### **124. Collapsed Culvert – Old Railway Line – Item 105**

Having been read an E-mail from Gareth Egarr (SC) stating the barbed wire fencing was completely satisfactory, Councillor Parker again insisted this was not the case and constituted a health & safety issue. He further suggested that children could still access the culvert along the stream. It was suggested that boarding up of the culvert should be initiated, ensuring enough space beneath the board(s) to allow for free flowing of any water. The Clerk was asked to write again to Mr Egarr.

**125. Speeding Traffic - Station Road, Drayton Road and Lostford – Item 107**

The Clerk advised he had written to the complainants and informed them of the action being taken by Arriva to eliminate the problem of speeding buses. P.C. Sturland had advised he would use the Laser Gun to reduce speeding in the area and would also introduce 30mph stickers on wheelie bins in Drayton Road and Shrewsbury Street. However, he felt it would not be worthwhile in Marchamley or Wollerton.

**126. Espley Roundabout – Sponsorship – Item 109**

Shropshire Council stated that because the Espley Roundabout was in a de-restricted speeding area, Community Services (West Mercia Probation Trust) were not able to utilize the services of the young offenders as they could only work in areas up to 40mph. As for the tree guards, young offenders could not undertake the work as knives would be required, which are banned. SC also advised that the ownership of the hedgerows with tree guards had now passed back to the original owners.

**127. Vacancy for Parish Council Clerk – Item 111**

The Chairman advised members that there were 7 applications for the vacancy and proposed that a Selection Committee be set up to conduct interviews. It was agreed that Councillors Mr Powell, Mr Cope and Mr Newitt form the committee, together with the Chairman. Deadline for all applications was set at 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**128. Hodnet Pharmacy – Archive Material – Item 115**

Councillor Underwood advised that prior to handing over the Archive material to Hodnet Medical Centre, he had inserted a brief note which stated that the book remained the property of Hodnet Parish Council. He also mentioned that information regarding the book had been put on the Hodnet Website.

**129. Planning Applications**

None

**Determination of Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 10/04920/FUL** – Erection of a single storey rear extension at 7 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

**Ref: No. 10/05083/COU** – Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the Change of Use of existing caravan from rest room to residential use (part retrospective) at Field No. 4515, Damson Lodge, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Planning Permission Refused.**

**130. Accounts - Expenditure**

K.G. Landscaping – Recreation Ground Grass Cutting for 2010	£1151.50
V & W Electrics Ltd – Street Light Maintenance – November 2010	£57.39
Mr C. France – Lyon Hall Car Park Maintenance – 2010	£116.25
Lyon Memorial Fund – Room Hire for 16/12/2010	£16.00
J.S. Ridgway & Sons – Hedge Cutting	£73.44
Viking Direct – Stationery Items	£24.40
<b>Accounts - Income</b>	
C.O.I.F. Dividend Payment for 01/09/2010 – 30/11/2010	£266.17
Eon Central Networks – Wayleave Payments 01/01/2011-01/01/2012	£56.25
Nat West Bank Plc – Interest from 01/10/2010 – 31/12/2010	£1.19

**Total Balance in Accounts as at 20/01/2011** **£5960.78**

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

**131. Correspondence**

SC – Local Joint Committee Bulletin – December 2010

Shropshire County NHS – Essential Guide to Keeping Well this Winter

West Mercia Police – Crime Report for November/December 2010 – Market Drayton Rural South

Royal British Legion 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Great Poppy Party Weekend – June 2011

Shropshire County NHS – Securing the Future of Hospital Services in Shropshire

SLCC – The Clerk Magazine – January 2011

Marie Curie Cancer Care – Request for Funding – North Wales & Shropshire

SC – Annual Emergency Planning Briefing – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

SC – Standards Committee Meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – Copy of Agenda

**132. Matters arising from Correspondence**

**a) Shropshire County NHS – Securing the Future of Hospital Services in Shropshire**

Councillor Revel described how, in recent months, some services were being moved to places such as Stoke or Birmingham and the Shropshire NHS were attempting to keep remaining services within the County by dividing them between Telford and Shrewsbury hospitals. Unfortunately there appears to be big differences between the hospitals, although the medical fraternity are broadly in favour of the proposals. The Chairman thanked Councillor Revel for clarifying the matter.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm