

# HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Present** ; Councillors Mr J Parker, Mr M Morgan,, Mr A Cope, Mr C Mackie,, Mr J H Powell, Mr N Newitt , Mr J Roberts, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

**Apologies** Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr R Downes, Mr H Trevor

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Amendments to Minutes – No 90. Item 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph should read Councillor Cope advised .... Subject to the above amendment Councillor Powell proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed.

## **Matters Arising**

### **100. Hearne Lane Depot – Item 4**

During the liaison Group Meeting there was a significant disagreement about how many vehicles actually used Drayton Road. Councillor Cope has since ascertained figures suggesting 1180 vehicles in 24 hours with a peak at 140 vehicles per hour – however it is not yet clear when this data was collected and Councillor Cope will seek to clarify.

We have had a reply from Victoria Doran - Highways Manager saying that our request to treat Drayton Road or erect signage would be outside Shropshire Council's Winter Maintenance Policy and therefore will not be actioned. A discussion took place and it was decided that the Parish Council might look to pay for gritting and or signage , the clerk was requested to ascertain prices for both. Councillor Calder suggested that we seek support from the Fire Station, Councillor Mackie will speak to Phil Benbow for his initial thoughts.

### **101. Football Netting – Item 73**

Unfortunately the Stop Netting was not erected for the last 2 football games and Councillor Hodge had received complaints from Mrs Griffiths as several balls came over into her property . Ms Heath advised Councillor Hodge that it was impossible to erect the netting with just three people and certainly not practical to dismantle after every match. In addition there are some overhanging branches right behind the goal that need removing . The Clerk has asked Mr Wellings to remove the branches. It is understood that the netting steel uprights will remain in place until the end of the season (4<sup>th</sup> May). Councillor Hodge was assured that the stop netting could be erected with just two people and it may be that further guidance is sought from the suppliers on how to achieve this.

### **102. Future of Hodnet Fire Station – Item 69**

The Parish Council were very pleased to note that Hodnet Fire Station is no longer under threat of closure.

### **103. Resignation Councillor Underwood - Item 96**

Regrettably there has been no response to any of the advertising requesting candidates to fill the Councillor vacancy. Councillor Powell suggested that the local press may be interested in running the vacancy as a “local story” the Clerk will contact a reporter from the Shropshire Star.

### **104 Traffic Cones at The Squirrel – Item 99**

It was noted that the chain link fence has been removed and cones re instated and once again incorrectly sited. The Clerk advised that no reply has been received from previous correspondence

to Highways about this matter . A general discussion took place and the Clerk was asked to contact Highways and request their action to address the problem.

### **105. Funding Requests**

The following funding requests have been received and the Parish Council agreed grants as shown

St Luke's Church Hodnet	£900
Maurice Chandler Sports	£100
CAB Shropshire	£ 50
Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club	£100
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£100
Severn Hospice	£100

### **106. Recreation Ground Repairs**

Mr Wellings has recently contacted Councillor Parker about his concerns about some problems on the Recreation Ground

- a) The Tyre Walk – there is considerable wear to the swing chains and the tyres are worn exposing metal cords. Councillor Parker confirmed that the chains were beyond repair. The Clerk was asked to get a quote from Playdale for complete replacement. These items were commented upon in the last ROSPA Inspection Report.
- b) The tarmac surface by the Slide has sunk and is loose. It was suggested that the Recreation Ground Committee meet on site and assess the problem
- c) There has been a marked increase in Dog Fouling ,which is of particular concern in the children play are and football pitch. The Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Dog Warden services to request more signage and elicit advice of further preventative measures.

### **107. Bus Shelters**

Mr Wellings has reported damage to the Bus Shelters at the top of Station Road and Wollerton. The Parish Council agreed to request Mr Wellings to undertake appropriate repairs. The Bus Shelter by the Rocking Horse shop is very overgrown with shrubs from that property , the Clerk was asked to write to the owner to request removal.

### **108. Planning**

**Ref 14/00479/FUL** - Erection of a two storey side extension -Weobley Farm Hodnet Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3JJ - **Supported**

**Ref 14/00546/FUL** - Erection of steel portal framed agricultural building for the storage of crops - Avenue Farm, The Avenue Peplow, Market Drayton, TF9 3JL - **Supported**

**Ref 14/00698/FUL** - Erection of 2 no. affordable dwellings and associated garages; installation of shared sewage system; formation of new vehicular access Proposed Affordable Dwellings South Of Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire – **Supported with comments**

**Ref 14/00852/FUL** - Proposed extensions including new front entrance with canopy over. Conversion and extension to existing garage/workshop to provide annex - Field Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley Shrewsbury , Shropshire SY4 5LH - **Supported**

**Ref 14/00632/FUL** - Erection of an extension to existing agricultural livestock shed - Green Hurst Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LH - **Supported**

## Determination of Planning

**Ref 13/02012/OUT** – Outline application ( to include access ) for erection of one dwelling- Brookside, Station Road, Hodnet, Shropshire TF9 3JD - **Permission Granted**

**Ref 14/00484/FUL** - Erection of single storey extension on east elevation and single storey porch extension on north elevation - Land At Broadlake Farm, Marchamley, Shropshire - **Permission Granted**

**Ref 14/00546/FUL** - Erection of steel portal framed agricultural building for the storage of crops - Avenue Farm, The Avenue Peplow, Market Drayton, TF9 3JL - **Permission Granted**

**Ref 14/00281/FUL** -Erection of an uncovered silage clamp - Hawkstone Abbey Farm Weston Under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LN - **Permission Granted**

**Ref 14/00162/FUL** - Alterations to raise roof lines to include removal of 2 no. dormer windows from front elevation - Oaktree Farm Tern Hill, Market Drayton TF9 3QW. - **Permission Granted**

## 109. Accounts

### Expenses

SALC	Planning briefing	1807	£20.00
Mrs M Rees	Salary	1808	£1,125.00
Mrs M Rees	Expenses	1809	£126.82
Mr P Wellings	Wages	1810	£853.50
HMRC	PAYE	1811	£154.60
Mrs F Bennett	Car Park Upkeep	1812	£105.00
Mr J H Powell	Permissive Footpath	1813	£400.00
Leverhulme Hesketh Trust	Wayleave	1814	£1.00
MNA	Councillor vacancy	1815	£47.90
Net World	Rec Ground Netting	1752	£1,734.00
Mr H Trevor	Car Park Repairs	1753	£230.70
Highline Electrical Ltd	St Light Repairs	1754	£786.00

### Receipts

Telereal	Wayleave underpayment	£4.84
Shropshire Council	Footpath Group	£200.00

**Total Balances at Bank as at 20.03.14 £10896.76**

Payment of Accounts was proposed by Councillor Morgan and Seconded by Councillor Newitt all agreed

## **110. Correspondence**

D Gradwell SC – Emerging from Church Street

V Doran SC – Drayton Road – see Item 100

COIF Investment

nPower – Electricity rate increase

Shropshire Sacrifice – WWI commemorative Project for Shropshire

SC – SAMDev Pre submission Draft ( Final Plan) consultation

SC – Repairs to Tern Hill Bridge

Peter Richards & Co – Miss G Hicks

- a) Mr Gradwell had two solutions to the problem of drivers being unsighted when emerging from Church Street. Firstly a mirror on the wall of the Bear Hotel or construction of a mini roundabout. However the mini roundabout would not be considered until April 2015 as this funding for schemes this year has been allocated. Following a general discussion it was decided that neither of these solutions were practical . The Clerk was asked to write to Ms Davies and advise her appropriately.
- b) CCLA has offered the opportunity for the Recreation Ground Trust Funds to be re invested in an ethical fund. The Parish Council decided to leave funds in the COIF Investment Fund.
- c) The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from Npower regarding their fixed term contracts
- d) The Parish Council were happy to validate the strong local connections of Miss Hicks and the Clerk will confirm to Peter Richards & Co accordingly.

## **Any Other Business**

- ⌚ Councillor Powell is concerned with increasing number of HGVs using Marchamley/Hodnet as a perceived short cut rather than using A41 to Tern Hill and thence A53 by pass. A general discussion took place and it was decided that the Clerk write to GroContinental advising our concerns. The Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Highways to ascertain if signs could be erected of “No HGVs except for access”.
- ⌚ The following Street Lights were reported defective H14, H15, H19 and W2 , the Clerk will report to Highline for repair. It was also requested that the Clerk ascertain if certain Lights had been attended several times.
- ⌚ Councillor Morgan had recently been down Cow Lane and concurred with a previous unminuted comment from Councillor Powell that it was very untidy. There are discarded bricks,concrete blocks, gate, dustbin and various rubbish strewn along the lane. It was agreed that the long awaited access too the Wetlands is marred by this inauspicious start to the walk. The Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council Outdoor Recreation and request assistance in clearing the path.
- ⌚ Councillor Mackie attended a LJC Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March please see attached appdx

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm.**

**The next Parish Council Meeting is 15th May 2014**