

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Tuesday 20th October 2009

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker and Mr R. Downes.

Also present was Shropshire Councillor Mrs K. Calder and Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillors Mrs A. Taylor, Mrs R. Revel, Mr D. Hodge, Mr A. Cope and Mr P. Perry

95. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2009

Councillor Underwood proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings, seconded by Councillor Newitt and all agreed, subject to amendments in Item 75. See separate sheet.

96. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 75

Councillors Mr R. Underwood and Mr M. Morgan stated they had attended a meeting with Lucy Roberts of Shropshire Councils' Countryside Access Team and formally submitted all information and evidence to back up a request for reinstatement of a footpath to the Wetlands from Wollerton. Councillor Morgan added that Ms Roberts had been very impressed with the quality of the presentation and had said that the matter would be addressed in the new year. Councillor Underwood advised that the matter was now in the hands of SC and if a route was chosen, all other claimed routes would not be recognized.

97. State of Roads - Kenstone - Item 77

Councillor Newitt advised he had met with engineers from SC and discussed the pothole situation in Wood Lane, Wollerton. The outcome was that budgetary restrictions prevented a full repair programme at present, but the area was earmarked for resurfacing in 2011. In the meantime, people were encouraged to report any pothole or road damage direct to SC, when interim repairs would be carried out, usually within 5 days. The criteria for a pothole were that the dimensions had to be a minimum of 8cms deep and 12cms wide. Councillor Newitt concluded by saying that other areas received priority through constant pressure from complainants, and by continued reporting of road damage, Hodnet PC might achieve the same end.

Councillor Powell reported that the pavement and kerbside from the corner of Church Street to the turning for Weston, had been completely cleared of weeds and other debris, and asked why SC had not continued to Marchamley or indeed all other parts of Hodnet. Clerk to enquire.

98. Street Lighting at Top of Hodnet Village - Item 78

The Clerk advised that the street light had been ordered and was expected to be installed in mid December. Central Networks has also been informed and connections were expected to be made within one or two days of the installation.

Minutes of a site meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September were approved.

99. Public Transport to Telford - Item 79

The Clerk read a further letter from Shropshire Councils' Head of Transport and again, Councillors were dissatisfied with the apparent evasiveness of the contents. After due discussion, Councillor Underwood stated he would draw up a map, highlighting the

existing routes and the route proposed by the Parish Council. The Clerk would then write again to SC.

100. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 80

The Clerk advised there had been no further developments, but he would monitor the situation and write again in the new year if no further progress had been made..

101. Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 81

The members looked at three proposals put forward by Mr D. Gradwell of Shropshire Council. After much discussion, Councillor Powell proposed a meeting with the Headmistress of Hodnet Primary School in an endeavour to reach a concensus. This was seconded by Councillor Underwood and all agreed. Councillors Underwood, Powell and Morgan all expressed a desire to attend. The Clerk advised he would make the arrangements.

102. Traffic Accident at Lyon Hall - 18/07/2009 - Item 83

The Clerk advised that repairs to the junction box, mounted on the power pole had been completed and the car park lights were now working. The street light was still not working. It was agreed the cost of this repair should be met by the insurance company. Repairs to the column and reinstatement of damaged area was discussed at some length. Councillor Underwood suggested that a letter be written to the insurance company asking them to provide a suitable repairer for the total reinstatement of all the damaged area. All agreed.

103. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 87

Following conversations with the Clerk, Alice Dilley, Principal Engineer of Shropshire Council Highways, suggested a site meeting with interested parties from the Parish Council. Councillor Underwood advised he would contact Mrs Dilley direct to arrange same.

104. Hodnet Social Club Rent Review - Item 88

The Clerk advised he had informed the Social Club of the rent freeze and was awaiting payment for 2009/2010.

105. Determination of Planning Applications

Ref: No. 09/02022/LBC - Alteration to inglenook fireplace to include removal of 1970's stonework and insertion of metal chimney liner at Bench Mark Cottage, Rookery Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Listed Building Consent Granted.**

Ref: No. 09/70036/FUL - Change of use of land from agricultural for the rearing of game birds, erection of bird rearing pens/runs and erection of associated storage building with creation of access on land at Lostford Lane, Lostford, Market Drayton. **Planning Permission Refused.**

The Chairman read an E-mail from Mrs Tellwright, thanking the Parish Council for their support in contesting the application and made particular reference to the excellent presentation given by Councillor Powell to the Planning Committee.

Ref: No. 09/00852/FUL - Erection of mobile home for temporary residential accommodation at Home Farm, Peplow, Market Drayton. **Planning Permission Refused.**

Ref: No. 09/02211/FUL - Proposed agricultural building for housing of livestock at The Vale Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

Ref: No. 09/01479/FUL - Demolish existing outbuildings and construct two storey

extension to south elevation and two storey extension to north elevation at Barrow Cottage, 17-18 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

106. Planning Applications

Ref: No. 09/02841/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side elevation at Ashleigh, 14 Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton. **No comments.**

107. Street Light Numbering

After due discussion, Councillor Morgan proposed that all the lights be renumbered and cleaned at the same time, subject to costings being obtained. This was seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed. It was further agreed that the work should be carried out in stages over two years and all Wollerton numbers could have the prefix WO.

108. Salary Reviews

In view of the shortage of members at the meeting, it was agreed the review should be postponed until the next meeting in December. The Chairman asked that telephone expenses for the Clerk should also be considered and he agreed to find out the present agricultural rate for Mr Wellings review. Mrs Bennett, who maintained the Lyon Hall car park, would also be considered in the review.

109. Parish Plan

It was considered this matter should be discussed after the final meeting of the Parish Plan Committee, but in the interim Councillor Powell suggested all members should have a full version of the plan. Councillor Underwood volunteered to see the necessary printing was carried out.

110. Local Police Mail Boxes

The Clerk read an E-mail from PC Mick Sturland, requesting funding for a 'mail box' so that parishioners could address their concerns or notify any criminal activity to the police. Postcards would be provided and the police or CSO would collect the 'post' at regular intervals. The cost would be approximately £25.90. Councillor Powell proposed the funding be granted, seconded by Councillor Morgan and all agreed.

111. Accounts - Expenditure

Mr E. McCall - Parish Plan Postage - 610 Stamps x 47p (Paid 19/09/2009)	£286.70
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire 17/09/2009	£16.00
Npower Ltd - Street Lighting Account from 01/07/2009 - 30/09/2009	£1122.62
Mr M. Fox - Weed Control Programme for 2009	£276.00
Wollerton United Reformed Church - Room Hire - 7 Parish Plan Meetings x £10.00	£70.00
Accounts - Income	
Nat West Bank Interest - 01/07/2009 - 30/09/2009	£1.74

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

112. Correspondence

South Shropshire Housing Association - Potential Development Site for Affordable Housing
West Mercia Police Authority - Report of the Annual Meeting held on 14/07/2009
North Shropshire Safety Scene - Thankyou Letter
SC - Community Tree Scheme
North Shropshire Local Policing Action Group - Meeting Cancelled
West Shropshire Talking Newspaper - Request for Funding
CCLA - Investment Fund Half Yearly Statement
BT - Adopting Phone Boxes in Hodnet & Marchamley

113. Matters Arising from Correspondence

a) BT- Adopting Telephone Boxes in Hodnet & Marchamley

After due discussion, the members agreed the existing telephone boxes should remain and the phones continue to be operative. They objected to their threatened removal without any consultation, and the Clerk was asked to write to BT, Ofcom and Shropshire Council to express their concerns.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm