

# HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 22 September 2011

**Present** ; Councillors Mr J Powell ( Chairman ) Mr D Hodge ( Vice Chairman ), Mr R Underwood, Mr J Parker, Mr A Cope, Mrs A Taylor ,Mr R Downes, Mr M Morgan, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder  
Also present and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Councillors, Mr H Trevor, Mr N Newitt, Mrs R Revel

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 04 August 2011**

Councillor Morgan proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings subject insertion in item 25, that Councillor Powell declared an interest in that matter and took no further part in the discussion seconded by Councillor Taylor and all agreed.

## **Matter Arising**

### **35. Bean Bank Road Wollerton – State of road surface – Item 123**

The Clerk has received funds from Mears & Mosses but still awaits contribution from Severn Trent. The Clerk will chase up the outstanding payment.

### **36. Weed Spraying – Item 12**

Weed Spraying has been done but Councillor Powell thought it had been undertaken late in the year. The Clerk was asked to diary this item for the May Agenda next year.

### **37. Marchamley Road Footpath - Item 13**

Councillor Powell declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussion. The final draft of the proposed questionnaire has been agreed by the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Cope that the Council go ahead and issue the questionnaire to residents in Marchamley and Hodnet this was seconded by Councillor Hodge. The Clerk is in the process of obtaining address labels with the planned issue early in October and a requested return date of end of October. Each questionnaire will be numbered accordingly to enable the Footpath Group to do a follow up exercise in the event of a poor return

### **38. Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Item 29**

A sample mug and transfers were provided for the Council's consideration. Mr M Powell kindly attended the meeting to help answers any queries the Councillors may have. The transfers provided had all been agreed by the Lord Chancellors Office for use on official souvenirs. The mugs are made in Longton Stoke On Trent. The Councillors agreed on the mug and the transfer to be used for issue to the children of the Parish. It was requested that the mug bear Hodnet Parish on the reverse and be gilded. The Clerk will advise Mr Powell of the Councils requirements and seek a unit price. The Clerk will confirm with the School PTA that they are happy to pay for mugs for any schoolchildren not in Hodnet Parish and request total numbers required. The Council will also provide mugs for all other children of the Parish who do not attend the Hodnet School, Councillor Calder will try and ascertain approximate numbers.

### **39. Lyon Hall Car Park – Item 34c**

A quote has been received from H & G Ash for £348 + vat for the remarking of the Car Park. Unfortunately the Council have not received a reply from Hodnet Medical Centre regarding the marking of a disabled parking space on their Car Park. A general discussion took place regarding the provision for disabled parking for visitors to the Medical Centre as several complaints have been made about the lack of proper provision. Whilst there are disabled spaces available on the Lyon Hall Car Park these are too far away for severely disabled patients attending the Medical Centre. It was felt that provision should be made nearer the Surgery.

In the absence of a disabled parking space being made available on the Surgery Car Park then the spaces immediately in front of the Hall should be so designated. The Council requested that the Clerk write again to Hodnet Medical Centre outlining their views on this matter.

### **40. Time Control for Street Lights**

The Clerk had provided the Councillors with some background information on initiatives in Ellesmere and Llanfyllin. Ellesmere are undertaking a trial of switching off every other street light in certain areas. Llanfyllin Council had tried to reduce the hours of street lighting but local residents were very much against the idea. In order to restrict the time of lighting each of Hodnet Street lights would have to be modified at a cost of £40 plus vat. Previous experience of timed lighting has proved expensive as each light has to be adjusted at least twice a year. Councillor Calder advised that there is currently a Shropshire Council initiative concerning Street Light timing switches, she will gather more information and report at our next meeting.

### **41. Review of Place Plan**

All the Councillors have received Councillors Hodge's review of the Market Drayton Place Plan. Councillor Hodge advised that he did not think the Place Plan accurately reflected the views expressed in the Parish Plan and in some categories Hodnet was not represented at all. Councillor Hodge suggested that it was time to review the Parish Plan and confirm findings, then measure progress against those findings and revise our input to The Place Plan. It was agreed that an extra ordinary Council Meeting will be convened on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Lyon Hall if available.

### **42. Marchamley Bus Shelter**

A large agricultural vehicle has caused damage to Marchamley Bus Shelter. The Farmer concerned has agreed to make reparations. The Clerk will obtain two quotes for repairing the Shelter.

### **43. Recreation Ground Meeting**

An informal meeting of the Parish council met at the Recreation Ground on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Present were Councillors Powell, Taylor, Parker, Downes and Revel, with groundsman Phil Wellings in attendance.

The Rospa report of the safety of the rec. was considered. This gives the ground a good safety rating, with only the BMX track being graded as medium risk. All other areas and equipment are low risk. There were no immediate safety issues to remedy, but some minor repairs to wooden edgings, and filling of hollow areas of ground is required which will be undertaken during the winter months. The playground seems to be well used and has not suffered any misuse or vandalism. The BMX track has had more use than at this time last year, but the surface is in reasonable condition.

The football pitch and its surrounding area is in reasonable condition, but has obviously suffered with the very dry conditions through the summer. Some concern was made over the fact that the pitch seems to have grown recently, and the corner is touching the Station Road footpath in one place, possibly putting walkers at risk. The complaint from a resident over footballs landing in her garden which is behind the goal was discussed at length. It was decided that the football club's response was considered and sensible, in that any balls would be retrieved at the end of play.

There is a dead birch in the corner by the entrance road which will be removed by Phil Wellings, and that area cleared and left tidy. All councillors present agreed that the Recreation Ground is an important asset to Hodnet parish, and its excellent condition is a credit to Phil Wellings and also to Trevor Goodwin who mows the grass.

#### 44. Planning Applications

**Ref 11/03590/FUL** – Erection of Porch to rear elevation, Hawkstone House, Wood Lane, Marchamley - **Supported**

**Ref 11/03450/AGR** – Erection of open sided portal framed agricultural building at Bank Farm Kenstone, Hodnet TF9 3LJ – **For information only**

**Ref 11/03066FUL** – Erection of Agricultural building for livestock and general purpose storage at Penwood Farm, Peplow ,TF9 3JY- **Supported**

**Ref 11/03723/MAW** – Change of use to Sewage Pumping Station, incorporating the installation of 1 Kiosk, Septicity tank.,Bauer connectionpoint, the erection of 1.1m high post & rail fence and associated works – Severn Trent Water Ltd - **Supported**

**11/03451/FUL** - Erection of Agricultural Building for livestock, Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet TF9 3LJ- **Supported**

**11/03452/FUL** - Erection of Agricultural Building for livestock, Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet TF9 3LJ- **Supported**

**11/03453/FUL** - Formation of Earth Bank Slurry Lagoon, Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet TF9 3LJ- **Supported**

#### Determination of Planning Applications

**Ref11/02007/FUL** - Woodlands Farm Wood Lane Wollerton Market Drayton TF9 3NY-Conversion of existing barn and stable block into a two storey dwelling; installation of a bio-disc drainage system. **Application Refused**

**11/01887/REF** – Application under section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for Change of Use of existing caravan from rest room to residential use (part retrospective ) - Field number 4515, Damson Lodge, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Appeal Dismissed**

**Ref 11/03385/FUL** – Erection of single storey side extension and detached double garage /workshop with store over and external staircase at 16 Drayton Road, Lostford, Market Drayton TF9 3LT – **Permission Granted**

#### 45. Accounts

<b>Expenditure</b>	
Lyon Memorial Hall	£ 18.00
Playsafety Ltd ( ROSPA )	£ 128.40
Mike Fox	£ 400.62
Mazars ( External Audit )	£ 162.00
Hodnet HQ Mangmt Comm	£ 200.00
Clerk Expenses	£ 113.80

Clerk Salary	£1000.00
F Bennett	£ 100.00
<b>Receipts</b>	
Meres & Mosses ( Bean Bank)	£2000.00
COIF Dividend	£ 266.17

**Total Balances at Bank as at 22.09.11      £12563.22**

Payment of accounts was proposed by Council Morgan and seconded by Councillor Cope

#### **46. Correspondence**

SC - PCT notes – Areas of responsibility

SC - Cabinet determination of Statutory Notices on School Organisation

SC - Access to Wetlands

SC - Delivering Local Priorities through Partnership Working

Letter from Mr Trotman re Potholes

Letter from Hodnet Scout & Guide Joint Headquarters

Clerk & Councils Direct

SC – Shropshire Local Development Framework: Adopted Core Strategy

The Clerk Magazine

Letter – Mr & Mrs Griffiths, 32 Shrewsbury Street Hodnet

Letter – Hodnet 2000 Trust

#### **47. Matters arising from Correspondence**

a) Letter from Mr Trotman,

Mr Trotman had written to the Parish Council to advise us of the state of the lay-by adjacent to the letter box and the road where Wood Lane meets the main road from Whitchurch to Marchamley. This matter will be reported to Shropshire Council Highways.

b) Letter from Hodnet Scouts

The Council have been advised of further repairs being carried out on the Scout & Guide Joint Headquarters. Funding of £200 for such work had been agreed in the Parish Council meeting of March and it was agreed that the funds should now be forwarded to the Joint Headquarters. In addition the Council has been requested to fund repairs to the kitchen window, unfortunately the budget has been allocated for this year but the Council will consider the request in next year's budget allocation. The Clerk will advise their Treasurer accordingly.

A separate request for funds to assist the Scout Group for new camping equipment has been received. The Council is keen to support this group and a proposal to pledge £200 was made by Councillor Hodge and seconded by Councillor Powell, all agreed. These funds will be made available out of next year's budget. The Clerk will advise the Scout Secretary accordingly.

c) Letter From Mr Griffiths – **Item 15**

Mr P Griffiths has written to the Council on behalf of his parents at 32 Shrewsbury Street. There are still concerns with stray footballs landing in their garden and at the last match players pushing through the hedge and retrieving the footballs without permission. In addition Mr & Mrs Griffiths are still concerned about possible damage to their property with football hitting glass on their back porch.

The Council are happy for Mr & Mrs Griffiths to erect a fence on their side of the hedge in line with other existing fencing, this should prevent players retrieving football without permission. The Clerk

will write to Mr & Mrs Griffiths accordingly.

The Clerk will also write to Hodnet Sports association reminding them of their own suggestion that stray footballs will only be collected at the end of each game and requesting information regarding temporary netting for behind the goal posts.

### **Items for next Agenda**

Gates at either end of footpath running parallel to A53 emerging at Espley Roundabout

There being be no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm