

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 23rd June 2011

Present ; Councillors Mr J Powell (Chairman) Mr D Hodge (Vice Chairman), Mr R Underwood, Mr J Parker, Mrs R Revel, Mr A Cope, Mr N Newitt ., Mr H Trevor Mrs A Taylor, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder
Also present and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

Apologies : Councillors, Mr R Downes, Mr M Morgan

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Councillor Newitt proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Parker and all agreed.

Matter Arising

10. Bean Bank Road Wollerton – State of road surface – Item 123

The Clerk advised that the contractors were due to commence work on 4th July

11. Archiving – Item 147

The Clerk advised that a metal cabinet has been installed at the Hall and the archived papers are stored within.

12. Weed Spraying

It as agreed that the Clerk contact the contractor and arrange for the usual weed spraying programme to commence

13. Marchamley Road Footpath

Councillor Powell declared an interest and took no further part in the following discussion.

Councillor Underwood gave an outline of the plan to join the existing pavements between Hodnet and Marchamley. *You might recall that one of the outcomes of the Parish Plan process was the setting up of the Hodnet Footpath Group. At the time we recorded our support for its proposed investigative work on the possibility of satisfying one of the issues that had generated strong support in the Parish Plan questionnaire, namely to possibility of a permissive footpath between Hodnet and Marchamley and Wollerton. Longer serving members of the Council may recall that previous tentative investigations showed that nature of the road and cost of formal pavement provision made a field side permissive path the only feasible option.*

As a member of the Footpath group, I can report that there is some enthusiasm amongst them for this task, and considerable investigative work has been undertaken by its Chairman, Angus Taylerson. As a result, it is felt that a path which aims to 'plug the gap' in the existing pavement provision between Hodnet and Marchamley is the most realistic objective, being both the shortest route and the one where some possibly suitable land is owned by a single landowner. Some preliminary discussions and site meetings have taken place with that landowner, and in principle he is prepared to consider such a path - subject to it involving no cost to him, i.e. the provision of a

suitable legal agreement, fencing, construction and ongoing compensation [rental] of a suitable strip of land. Advice on all these issues would be available from Shropshire Council, but in the current climate funding would have to come from elsewhere.

As regards funding, whilst ongoing maintenance costs would probably be modest, and thus readily fundable by this council, raising sufficient funds for its creation will be a significant issue. Advice received by Shropshire Council's rights of way team suggests that those bodies likely to be willing to consider such a scheme will look for some very clear evidence supporting its creation and suggest that a suitable questionnaire be issued by the PC to gauge local support.

A possible residents letter/questionnaire has been drafted and a copy is provided for each of you. What would like to propose at this meeting is that members accept that in principle we should issue such a questionnaire and that otherwise we each take it away and consider its content, perhaps e-mailing any comments/suggestions to the clerk ahead of our next meeting. In the meantime the FP group - who co-incidentally are meeting this evening, will be undertaking a similar exercise.

At our next meeting we will perhaps be in a better position to consider a final draft and also decide how such a questionnaire might be provided and funded, i.e. printed, posted out/hand delivered to which homes [ie. all homes or just areas where the residents can most likely be expected to make use of it] and then how it is to be collected &/or posted back.

The Clerk was asked to provide some information on the number of homes in various discrete areas of the parish and expected postage costs. A general discussion took place and in principle all the Councillors were in favour of finding out the local requirement for the proposed path. It was agreed that the Council should record its thanks to Mr Taylerson for his time in research for this proposed project.

14. Adoption of Type and affordability of Housing SPD

Councillor Powell requested clarification regarding the funds raised from the Infrastructure Levy and Affordable Housing contribution. Where would these monies go and how would they be used? Councillor Calder replied that monies would go to Shropshire Council and portion of the Infrastructure Levy could go to a local identifiable scheme whilst the Affordable Housing Levy would be used on projects throughout the county. Councillors were concerned that this scheme was not being adopted by all County Councils at the same time and developers may be more inclined to build in another County where these Levies were not yet introduced. Councillor Calder advised that Developers and Agents were accepting of these new Levies and in time similar schemes would be rolled out in all Counties.

15. H Griffiths, 32 Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet

The Council has received a letter from Mrs Griffiths. Her property is directly behind the goalposts on the Recreation Ground and she has two main concerns. Firstly that footballs are coming over into her garden where she would like to erect a greenhouse and secondly when footballs do come into her garden then the players do not ask permission to retrieve them. It was agreed that The Recreation Ground committee will investigate at their next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to advise Mrs Griffiths of the site meeting and write to the Hodnet Sports Association and ask them to remind players that permission must be sought from the householder before entering the garden.

16. Planning Applications

Ref 11/02338/AGR Erection of an agricultural livestock building at Penwood Farm, Peplow TF9 3JY – *Information only*

Ref 11/01853/OUT – Outline Application for the erection of an Agricultural Workers Dwelling to include access, appearance, landscaping and scale, The Vale Farm ,Wood Lane, Marchamley- **No Objections**

Ref 11/02121/FUL – Erection of single storey extension to existing bungalow at Oakdene, Hine Heath, Shawbury - **Supported**

Ref 11/01906/LBC – Replacement of existing wooden windows with double glazed windows, replacement of existing wooden outer doors with new wooden doors, Rakepark Lodge ,Weston Under Redcastle SY4 5JY - **Supported**

Ref 11/02184/FUL – Erection of Bellcote and associated works , Bradley Farm ,Market Drayton, TF9 3QN - **Supported -The Council feel that the Bellcote would add interest to the long building**

Ref 11/02185/LBC - Erection of Bellcote and associated works affecting a Grade II listed building , Bradley Farm ,Market Drayton, TF9 3QN -**Supported -The Council feel that the Bellcote would add interest to the long building**

Ref 11/02265/FUL – Erection of detached 3 bay garage with office over,The Vineyard ,Weston Under Redcastle,SY4 5JY- **Supported with the proviso that the window frames should be in wood rather than PVC.**

Ref 11/02339/LBC – External alterations in connection with replacement windows and doors affecting Bench Mark Cottage,Rookery Lane ,Marchamley - **Supported**

Ref 11/00667/FUL – Conversion of traditional agricultural farm buildings into 5 dwellings,installation of Septic Tank and creation of amenity area to include 2 paddocks, replacement stable and garaging – Mount Farmhouse, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire -**Supported**

Determination of Planning Applications

Ref 11/02087/TCA - To fell one Silver Birch tree within the Marchamley Conservation Area. The Leap ,Marchamley, SY4 5LR – **No Objections**

Ref 11/01440/LBC – Removal of partition wall between kitchen / hall,replacement of fitted kitchen and re instatement of wood burning stove in kitchen effecting Grade 11 listed building. Bench Mark Cottage,Rookery Lane,Marchamley – **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Ref 11/01513/FUL- Erection of steel portal framed agricultural building for use as fodder store. Marchamley Farm, Marchamley Wood, Shrewsbury. – **Permission Granted**

Ref No 11/01777/FUL – Erection of an agricultural building for housing cattle and storing animal feed- Hawkstone Abbey Farm, Weston Under Redcastle, Shropshire, SY4 5LN – **Permission Granted**

Appeals

Ref11/01887/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 – **Hearing set for 3rd August 2011**

17. Bank Account

It was resolved that existing Bank Account signing instructions are maintained and Councillor Hodge be added as an authorised signatory. Proposed by Councillor Parker and Seconded by Councillor Taylor – all agreed.

18. Accounts

Expenditure

Shropshire New & Used Office Furniture	£ 136.80
V&W Electrics	£ 108.85
P Beddow- Review of Accounts	£ 67.75
Lyon Memorial Hall	£ 18.00
Clerk Expenses	£ 154.99
Clerk Salary	£ 1000.00
V & W Electrics Ltd	£ 87.18

Receipts

Hodnet Social Club	£ 150.00
C.O.I.F Dividend	£ 228.96

Total Balances as at 23.06.11

£17611.98

Payment of accounts was proposed by Council Underwood and seconded by Councillor Hodge

19. Dog Waste Bins

Following a report of an overflowing bin the clerk advised Shropshire Council who agreed to empty it. However a subsequent telephone call from Shropshire Council revealed that the Council did not empty that particular bin as it belonged to the Council. The Clerk will write to Shropshire Council in order to clarify matters

20. Correspondence

L C A –Information Booklets
SC – Neighbourhood Planning, Market Towns Revitalisation Programme
SC- Localism Event 29 June 2011
SC –Local Transport Plan Consultation
SC- North East Frost Damage Schemes, Local Maintenance Plan

SC – Senior Management Team
SC – Re Mr Bate and land at Bank Farm Kenstone
Adopt a kiosk
Marie Curie Cancer Care – Thank you letter for our grant
CAB - Thank you letter for our grant
Hope House Childrens Hospice - Thank you letter for our grant
Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - Thank you letter for our grant
West Shropshire Talking Newspaper - Thank you letter for our grant
Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club - Thank you letter for our grant
SC – Movement of school flashing sign & request use of H3 street light for electricity supply
Central Networks – Engineers dispatched to investigate overgrown poles
SC – Rural Watch
SALC – Cemetery Management – Information course 14th July
SC – Shropshire Charter – replaced/refreshed by end of year
The Wrekin Housing Trust – Complimentary tickets for Shrewsbury Flower Show
CAB – Guide how CAB can help Councillors
SC – Changes to Local Bus Services – 341/342 Market Drayton to Wellington
SALC – AGM 12.07.11 - 7.15pm Edinburgh House, Wem

21. Matter Arising from Correspondence

Changes to Local Bus Services – 341/342 Market Drayton to Wellington

Councillors were very concerned with the proposed changes in timetable for the 341/342 bus service. Effectively instead of two buses only one bus will now serve our Parish and with further changes to routing, some days the service is only one way. This will be of no use to anyone wishing to use the service for Hospital Appointments at the Princess Royal. Furthermore these changes were sanctioned on 11th May and were only advised by 22 June, with a 11th July deadline for any comments. Councillor Hodge and Unitary Councillor Calder are to meet with Jonathan Hayes (Principia Transport Officer) on 11th July to discuss the Parish Council concerns.

22. Report on Local Joint Committee Meeting - 22 June 2011 Councillor Hodge gave the following Report

New Chairman taking from Cllr Karen Calder is Cllr David Minnery (Shropshire Council) and Vice-Chair Cllr Ron Lucas (Norton in Hales parish). Grateful thanks expressed to Karen for her time as Chairman of the LJC.

LJC Budget of £34,500 represents a reduction of some 50% from last year. Some carry over (£2.5K) from last FY (this won't be permitted in future) plus a community arts grant of £3k represents an overall of some £40k allocated to Market Drayton LJC for FY 2011/12.

Minutes of Last meeting: Items of note for Hodnet PC from LJC meeting of 16 Feb was award of £800 to Hodnet School gardening project and £4500 to the Guide Hut for New toilets and disability access.

Public Questions: Only one which was a query on discussions on possible Farmers Market for Market Drayton and potential conflict with the success of the current indoor market.

Draft Bus Strategy: No one to speak to the Report on proposed services changes. (Noted nos 341/342 revised timetable being circulated and removal of subsidy No 64 Hanley service on Sundays). Results of consultation were reported to Shropshire Cabinet Committee on 11 May with changes put into effect mid-July.

Applications For Funding

Eight applications for funding were received totalling some £20k. No items for Hodnet PC.

- Woore Village Pride req £500. **Refused.**
- Woore Methodist Church. Retrospective request (£1450) for heating and insulation forced action due to inclement weather. 50% of request at £725 **Agreed**
- Musical Market Drayton req £3500. **Refused.**
- Dutton Close £1500 req group has raised £50k. **Agreed.**
- Police community reparation req for £500. **Refused.**
- Development of sports facilities for Market Drayton . Floodlit AstroTurf pitch and indoor sports centre. Grove School as centre gives dual use school during day and community in evening. Funding bodies have requested a business plan as to how this can be taken forward. Needs a composite plan to serve community . Seeking funding of some £4000 to produce plan. **Agreed.**
- Drayton Sports Club. Heating system and boiler. Final element of support has had lot of finances in the past. Some reservations of whether club can maintain standard. Increased membership etc roof has been fixed. Request for £3000. **Agreed.**
- Fordhall Farm requested £5500 for staff costs to help build bird hide by young offenders. **Refused.**

No Police Attendance.

Short brief on revised organisation of Fire Services in the local area. (POC Guy Williams)
Requested if we were aware of remote locations or disabled who might be vulnerable they would like to be informed. Guy.williams@Shropshirefire.gov.uk

Future agenda items.

Feedback on major funded items.

Solar energy

Market Drayton Town plan in new year

Reminder that closing date for next round of Funding Applications is Friday 16th Sep 2011.

Items for next Agenda

- Diamond Jubilee
- List Of Funding by LJC

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm