

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 24th February 2011

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), 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 Nicola Fisher, Shropshire Council Senior Community Action Officer.

Apologies: Councillors Mr D. Hodge, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr A. Cope, Mr N. Newitt and Shropshire Councillor Mrs K. Calder

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing Nicola Fisher, Senior Community Action Officer for Shropshire Council and invited her to take the floor.

Nicola began by explaining that due to restructuring and a 25% cut in staffing, she had taken over the role from Lucy Roberts and had been in the post since January 2011. As leader of the Local Joint Committee, she advised the funding budget had been reduced by 50% for 2011, which meant only £32000 was available for 2011 and should there be any funding requirements for Hodnet Parish Council, it was suggested that requests be submitted as soon as possible. She voiced her enthusiasm for supporting local projects such as Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Royal Wedding and the Olympics and was very willing to help with co-ordination of such activities. Nicola further advised there had been 3 new posts created for Shropshire, which consisted of three Directors. Mr George Candler had been appointed as Director for North Shropshire. She also confirmed that Market Drayton Library and Baths were to remain open but not necessarily run by Shropshire Council.

LJC meetings were being reduced from 4 meetings to 3 meetings per year. This would save time and money.

The Chairman asked what was the purpose of the LJC? Nicola replied that it was acknowledged that if Shropshire Council was making decisions for the community then those communities should be involved and able to discuss their needs and concerns with Shropshire Council as well as other local Parish or Town Councils. The LJC Committee for the Market Drayton area consisted of representatives from all the local Town and Parish Councils, together with representatives from Shropshire Council. There were 28 LJCs in the County who were responsible for £1m of funding in 2010.

Councillor Powell asked why, if this money came from the County budget, did there have to be any extra layer of bureaucracy such as the LJCs? Nicola replied that it brought in high level senior officers who got directly involved with the public and access to funding was very much simplified. Officers were very well informed and could answer questions and any concerns directly. The uncomplicated application process for funding would not change.

Nicola concluded by saying she was based in Edinburgh House, Wem and was always available to discuss any matters. The Chairman thanked her for coming.

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

133. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 121

The Clerk advised he had spoken with Lucy McFarlane, but no further progress had been made. Councillor Underwood suggested it was time to push matters further.

134. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 123

Despite further correspondence with the agents for Severn Trent, the Clerk reported he had not received any reply. It was agreed by members that a letter and supporting documentation be sent directly to the CEO of Severn Trent, with a copy being sent to the MD of Lambert Smith Hampton and Mr Hill of the same company.

135. Collapsed Culvert – Old Railway Line – Item 124

Members were advised that the repairs to the culvert had now been initiated and all work was duly completed.

136. Vacancy for Parish Council Clerk – Item 127

The Chairman advised that of the 11 applications received, 3 of the candidates had been chosen for interview on Tuesday 1st March in the Lyon Memorial Hall. Councillors Mr J. Powell, Mr A. Cope, Mr N. Newitt and the Chairman would conduct the interviews.

137. Litter Picking

Councillor Underwood advised he had been trying to organise someone to re-invigorate and co-ordinate the team of litter pickers as volunteered in the Parish Plan. He had found a candidate and wished to put all information on the Hodnet Website with the support of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

138. Potholes, Litter, Mud and State of Pavements

The Clerk was advised of potholes at Mickley, Marchamley Wood, above Woodlands Farm, Wollerton, and Long Lane, Marchamley. Shropshire Council to be informed.

There were further reports of litter on the Hodnet By-pass and serious build-up of mud on the road behind Benbow's Farm in Kenstone. Shropshire Council to be advised.

Councillor Underwood reported overgrown pavements at the back of Wollerton, by the reading room and also at the entrance to Wollerton Club. Shropshire Council to be notified.

139. Planning Applications

Ref: No. 11/00342/FUL – Erection of a detached double garage with storage over on land at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire. **No Comments.**

Ref:No. 11/00380/FUL – Erection of a two storey extension and conversion of attached garage to additional living accommodation at Radmoor House, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3JZ. **No Comments.**

Ref: No. 11/00571/VAR - (Validated 11/02/2011) – Variation of Condition No.3 (visibility splay) attached to Planning Permission **Ref: N/90/613/HO/211** dated 02/07/1990 to allow for a reduced visibility splay and to include change of use of land to agricultural at Marchamley Club, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LE. **No Comments.**

Councillor Powell expressed a personal interest and took no part in the discussions.

Ref: No. 11/00115/FUL – (Validated 14/02/2011) – Installation of 5 solar photovoltaic panels to front facing roofslope at Brooklands, 2 Station Road, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3JD. **No Comments.**

Determination of Planning Applications

Ref: No. 10/04462/FUL – Erection of detached three bay open fronted garage with garden store and first floor storage room at Barrow Cottage, 17-18, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LE. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

140. **Accounts - Expenditure**

Npower Ltd – Street Lighting from 01/10/2010 – 31/12/2010	£1160.19
V & W Electrics Ltd – Street Lighting Maintenance – December 2010	£48.38
Mr R. Hardy – Web Hosting Package for hodnet.org.uk – March 2011	£37.45
Lyon Memorial Fund – Room Hire for 20/01/2011	£18.00
Leverhulme Hesketh Trust – Footpath Right of Way from 01/03/2011 – 29/02/2012	£1.00
V & W Electrics Ltd – Street Lighting Repairs for January 2011	£214.88

Accounts - Income

SC – Parish Footpath Group – Grant.	£100.00
Hodnet Social Club – Part Payment of Rent for 2010/2011 – Cash	£300.00

Total Balance in Accounts as at 24/02/2011 **£4880.88**

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

141. **Correspondence**

SC – Draft Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Part One
SC – Draft Developer Contributions SPD
SC – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy
SC – Harcourt Mill East Bridge – Stanton-upon-Hine Heath – Closure 28/02/2011 – One Week
SC – Local Joint Committee Agenda for 16/02/2011 and Minutes of Meeting held on 20/10/2010
SC – Education for Shropshire – Proposed Changes to Organisation and Funding of Schools
SC – Information & Communication Technology Support for Parish & Town Councils
SC – Introduction of New Street Party/Road Closure Application Process
SC – New Senior Community Action Officer – Nicola Fisher
Hodnet Joint Headquarters Management Committee – Funding Request
SALC – New Secretary of North Shropshire Area Committee Requesting Parish Council Representative
Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club – Request for Funding

142. **Matters arising from Correspondence**

a) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk was asked to ascertain why the proposed Levy rates were set at £40/m² for all areas of the County except Rural Shropshire, which had a proposed rate of £120/m², excluding single plot sites.

b) Hodnet Joint Headquarters Management Committee – Funding Request

The Members asked that more detail be given as to the purpose of the funding request.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm