

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 25th March 2010

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mr P. Perry, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge, Mr R. Downes and County Councillor Mrs K. Calder. Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk).

Apologies: Councillor Mrs R. Revel

178. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2010

Councillor Powell proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Cope, and all agreed, subject to a deletion from Item 175 commencing 'He also told of a situation.....'

179. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 156

The Clerk advised that Lucy McFarlane had held further talks with Mr & Mrs Peat and also adjacent landowners and more talks were necessary before any options could be prioritised. She suggested discussing the matter further with Councillor Underwood and possibly one other Councillor.

180. State of Roads - Item 157

Councillor Calder stated she would enquire as to whether further salt bins had been ordered by Shropshire Council.

181. Public Transport to Telford - Item 158

Councillor Calder stated she would make enquiries, but felt that the possibility of re-routing Service 342 through Wollerton was extremely remote.

182. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 159

Councillor Calder advised that SC might take on the adoption of Bean Bank, provided it was improved to a high standard prior to any adoption. She agreed to investigate further. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council to request their assistance in filling in the potholes 'as a favour', which would not commit them, in any way, to long term responsibility for the road.

183. Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 160

After due discussion it was proposed by Councillor Newitt that Shropshire Councils' Option 2 should be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.

184. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 161

The Clerk read an E-mail from Alice Dilley (SC), who had discussed the proposals at a site meeting with Councillors Morgan, Underwood and Hodge on 5th March. The proposals had been accepted, with some minor amendments and some additions. Mrs Dilley further advised she would arrange to meet with Councillor Calder and brief her on the proposals. Subject to approval by all members of the Parish Council, she would submit amended drawings to the contractors and it was hoped work could commence in April/May 2010.

Councillor Underwood produced drawings of the project, and after inspection by the members, he proposed acceptance of the plan. This was seconded by Councillor Newitt and all agreed. Councillor Underwood further suggested that double white lines throughout the traffic calming area might help prevent overtaking.

185. Parish Plan - Item 163

Councillor Morgan listed parts of the report which directly concerned the Parish Council.

Q7. Footpaths linking Hodnet to Wollerton and Hodnet to Marchamley. It was agreed this subject be put on the next agenda for full discussion.

Q12. Litter Bin requirements. It was agreed this matter be included on the next agenda.

Q13. Street Lighting. This matter was considered to be ongoing and no specific action needed to be taken.

Q21. Safety. Continuous liaison with the Police was ongoing and considered to be the only way the Parish Council could help.

Q29. Restriction of HGV's through Hodnet. The Clerk was requested to contact SC to ascertain if restrictions could be imposed.

Q30/Q31/Q32. Parking outside the school. The matter was being discussed with the school and Shropshire Council. It was hoped further improvements would be made in the near future.

Q33. The members declared they would be sympathetic to any planning application for new business in the parish.

Q34. Public Transport. This subject had been brought to the attention of Shropshire Council, but any increase in services looked remote.

Q36. Housing Associations. The Clerk was asked to write to Meres & Mosses and Bromford Corinthian to elicit their opinions on whether the local community should have a say in policy decisions of the local Housing Associations.

Q38. Recreation Ground - Paved Footpath. It was agreed that this matter should be raised at the next site meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee.

It was decided that a copy of the Parish Plan should be lodged with Shropshire Council.

186. Land Registry - Voluntary Registering of Parish Council Property - Item 165

The Chairman advised the application was still ongoing.

187. Renewal of Hodnet Social Club Lease - Item 169

The Clerk read a letter from the solicitors' Graham Withers, who stated that the best way forward would be 'to allow the existing lease to hold over, meaning that it runs from year to year, which would be terminable by either party giving the necessary notice'. Miss Arrowsmith went on to say that owing to changes in legislation, drawing up a new lease for 25 years, would be very costly. It was proposed by Councillor Hodge that the advice given by the solicitor should be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.

188. Parish Plan - Hodnet Parish Website - Item 172

The Chairman advised that real progress had been made and contributions were already on the website. He had been asked by Randall Hardy if details of the Parish Council members could be included on the site. It was agreed that names, addresses and phone numbers could be posted, but no personal biographies.

189. Accounts - Item 175

The Clerk advised he had received letters from Owen Paterson MP, enclosing replies from Eon Central Networks and the Competition Commission. Eon stated that they did not hold a monopoly on connections and the work could be carried out by any Lloyds Accredited Independent Connections Provider. On further investigation, the Clerk established the nearest company to fulfil the criteria was based in South Birmingham and Eon was the only practical alternative. The letter from the Competition Commission stated it had no powers to investigate the matter on our behalf.

190. Requests for Funding

The following applications for funding were successful.

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper for the Blind	£25.00
Hope House Children's Hospices	£100.00
Marie Curie Cancer care	£50.00

191. Recreation Ground - Damage to Posts/Damage to Toddler Swing

It had been reported by Mr P. Wellings that damage to the wooden posts on the driveway leading to the Social Club was a constant problem and he had suggested stronger posts. It was agreed the matter be raised at the next site meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee. The Clerk reported the damage to the toddler swing, which had been caused by a girl of 13 getting stuck in the cradle seat. She had been cut out by the fire brigade and after the seat had been removed by Mr Wellings, the Clerk had ordered a new part, which had recently arrived. Mr Wellings had been asked to carry out repairs and reinstall the swing.

192. Tractor Rally - July 2010

Councillor Perry advised the organisers had requested use of the Recreation Ground as a collecting point at the beginning and end of the rally. The members agreed to the request.

193. Determination of Planning Applications

Ref: No. 09/03701/LBC - Works to facilitate insertion of a flue pipe to rear roof line of existing garden room at Hillhampton Cottage, 13/14 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Listed Building Consent Granted.**

Ref: No. 10/00010/FUL - Erection of one dwelling and detached garage; formation of vehicular access with passing bay; installation of septic tank drainage system; construction of retaining wall and boundary fencing, at land adjacent to 7 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

Ref: No. 10/00506/TCA - Felling of an Ash tree (9). Removal of dead/weak branches and light pruning where necessary to Yew trees (1-2). Removal of two lower branches overhanging driveway to tree (2) to restore and maintain balance. Removal of weak/broken/dead branches, pruning of cross branches rubbing together to Oak and Ash trees (13 -20) within Marchamley Conservation Area at Westview, School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No Objections.**

Ref: No. 10/00584/TCA - Crown reduce by 25% 1 x Sycamore Tree and reduce lower limb by 15% 1 x Oak tree within Marchamley conservation area at Chestnut Hill, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No objections.**

Ref: No. 10/00581/TPO - Crown lift to 5 metres 1x Horse Chestnut tree under North Shropshire District Council (Land adjacent to Hillhampton Cottage, Marchamley) TPO 1987 at Chestnut Hill, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Permission Granted.**

Ref: No. 10/00586/TCA - Reduce height by 4 metres and trim back sides of Lawson trees and fell 1 x Sycamore tree within Marchamley Conservation Area at 4 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No objection.**

Councillor Powell remarked on the number of applications pertaining to removal or pruning of trees and questioned whether such species as Leylandii, Ash and Sycamore warranted planning permission, as they were not indigenous to this country. The Clerk was asked to bring this matter to the attention of the planning authorities.

194. Planning Applications

Ref: No. 10/00586/TCA - Reduce height by 4 metres and trim back sides of Lawson Trees and fell 1 x Sycamore Tree within Marchamley Conservation Area at 4, School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury.

Ref: No. 09/03052/FUL - Amended Planning Application for erection of temporary seasonal rearing pens and outdoor runs; erection of maintenance/storage shed; formation of access track to include change of use of land at Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Ref: No. 10/00683/FUL - Change of use of former antique shop to residential use at 13 Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3NP

195. Accounts - Expenditure

West Mercia Supplies - Litter Picking Equipment for Parish Plan Project	£99.64
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire - 18/02/2010	£16.00
V&W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Maintenance - January 2010	£381.44
V&W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Maintenance - February 2010	£314.29
Mr R. Hardy - Hodnet Website - Annual Fee from February 2010	£34.95
Mr P. Wellings - Salary from 01/04/2009 - 31/03/2010	£655.15
Mr P. Wellings - Expenses from 01/04/2009 - 31/03/2010	£55.00
Mr S. Howell-Jones - Salary from 01/01/2010 - 31/03/2010	£997.00
H.M.R.C. - Income Tax from 05/02/2010 - 05/04/2010	£291.60
Mr S. Howell-Jones - General Expenses & Allowances from 11/12/2009 - 25/03/2010	£271.53
Accounts - Income	
C.O.I.F. - Dividend from 01/12/2009 - 28/02/2010	£361.66

Total Balance in Accounts as at 25/03/2010 **£518.45**

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

196. Correspondence

Shropshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter
Northern Marches Leader Local Action Group - Rural Development Funding Availability

197. Matters Arising from Correspondence

None

198. Any Other Business

Councillor Taylor advised members she had been litter picking as part of the Parish Plan programme and had left the rubbish bag by her bin, for collection by Veolia. As the bag was not in the wheelie bin, they refused to take it. She phoned them to complain and they informed her that she should not have been litter picking in the first place. This attitude was considered a disgrace and Councillor Calder agreed to take the matter further.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm