

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 26th March 2009

**Present:** Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mr R. Underwood, Mr. R. Downes, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge and Mr P. Perry.  
Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk), four residents of the parish and a member of the press

**Apologies:** Councillors Mr J. Parker and Mrs R. Revel

**149. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th Feb 2009 – Item 133**

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

**150. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton – Item 134**

Councillor Underwood advised he had visited the SCC Footpaths Officer with 13 'User Statements' with all but one showing a route down Cow Lane. He had a further statement from a previous occupant stating there was a footpath through the Wollerton Mill property. Should the Parish Council submit an application, the prospects looked good, but he emphasised the need to see any residents who could be affected, before proceeding further. He proposed that Councillor Morgan and himself carry out this task. This was seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed.

**151. Installation of Playground Equipment – Item 135**

The Clerk advised that the remedial work had been conducted and new grass sown on the affected areas. Mr Wellings advised that the wet pour on the slide area had sunk, exposing the edging boards as a trip hazard.

**152. Closed Circuit Television, Hodnet – Item 136**

A letter had been received from PC Mick Sturland, outlining the criteria for installing a CCTV camera. Councillor Underwood suggested the residents who took part in the survey be notified.

**153. Traffic Calming Measures for Marchamley and Wollerton - Item 137**

The speed 30mph restrictions in Marchamley have now been put in force. Councillor Underwood advised he had heard from Councillor Calder that the proposed 30mph restriction in Wollerton had now been approved. The Clerk advised that instigation of the new limits should come into force during April 2009. Councillor Underwood expressed his sincere thanks to Councillor Calder for all her efforts to secure approval of the scheme.

**154. State of Roads - Kenstone - Item 138**

Since the repairs to pot holes in Wood Lane and Marchamley Wood have been completed, a resident of Marchamley Wood has complained that the repairs are inadequate. On further inspection by SCC, it was concluded the repairs were perfectly adequate. However, Councillor Newitt stated that some of the repairs in Wood Lane were already eroding and needed further attention. Councillor Powell advised that nothing had been done to alleviate the problem in Kenstone and stated he had counted 50 pot holes in the back road to Kenstone. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to SCC to expedite this matter.

**156. Street Lighting at Top of Hodnet Village - Item 140**

The Clerk advised he had sent letters to all the residents who could be affected by the

installation of a new street light and had also had a meeting with Mr Heber-Percy. He emphatically disapproved of any column light in Shrewsbury/Church Street and also insisted the one by The Hundred House be replaced with something 'more in keeping with the character of the village'. He confirmed, by letter, that he was prepared to have a wall mounted light, similar to the one on the Thomas & Charles building, situated in the recess to the back door of The Bear Hotel. After due discussion it was agreed that a further site meeting be held to review the matter. This was set for Monday 6th April at approximately 9.00pm

**157. Parish Council Notice Board in Wollerton - Item 141**

The Clerk advised he had written to Mr I. Jones and also left a telephone message for him, but to date had not received a reply. It was understood that his wife was in hospital, and it was agreed the matter be held in abeyance until a more appropriate time.

**158. Shropshire Council - Delegation/Devolution of Services to Town/Parish Councils - 146b**

After all members had studied the information, prior to the meeting, it was unanimously decided not to proceed with the proposals as it was felt the scheme was geared more for large Town Councils rather than small rural Parish Councils.

**159. Speed Cameras**

It was agreed this matter be raised at the next meeting.

**160. Funding Requests**

The following grants were proposed by Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor Taylor and all agreed.:-

Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - £250.00 (second instalment of £500 promised in 2008)

St. Luke's Church, Hodnet - £850.00

Hodnet Joint H.Q. Management Committee - £100.00

The Samaritans - £100.00

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper - £25.00

Hodnet Pre-school Playgroup - £100.00

Severn Hospice - £100.00

**TOTAL = £1525.00**

**161. CCLA Management Ltd - COIF Account - Item 147**

The Clerk advised that he had submitted all possible information to CCLA, together with a new Mandate and now considered the matter to be closed.

**162. Verbal Complaint re Planning Application No. 09/70036/FUL**

The Clerk advised he had received a verbal complaint from a resident of Lostford who was unhappy at the scale of the pheasant rearing site and the number of heavy lorries using the lane for access. The lane was being eroded by mud and potholes and children and horse riders, who used the lane, could no longer do so. He felt the size of the proposed 'rearing shed' was totally out of keeping with the surrounding area and the owners had little respect for the local residents. The Parish Council, which had raised no objections to the application, considered the concerns raised, but decided that most of the inconvenience was being caused by the construction of the site and things would quieten down once the project was fully operational.

**163. Verbal Complaint re Hedge Cuttings at Lawn Cottage, Hodnet**

(Raised by Mr I. Wellings during the Annual Parish meeting, immediately prior to this meeting)

Mr Wellings advised that substantial amounts of hedge cuttings had been left on the grass areas leading to the Recreation Ground and asked the Parish Council if they could have them removed. He suggested the owners of the hedge could put them on an existing pile, ready to

be burnt in the near future. The Clerk was asked to write an appropriate letter.

Mr Wellings also expressed concern at the number of wooden posts which had been removed or damaged by cars trying to park on the grass verges leading to the Social Club. It was agreed that new, stronger posts, set in concrete, could be erected as and when older ones were broken or lost.

Another concern was the deterioration of the drive and car park surfaces at the Social Club. No decision was made in regard to this matter.

Mr Wellings also asked if the Copper Beech hedge, running along the houses at the top of the Recreation Ground, could be cut back. It was considered too late in the season (birds nesting), but Ridgeways would be advised later in the year.

Mr Wellings also raised the matter of litter being left by the re-cycling banks. It appeared that some people just left bags and rubbish of all descriptions by these banks and he felt obliged to clear them up. The Clerk emphasised this point as he, also, had occasion to clear rubbish. It was agreed that Veolia Services be contacted to make regular inspections of the area and clear any offending litter in the future, together with more regular clearing of the Dog Litter Bin sited at the entrance to Church Street, which was constantly being used for all rubbish and not just dog litter.

#### **164. Determination of Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 09/00049/FUL** - Erection of two storey extension and first floor extension over existing flat roof to provide additional kitchen/dining area and two bedrooms/bathrooms at Hollycroft, Peplow, Market Drayton. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

**Ref: No. 09/00014/FUL** - Proposed erection of an agricultural building for the housing of cattle at Green Hurst Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

#### **165. Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 09/00014/FUL** - Proposed erection of an agricultural building for the housing of cattle at Green Hurst Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

**Ref: No. 09/70036/FUL** - Change of use of land from agricultural to land for the rearing of game birds including erection of associated building and access on land at Lostford, Market Drayton. **No Comments.**

**Ref: No. 09/70081/TPC** - Proposed works to trees within Marchamley Conservation Area at The Croft, 10 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

**Ref: No. 09/70158/FUL** - First floor extension to provide additional bathroom/toilets at 54 Wood Lane, Marchamley Wood, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

#### **166. Accounts - Expenditure**

Leverhulme Hesketh Trust - Footpath Rent from 01/03/2009 - 28/02/2010	£1.00
Lyon Memorial Hall - Room Hire - 19/02/2009	£16.00
F. Bennett - Lyon Hall Car Park Maintenance from 01/10/2008 - 31/03/2009	£75.00
S. Howell-Jones - Salary from 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009	£700.00
P. Wellings - Salary from 01/04/2008 - 31/03/2009	£691.60
P. Wellings - Expenses from 01/04/2008 - 31/03/2009	£78.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE from 05/01/2009 - 05/04/2009	£347.90
S. Howell-Jones - Expenses from 12/12/2008 - 26/03/2009	£231.10

**Accounts – Income**

C.O.I.F. Account - Interest from 01/12/2008 - 28/02/2009

£170.34

**167. Correspondence**

National Parish Council Insurance Scheme

Town & Parish Standard - Magazine Issued by The Standards Board for England

Bromford Group - Proposed Development at Station Road, Hodnet

Shropshire Council (SC) - Local Committee Meeting at Shawbury Village Hall - 25/03/2009

NSDC - Request for use of Recreation Ground - 06/04/2009

Letter from Resident of Wollerton re Squirrel Inn

Shropshire Council (SC) - Interim Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing

**168. Matters Arising from Correspondence**

**a) Bromford Group - Proposed Development at Station Road, Hodnet**

The Chairman advised that Mr Swann of Bromford Group wished to have a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss proposals for the Old Auction Yard in Station Road. A provisional date was set for 7.30pm on Monday 6th April at The Bear Hotel.

**b) Letter from Resident of Wollerton re The Squirrel Inn**

The letter complained of the 'eyesore' of the 'scrap yard' that posed as a car park at the rear of the Squirrel Inn. It was considered to be unsightly and totally unacceptable for those living in full view of the site. Members agreed that the site was a complete blot on the landscape, but as the Parish Council had no authority to take action, it was suggested that a letter be written to Shropshire Council Environmental Health Dept. and also the Planning Dept. to ask for advice on the 'Change of Use' of the front car park, which was presently occupied by cars for sale and clearly being used for an additional business.

**169. Items for the next Agenda**

**Allotments - Mr P. Wellings**

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm