

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Present:** Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge, Mr R. Underwood, Mr J. Parker, Mrs R. Revel and Mr R. Downes. Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs A. Taylor and Mrs K. Calder (Shropshire Council)

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Councillor Hodge proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings, seconded by Councillor Underwood and all agreed. Councillor Parker pointed out that his presence at the meeting had been omitted from the Minutes. The Clerk apologised and promised to rectify the matter.

#### **82. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 59**

Having confirmed that all members had received a copy of the Draft Report from Lucy McFarlane, Councillor Underwood advised he had visited Mr & Mrs Peat to discuss the matter further. He felt that little more could be done by the Parish Council at present, but issued all members with a briefing note on the Shropshire Council report. This included details of the general position, the process to be followed, the options available, future claims and the role of the Parish Council. A final report will be issued by Shropshire Council and Mr Underwood felt that would be the optimum time to invite Mr & Mrs Peat to discuss the options. He encouraged all members to read the report and his notes. The Chairman thanked Councillor Underwood for all his hard work in progressing the matter and for clarifying some of the more complex issues in his briefing note. His thanks were heartily endorsed by the members.

#### **83. State of Roads - Item 60**

The Clerk advised that the vandalized 30mph signs in Wood Lane had been rectified and the manhole cover by The Squirrel Inn had been replaced. The road signs at the back of Wollerton were yet to be repaired and he felt a letter to the Highways Department of SC would be more appropriate than contact with Hodnet Depot.

#### **84. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 61**

A letter received from Meres & Mosses suggested they were willing to contribute to repairs, provided other parties contributed as well. A further letter from Lambert Smith Hampton, agents for Severn Trent Water, advised they would 'look into the matter' as soon as they had more details. It was agreed that costings for 'patching up' the potholes with tarmac and another costing for a complete resurfacing of the road, should be sought. The Clerk to arrange.

#### **85. Parking Outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 62**

The Clerk advised he had received a letter from SC, confirming that Option 2 would be put on the list of works to be considered in next years works programme. In the meantime they would arrange for 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings to be provided, subject to approval from the school. The Clerk informed members that he had written to the school to seek this approval, but to date had not had a reply. The members felt that as the markings were included in the 'Option 2' programme, to which the school had agreed, it was not necessary to seek further approval and the Parish Council should request SC to proceed.

**86. Hodnet Parish Brochure - Item 66**

After due discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Powell that all monies donated towards the cost of updating the existing brochure, should be returned to the sponsors with an explanation that as the brochure would be on the Hodnet website, any entries would be free and their businesses could also be advertised on the site, free of charge.

**87. Collapsed Culvert – Old Railway Line – Item 67**

A letter, received from SC, advising that the 'barrel' of the culvert appeared to be ok, and it was the arches which seemed to be the issue. Due to restrictions on budgets, other means of funding would have to be sought and the culvert would be added to the safety audit and the situation would be monitored for any changes to the structure. The members felt the culvert was in a dangerous condition and expressed concern that nothing would be done in the foreseeable future. The Clerk was asked to write and point out the urgency of the matter, explaining that one of the members, being in the building trade, was worried by the unstable condition of the culvert and children were being exposed to serious risk.

**88. Playsafety Ltd - Recreation Ground Safety Report - Item 68**

Further to the safety report and the findings of the Recreation Ground Committee, it was decided to get quotes for the tarmacing of the existing path from Station Road to the Social Club. Councillor Underwood further suggested that the LJC might look favourably on funding any such project. The Clerk advised he had purchased 'Dogs not Allowed' signs and would be putting them up on the cycle track fencing.

**89. Signage for Lyon Hall Car Park - Item 69**

In view of there being an existing sign at the end of Church Street, it was felt there was no further signs needed and the matter should be shelved.

**90. Hedge Impedence from Hill Cottage to The Vineyard - Item 70**

Despite assurances from the owners of the hedge, nothing, to date, has been done to alleviate the problem. The Clerk was asked to write again.

**91. Weed Spraying Programme - Item 71**

The Clerk advised he would contact Mr Fox to ensure the War Memorial was treated before Remembrance Sunday.

**92. Speeding Traffic - Station Road, Drayton Road and Lostford – Item 72**

Councillor Cope advised members he had attended a meeting with P.C. Mick Sturland and Wendy Harris of Safer Roads Partnership to discuss the concerns of the Parish Council and residents of Hodnet. It had been proposed that P.C. Sturland would be pro-active in operating a hand held 'speed gun' near the school, in Drayton Road and in Marchamley. The Safety Camera Partnership is also considering the installation of a Community Concern Site on Shrewsbury Street, between the junction with Station Road and the school.

Several residents had written or phoned the Clerk, complaining of speeding by Arriva buses through Lostford, Wollerton and particularly Drayton Road, Hodnet. He was asked to write to Arriva.

A letter from David Gradwell (SC) suggested a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) in Drayton Road, could be given consideration. The Clerk was asked to pursue this possibility.

After due deliberations, it was proposed by Councillor Cope that a 30 mph speed limit be sought for the road from Wollerton to Hodnet and Hodnet to Marchamley. Seconded by Councillor Newitt and motion was carried by a majority. Clerk to write to SC.

**93. Litter Bins and Dog Litter Bins in Wollerton – Item 73**

The Clerk advised the Dog Litter Bin had arrived and been given to Mr Wellings to install.

**94. Dangerous Wall in Shrewsbury Street – Item 75**

An E-mail from Mr Paul Cottrell of Leverhulme Estates advised that tenders had been sent to 4 stonemasons with a view to repairing sections of the wall in poorest condition. Due to funding being withdrawn by English Nature, works would be prioritized according to condition and safety. Once the extent of the work was known, a Conservation Area Application would be made and decisions would be made as to what could be repaired this year and what would have to carry forward to next years budget.

**95. Espley Roundabout - Sponsorship**

Councillor Cope advised he had been asked by a resident if a company could possibly sponsor the roundabout and make it attractive as a centrepiece for the village. As the roundabout was the responsibility of Shropshire Council, the Clerk was asked to ascertain if the Parish Council could follow up this idea, and incidentally enquire as to when the remaining protective guards will be removed from trees along the bypass.

**96. Co-option of a new Councillor**

The Clerk advised there had been 3 applications for the vacant position.

- a) Mr Paul Van Rossem
- b) Mr Ross Underwood
- c) Mr Howard Trevor

After due deliberations, members cast votes as follows:- Mr Van Rossem – 1 vote, Mr Underwood – 1 vote, and Mr Trevor – 5 votes. There was one abstention and the Chairman's casting vote was not required. Therefore the position of Hodnet Parish Councillor will be offered to Mr Howard Trevor.

**95. Planning Applications**

**Ref: No. 10/01260/AGR** - Extension of agricultural building to house livestock at Weobley Farm, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3JJ. **No objections.**

**Ref: No. 10/03476/FUL** - Renovation and conversion of farmhouse to form two dwellings; conversion of barns to form four dwellings to include insertion of roof lights; erection of 4 bay garage block; installation of bio-disc drainage system; formation of car parking and amenity areas at Bowling Green Farm, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire. **Application Supported.**

**Ref: No. 10/04103/TCA** - Remove 4 x Leylandii trees within Marchamley Conservation Area at Long Acre and Sutherland Cottage, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LE.

**No comments.**

**Ref: No. 10/02936/FUL** - Conversion of agricultural buildings to form 3 residential units with separate annex to unit 1 with glazed link and an additional extension to unit 3 at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire, TF9 3LJ. **Application supported.**

**Determination of Planning Applications**

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**Ref: No. 10/04103/TCA** - Remove 4 x Leylandii trees within Marchamley Conservation Area at Long Acre and Sutherland Cottage, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LE. **No objections.**

**Ref: No. 09/00507/OUT** - Outline application for the erection of a motel and new vehicular access on proposed site at Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire. **Planning Permission Granted.**

**Ref: No. 10/03611/FUL** - Erection of a cover over existing silage clamp at Wood Farm, Marchamley Wood, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

**Ref: No. 10/03720/FUL** - Erection of one dwelling with formation of vehicular access and parking area on land at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

**Ref: No. 10/03761/FUL** - Erection of two storey extension to side elevation at 26 The Grove, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3NT. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

**96. Accounts - Expenditure**

Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire 16/09/2010	£16.00
NPower Ltd - Street Lighting Account from 01/07/2010-30/09/2010	£1160.19
Glasdon U.K. Ltd - Dog Waste Bin	£98.98

**Accounts - Income**

Nat West Bank - Interest from 01/07/2010 - 30/09/2010	£1.61
H.M. Customs & Excise - VAT Repayments - 01/04/2010-30/09/2010	£580.47

**Total Balance in Accounts as at 28/10/2010** **£8997.84**

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

**97. Correspondence**

SC - Stanton River Bridge Closure from 25/10/2010  
West Shropshire Talking Newspaper - Funding Request  
Shropshire County NHS - Next Steps for Mental Health care in Shropshire - Feedback Form Letter - Mr P. Rivers - Speeding Buses - Drayton Road.  
Shropshire Housing Group - Annual Report for y/end 31/03/2010  
SC - Environmental Maintenance - Street Cleaning Survey  
SC - Local Joint Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 07/07/2010  
SC - Winter Review 2010/2011

**98. Matters arising from Correspondence**

**a) Shropshire Council Winter Review - 2010/2011**

The question of Salt Bins for the parish was raised again. Councillor Calder to be advised.

**99. Items for the Next Agenda**

None

**100. Any Other Business**

The Chairman announced the Clerk intended to retire as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Notification of the vacant position, together with Terms of Reference and Job Description should be publicised as soon as possible. Any interested party to contact the Clerk.

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