

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 29th July 2010

**Present:** Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs A. Taylor, Mrs R. Revel, Mr A. Cope, Mr D. Hodge and Mr R. Downes. Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk), two members of the public, a member of the Press, Mr Craig Marner and Shirley Ellis of Towns & Rural Communities Association (TARCA).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Marner to take the floor. He began by stating that as a member of TARCA, he and Mrs Ellis represented the interests of all Housing Association tenants, including Meres & Mosses H.A, who were sponsors of TARCA. The whole of North Shropshire was covered by the association and they tackled all kinds of problems faced by tenants. Councillor Cope asked if public transport problems came within their remit, to which Mr Marner replied that it did. The Chairman asked if there would be any liaison with Parish/Town Councils if and when affordable housing was proposed by Meres & Mosses H.A. Mr Marner advised that any Housing Association would discuss any proposals with the local council. When asked about Choice Base Lettings, he was advised that these were not popular as they were government policies and took decisions out of the hands of Meres & Mosses. Councillor Taylor mentioned the promise given by Meres & Mosses regarding the refurbishment of the Community Room in The Meadow, Station Road and what plans did they have for it. Mr Marner agreed to take up the matter with the Housing Association. In answer to another question, Mrs Ellis stated that the Housing Associations could not help local people get local housing because the structures of selection prevented such opportunities. In conclusion, Mr Marner suggested it would be a good idea if a representative of the Parish Council could be recruited to TARCA.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Marner and Mrs Ellis for taking the time to talk to the members.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mr P. Perry, Mr R. Underwood and Mr J. Parker

The Chairman advised that Councillor Mr Phil Perry had tendered his resignation due to ill health. He reminded members of all the hard work Councillor Perry had put in, to make the changing rooms a reality and of his lively debating and sense of humour. He would be greatly missed.

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2010**

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

#### **45. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 22**

The Clerk advised he had been in contact with Lucy McFarlane, who had again stated she had received no response to letters sent to landowners.

#### **46. State of Roads - Item 23**

Councillor Powell advised that there were still some serious potholes on the road approaching the West Midland Shooting Ground near Kenstone. The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council had written to say that road markings at the end of Wood Lane, Wollerton would be refreshed as part of their road marking renewal programme within the next few weeks.

**47. Bean Bank, Wollerton - State of Road Surface - Item 24**

The Clerk advised he had received a letter from Meres & Mosses stating that Chris Oliver had made further efforts to contact Severn Trent Water, but to date had no reply. He would keep the Parish Council informed.

**48. Parking outside Hodnet Primary School - Item 25**

A letter received from David Gradwell, Area Traffic Engineer for Shropshire Council, stated that due to the current budgetary situation, the proposed 'Option 2' would not be possible in this financial year, but would be put forward for consideration in next years Capital Programme and would be prioritised against other requested schemes across the county. He also advised that the introduction of 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' zig-zag markings might be possible on the bend outside the school as part of this years works programme. Acceptance of this plan was proposed by Councillor Hodge, seconded by Councillor Revel and all agreed, subject to this action not being prejudicial to our chances for Option 2 to be implemented at a later date.

**49. Gateway for Wollerton - Item 26**

The Clerk advised he had written to Alice Dilley, but to date had not had a response.

**50. Parish Plan - Item 27**

**Q29. Restriction of HGV's through Hodnet**

The Clerk advised he had received a letter from The Department of Transport, via Owen Paterson MP, advising the matter was one for Shropshire Council to consider. The results of a recent traffic survey, conducted in Marchamley, were still awaited.

**51. Hodnet Parish Website - Item 28**

The Chairman informed members that he had received very positive feedback regarding the website, which had been well received, He suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Hardy He also suggested a donation, to offset the work involved in setting up the website, would be very much appreciated and help to show the gratitude of the members. Councillor Powell proposed a donation of £70. This was seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.

**52. Hodnet Parish Brochure - Item 32**

The Clerk advised he had received 1 more donation from a previous sponsor and recruited 1 other, with a possibility of a further 2. Councillor Taylor had received a donation from 1 other source. The Clerk was requested to ask Mr Jones of Blakeley Graphics to give a rough estimate of costs involved to produce 2000 brochures incorporating some changes in the text, layout and new photographs replacing existing ones.

**53. Collapsed Culvert - Old Railway Line**

The Clerk advised of a collapsed culvert and had made initial enquiries as to who was responsible for the maintenance. It was thought SC was responsible, but he was awaiting confirmation. In the meantime, an inspection by SC had been arranged.

**54. Planning Applications**

**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.

Councillor Hodge, who attended the hearing on 27th July on behalf of the Parish Council, reported he had visited the site and met several of the interested parties opposed to the application. At the hearing, Councillor Karen Calder spoke at some length on the matter before leaving the Council chamber. Councillor Hodge stated that her speech was a very effective and convincing review, detailing the many weaknesses and contradictions in the

application. As a representative of the Parish Council, Councillor Hodge spoke about the unsuitable topography of the site and the clay base resulting in 'run-off' issues and pollution risks to the local stream and subsequent risks to livestock, the problem of smells and fly infestation, the number of unsuitable vehicles using the narrow lane and arriving as early as 5.00am - 11.00pm, the visual impact of the site, continuing presence of 3 caravans, permanently occupied on site without a licence for over 12 months, and the similarity to the previous application, which had been refused. (Now subject to an appeal).

The views of the committee were then expressed and it was clear that the majority were opposed to the recommendation of the Planning Officer to grant permission. The amended Planning Application was refused.

The appeal against refusal of the original application is to be held on 25th August 2010.

#### **Determination of Planning Applications**

None

#### **55. Accounts - Expenditure**

Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - Grant	£250.00
Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club - Grant	£100.00
St. Luke's Church, Hodnet - Grant	£850.00
K.G. Landscaping - Repairs to Pot Holes at Entrance to Lyon Hall Car Park	£235.00
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire 17/06/2010	£16.00
NPower Ltd - Street Lighting Account from 01/04/2010 - 30/06/2010	£1147.57
V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Maintenance - June 2010	£54.73
Playsafety Ltd - Recreation Ground Annual Safety Inspection (RoSPA)	£122.21

#### **Accounts - Income**

Nat West Bank Plc - Interest from 01/04/2010 - 30/06/2010	£1.68
Salop Motor Co. Ltd - Hodnet Brochure Sponsorship	£10.00
Mulberry Bush Studios - Hodnet Brochure Sponsorship	£10.00

**Total Balance in Accounts as at 29/07/2010** **£11746.22**

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

#### **56. Correspondence**

SC- Standards Committee Meeting 01/07/2010 - Minutes of Previous Meeting - Ethical Governance Survey, Local Democracy Week 2010 - Training for Parish/Town Councils 2010 - Standards for England Annual Assembly 2010 - 2 Code of Conduct Complaints - Member Development Working Group Progress Report - Whistle Blowing - Other Action - Complaints About Member Conduct.  
 SC - Market Drayton & Rural Areas L.J.C. Meeting 07/07/2010 + Minutes of Previous Meeting  
 SC - Draft Copy of 'Spotlight on the Shropshire Economy'  
 SC - Consultation on Draft Shropshire Parking Strategy  
 Playsafety Ltd - Recreation Ground Safety Report  
 SC - A Charter for Shropshire Councils - June 2010  
 No Panic - Charity for Anxiety Disorders - Funding Request  
 SC - Planning - New Proposals for Delivery of Planning Applications

#### **57. Matters Arising from Correspondence**

##### **a) Playsafety Ltd - Recreation Ground Safety Report**

The Chairman called for a site meeting of the Recreation Ground Sub-committee at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3rd August. Items to be included in discussions:-

- i) RoSPA Safety Report
- ii) Paved Footpath across Recreation Ground
- iii) Dog Fouling on Cycle Track
- iv) Barbed Wire Hazard on School Footpath.

- 58. Items for the Next Agenda**
- a) Signage for Lyon Hall Car Park**
  - b) Hedge Impedence from Hillside Cottage to Vineyard**
  - c) Weed Spraying Programme for 2010**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm