

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Hall on Thursday 29th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr C Mackie, Mr A Cope, Mr M Morgan, Mr J H Powell, Mr J Parker, Mr R Downes, Mr N Newitt, Mr I Willicombe and Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors Mr J Roberts and Mr H Trevor and Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2015

Prior to the meeting all Councillors had received draft copy minutes and Councillor Morgan proposed that these be signed as a copy of the proceedings, this motion was seconded by Councillor Mackie, all agreed.

Matters Arising

60. Lease of Land to Hodnet Sports Association – Item 4

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mrs France has continued to chase Hodnet Recreation Ground's solicitors, Onions and Davies regarding the drawing up of the new lease but so far this has not been completed. The Council instructed the Clerk to continue to liaise with Mrs France to try to resolve this matter by the next Parish Council meeting otherwise a decision may need to be taken to no longer pursue this matter.

61. C I L Moneys

Councillor Hodge reported that he had received an email from Shropshire Council advising that the amount of CIL money currently due to Hodnet Parish Council was £365.34 and normal practice is for this money to be added to, and paid along with, the next precept. There are further funds available but these have to be requested from Shropshire Council detailing what the money is to be used for and the evidence that this use is required. Councillor Hodge explained the New Parish Plan would provide evidence of the need for any future requests.

62. Hedgerow Screening at Sewerage Treatment Works in Station Road – 10

The Clerk advised that she has been chasing Mr Hardwick of Fisher German, Severn Trent's agents, to ensure that this screening work is done during the planting season and Mr Hardwick is currently firming up a date for the work to begin.

The Clerk will continue to liaise with Mr Hardwick to ensure this work is completed.

63. Former Goods Yard, Station Road, Hodnet – 11

Councillor Trevor had sent report and photographs to the meeting, as he was unable to attend, detailing how the yard at these premises had now been filled back up with cars and at least one additional caravan has been set up on the traveller's site next to this property. Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he would contact the Enforcement Officer, send him the photographs and ask him to look into this situation and also the traveller's site. In addition to this Councillor Hodge would reiterate to the Enforcement Officer the need for an assessment of any contamination in the area prior to the construction of a new dwelling, as per the planning permission application.

64. Street Lighting - 28

The Clerk advised the meeting that the manufacturer of the LED lighting units had changed the design and, after some assessment by Highline Electrical Ltd to confirm that the new design would still meet the Council's requirements, these units had now been ordered and would be fitted as soon as they were received. Pending the delivery of the LED lights Highline Electrical had installed a couple of temporary lights.

The Clerk was instructed to continue to liaise with Highline Electrical Ltd regarding this matter.

65. Lyon Hall Carpark - 30

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that Mr McClure had now completed the work in the carpark.

66. Marchamley Road Closures - 53

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had spoken to Mr Stephen Coventry, a Manager at Amey Ltd, and advised him of the complaints that had been received regarding the behaviour of some of Amey's workmen while digging up the road in Marchamley. Mr Coventry had assured the Clerk that his company took this matter very seriously and advised her that after they had completed the work in the Hodnet Area all the effected residents would be sent a questionnaire on which they could record any comments regarding the work his company undertook for Severn Trent. The Councillors agreed that this was a welcomed initiative from Amey Ltd.

67. Hodnet Recreation Ground - 54

Councillor Hodge advised everyone that there had been a further meeting of members of The Recreation Ground Committee at the Recreation Ground to discuss renewing some of the play equipment. At this meeting it was decided to get two quotes to renew the wooden play trail as it was very old and a lot of the wood had deteriorated. Also as there was a space in one corner of the fenced play area it was decided to get quotes for a further piece of play equipment, possibly of a rotating kind. The idea of outdoor gym equipment had been discussed but, on speaking to Parish Councils which had this equipment, it seemed that after the initial enthusiasm this equipment was hardly used so this idea had been left for the time being.

The Clerk advised the Councillors that since that meeting she had separately met with Andrew Ellis of Ace Play Ltd and Ray Parry of Ray Parry Playground Services Ltd and advised both to provide her with quotes for five identical wooden trails. She had received quotes from Mr Ellis but as she only met Mr Parry two days ago had not received his quote yet. Details of the trails with one set of quotes were passed around the Councillors. Councillor Mackie advised the meeting that he was due to attend a Joint Local Committee meeting in two weeks when they would be discussing putting in place a mechanism whereby Parish Councils could apply for a grant from the c£16,000 which was remaining from money allocated to Youth Services for the LJC area. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed further at the next meeting when the second quotes were received from Mr Parry and Councillor Mackie could report back from the LJC meeting.

68. New Transparency Legislation

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he contacted Randall Hardy to suggest putting the website updating arrangement on a more formal footing but Randall was disinclined to do this.

The Clerk advised the meeting that SALC were running a course relating to the New Transparency Legislation implications for Parish Councils with a turnover less than £25,000 including any grants that may be available to allow them to adhere to the new regulations. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk could attend this course.

69. Dog Fouling Complaints

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that a letter had been sent following the discussion at the last Parish Council meeting and a response had been received. Councillor Hodge further advised the Councillors that he would write a short note of reply to the individual involved in a hope of resolving the situation but if any further complaints were received the matter would be passed over to the Dog Warden at Shropshire Council.

70. Chicken Muck Spreading Complaints

The Clerk advised the Councillors that she had looked into the regulations relating to the spreading of chicken muck, following complaints about the smell in residential areas next to fields, and from midnight on 15th October there was a closed season for chicken muck spreading with no further spreading being allowed to take place until the end of this season at midnight 31st January 2016.

71. Parish Plan

Councillor Hodge advised the Meeting that he had now completed a draft of the Parish Plan which he had circulated to the steering group involved in the compiling, and looking at the results, of the Parish Survey. The Clerk will now forward this draft to the Councillors who will have until 27th November, four weeks, to make any comments about the content. There will then be two weeks in which those comments can be incorporated within the document ready for it to be formally adopted at the next Parish Council meeting.

The process will continue with the adopted Parish Plan being sent to Shirehall for adoption by Shropshire Council at which point it forms part of the SAMDev Plan.

Councillor Hodge asked the Councillors to formally agree the 'Key Priorities for the Parish' which came out of the Parish Survey and were discussed at the last meeting, a copy of which is in the minute book, all Councillors agreed. Councillor Hodge went on to say that he would speak to Randall Hardy about putting some information about these Priorities on the Hodnet website as it was important that the parishioners should get some feedback on the survey they had completed.

One of the 'Key Priorities' identified was the interest in a Parish Event or perhaps Village Fete and the Clerk asked if, with the Council's permission, she could call a meeting to see what level of support there was to do some event next Summer. The Councillors agreed and Councillor Parker advised that Sir Algernon Heber-Percy, owner of Hodnet Hall, had suggested an event should be put on 12th June 2016 to mark The Queen's 90th Birthday. The Clerk will liaise with Sir Heber-Percy's secretary along with other interest parties and arrange a meeting to discuss this idea.

72. Planning

15/03747/FUL - Conversation of barn into dwelling - Laburnum Villa, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3NE - **Support**

15/03996/FUL – Erection of extensions and detached garage, alterations, formation of vehicular access and temporary siting of mobile home (12 month period) – Heathbrook Cottage, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JG - **Support**

15/04007/PMBPA - Application for prior approval under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for change of use from Agricultural to Residential use – Home Farm, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 2JP – **Support**

15/04018/FUL – Erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling with associated internal and external alterations including amendment to driveway and parking area – The Huntlands, 3A School Lane, Marchamley, Shropshire SY4 5LD – **Support**

Determination of Planning

13/02414/FUL – Erection of three dwellings, double garages and formation of vehicular and pedestrian access – Land off Websters Lane, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JD – **Permission Granted**

15/02637/FUL – Installation of a 150 kw Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array – Hawkstone Abbey Farm, Weston under Redcastle, Marchamley, Shropshire SY4 5LN – **Permission Granted**

15/02982/FUL – Erection of single storey extension – Pound Cottage, Mill Lane, Wollerton, Shropshire TF9 3NB – **Permission Granted**

15/02983/LBC – Works to facilitate the erection of single storey extension – Pound Cottage, Mill Lane, Wollerton, Shropshire TF9 3NB – **Permission Granted**

15/03432/PMBPA – Application for prior approval under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for change of use from Agricultural to Residential – Dairy Shed, Tunstall Farm, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JJ - **Prior Approval Required and Refused**
Councillor Powell inquired if the Clerk could ask Shropshire Council Planning Department for an explanation as to the rationale behind this planning refusal, as it may help the Parish Council with future decisions, all agreed.

15/03465/FUL – Demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling with annex – Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3LJ – **Permission Granted**

15/02660/REM – Removal of Reserved Matter (Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to permission 13/02012/OUT for the erection of one dwelling and detached garage – Proposed Dwelling Adjacent Brookside, Station Road, Hodnet, Shropshire – **Permission Granted**

73. Accounts

Expenses

Timberlink	Post mix	1918	£15.70
Mazars	External Audit	1919	£360.00
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	1920	£196.20
Howard Trevor	Repair work to Recreation Ground	1921	£530.40
A E Evans Ltd	Replacement Cradle Swing Seat	1922	£288.00
N Power	Street Lights	DD	£1,158.89
SALC	Transparency Code for Smaller Councils Course	1923	£50.00

Receipts

Nat West Bank	Bank Interest	£2.16
H M R C	Vat Reimbursement	£568.22
A Heath	Hodnet Working Mens Club	£56.50

These expenses were proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Powell.

Total Balances at Bank as at 27th October 2015:

Current Account	£100.00
Reserve Account	£ 12,238.67
2nd Reserve Account	£ 42,004.10

74. Correspondence

Connecting Shropshire – Faster fibre broadband in Cabinet 2 in Hodnet – Poster on Notice Boards

Isabel Mathias – Three Bridleways on Weston Woods

SALC AGM and Conference Saturday 31st October at Shirehall, Shrewsbury

Post Office Ltd – Proposed move to Hodnet Village Stores (sent out to all Councillors by email)

North Shropshire Area Committee SALC – Non-member Councils can send representatives to meetings, next meeting 7th December 2015 in Wem

Gail Power, SALC – Need for Hedgerows Act 1997 Amendment, Condover Parish Council's letter to Shropshire MPs

Nikki Cheek, Shropshire Highways – Shropshire Council Highways Asset Management Consultation

Rural Services Network – Rural Economy Spotlight

Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter

SALC – Course on Transparency Code for Smaller Councils 30th November

North Salop Wheelers – Volunteer drives for services to hospitals

All correspondence was noted with the follow action being taken:

- a. Councillor Hodge has replied to Mrs Mathias to thank her for the information and advised that the Parish Council will await the notification from Shirehall.
- b. The Clerk will be attending the SALC AGM and Conference and will report back at the next meeting.
- c. The Clerk, and possibly a Councillor, will be attending the North Shropshire Area Committee SALC meeting on 7th December and will report back at the next meeting.
- d. Councillor Powell commented that in this area more hedgerows had been planted than lost.
- e. The Clerk was asked to find out more about the North Shropshire Wheelers as this kind of transport matter is something which was been commented on in the Parish Survey.

75. Any Other Business

The Clerk left the room while the Councillors discussed her first six months in the role. The Clerk re-entered the room and was told that the Council were happy with her work and would be pleased if she would continue with them. The Clerk confirmed that she was happy in her role and thanked the Council.

A discussion took place regarding the amount that Mrs Bennett, Mr Wellings and Mr France were paid but it was decided that the Clerk should look into the Pension implications for herself and Mr Wellings. This matter would then be discussed as an Agenda item in the New Year as any increase in wages would be with effect from the new financial year.

The Clerk will look into the legislation regarding Pensions.

Councillor Morgan asked if Councillor Parker could lay the wreath at the village Remembrance Service and Councillor Parker agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is December 10th at Lyon Hall, Hodnet