

# HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Lyon Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

**Present** ; Councillors Mr M Morgan ( Chairman ) Mr J Powell ( Vice Chairman ), Mrs A Taylor Mr R Underwood, Mr J Parker, Mrs R Revel, Mr R Downes, Mr A Cope, Mr N Newitt . Also present Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder and Mrs M Rees ( Clerk).

**Apologies** : Councillor Mr H Trevor

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

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

### **Matter Arising**

#### **143. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton - Item 121**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Lucy MacFarlane and she had promised to progress matters and report back. Unfortunately she had not contacted the Clerk prior to this meeting.

#### **144. Bean Bank Road Wollerton – State of road surface - Item 123**

The Clerk advised that after initial contact with Meres & Mosses and Severn Trent both companies had agreed to a £1000 contribution towards the cost of repair, however this would have left a shortfall of some £1264 for the 3 remaining private residences to fund. After further contact Severn Trent said that whilst they could not promise any further funds, they would consider help towards any shortfall. The person dealing with this matter at Meres & Mosses is presently unavailable but the clerk will contact him and ascertain whether they would be amenable to provide further funding. Correspondence sent to the 3 private houses has elicited no response, other than one letter being returned without comment. A general discussion took place and it was felt that there was an opportunity here which should not be missed. Councillor Calder volunteered to call on the private residences to explain the situation.

#### **145. Potholes, Litter, Mud and state of Pavements- Item 138**

A letter has been received from Shropshire Council advising that repairs to potholes in this area was in hand. Litter picking was in progress on the By Pass. Councillor Calder advised that Shropshire Council would provide Grit Bins but these would have to be paid for by the Parish Council however the Council would be responsible for replenishment.

#### **146. Funding Requests**

Following general discussion it was decided that funding for this year would be provided as follows

- ◆ West Shropshire Talking Newspaper £25
- ◆ North Shropshire Safety Scene £50
- ◆ Hodnet Senior Citizens Luncheon Club £100
- ◆ Citizens Advice Bureau £50
- ◆ St Luke's Church Hodnet £900
- ◆ Maurice Chandler Sport Centre £100

- ◆ Marie Curie Cancer Care £50
- ◆ Hope House Hospice £100

It was agreed that £200 would be held available for Hodnet Joint Headquarters pending completion of repairs. The Clerk will send a letter advising them of this.

#### **147. Archiving**

The recent appointment of a new clerk had highlighted that there were several boxes of old papers that required suitable storage. It also transpired that some Councillors also held various archive material. The Clerk was asked to enquire at the Shropshire Council Archive at Shrewsbury and report back to the Council. Alternatively there is some space available within the Lyon Hall which could possibly be utilised for this purpose.

#### **148. Future of The Squirrel Inn Wollerton**

Councillor Taylor had been approached by an interest party who wished to turn the Inn into a residential property. Councillor Calder advised that it would be very doubtful if permission were to be granted. The Parish Council would also be opposed.

#### **149. Planning Applications**

**Ref No 11/00101/LBC & 11/00403/FUL** – Erection of Bellcote and associated works affecting Grade 2 listed building at Bradley Farm, Lostford Lane, Lostford, Market Drayton. Councillor Calder advise that the Planning Officer was minded to decline this application and therefore asked if the Parish Council would write in support. The Council agreed

**Ref No 11/00921/TCA** – Bench Mark Cottage, Rookery Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire- Removal and replanting of overgrown mixed Laurel, Holly, and Alder hedge within Marchamley Conservation Area – No Objection

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

**Ref No 11/00380/FUL** Radmore House, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JZ- Erection of two storey extension and conversion of attached garage to additional living accommodation- Permission Granted

**Ref No 11/00342/FUL** Land at Bank Farm , Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire – Erection of double garage with storage over – Permission Granted

#### **150. Accounts –**

<b>Expenditure</b>	
F Bennett – Lyon Hall Car Park Maintenance -01.10.2010 – 31.03.2011	£100
Lyon Hall Memorial Hal – Room Hire – 24.02.2011	£18.00
Mr P Wellings- Maintenance of Recreation Grounds etc – 01.04.2001-31.03.2011	£639.15
Mr P Wellings – Expenses incurred from 01.04.2001- 31.03.2011	£55
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE for period 05.02.2011 – 05.04.2011	384.60
V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Lighting Maintenance – Feb 2011	£75.55
S Howell-Jones – Salary – 01.01.2011 to 31.03.2011	£900
S Howell- Jones – Expenses – 17.12.10 to 31.03.11	£200.71

## **Income**

C.O.I.F-Dividend for period 01.12.2011 – 28.02.2011	£357.77
<b>Total Balance in Accounts as at 31.03.2011</b>	<b>£3103.80</b>

### **151. Correspondence**

St Luke's Church Hodnet – request for funding  
Maurice Chandler Sport Centre – request for funding  
P J Trotman – Complaint re potholes  
Vic Quayle - Free information for Local Councils  
SC – Re tendering of local bus service contract  
SC – Community litter picking  
SC -Meeting to discuss Shropshire Council's response to proposed changes to Hospital Services  
SC – Mobile Library Service – Changes in the Parish  
SC – New guidelines from HMRC re Self Employed Clerks  
Shropshire Link – Local Health Watch Roadshow  
Shropshire Partnership -Pride of Shropshire Awards – Nominations requested  
SLCC – Resolving workplace disputes – Government Consultation  
SC – Future ways of working together for our local Communities  
HMRC – Parish Council Clerks – PAYE implementation  
National Grid – Project news – Mid Wales connection project  
SC – Provision of Broadband in North East Shropshire – Meeting 14.04.11- Norton in Hales  
Concept Town Planning- Localism Bill – Neighbourhood Plans & Development Orders  
SC – Community Infrastructure Levy – Final Draft Document  
Maurice Chandler Sports Centre – Invitation to Open Evening 07.04.11  
SC – Notice of Referendum on Voting System for UK Parliamentary Elections  
SC – Forthcoming Events – April 2011

### **152. Matters Arising from Correspondence**

- a) Councillor Calder will be attending the meeting re Provision of Broadband in north East Shropshire and will mention the poor Broadband connection in Peplow
- b) Councillor Powell requested clarification on some points within the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy paper.
  - If a development takes place locally and levy funds are produced - where will these funds go and how will they be allocated ?. Councillor Calder advised that the exact mechanism was unclear but Parish Plans and the proposed Concept Town Planning Neighbourhood Planning committees may be used to determine local requirement for funds. 95% of the funds raised would be utilised by the local Council whilst Shropshire Council would retain 5%.
  - Whilst this new Levy replaces Sect106 it is effectively an extra tax on development, how will it impact on developer particularly in these difficult times. Councillor Calder advised that although this was new to Shropshire it has been successfully implemented in other parts of the country.

- Why was a considerable amount of money n earmarked for the enhancement of existing electricity supply in Whitchurch, when this would primarily be for the benefit of two Companies. Councillor Calder replied that it was important to retain these Companies as they brought employment and other benefits to the locality.

c) Councillor Taylor asked if there had been a change in the percentage of Low Cost Housing that must be provided by Developers. Councillor Calder advise that there is a more flexible approach being taken due to the very poor housing market for example some developers were giving contributions rather than building houses.

Finally, the Chairman made a presentation to the outgoing clerk Mr Steve Howell-Jones thanking him for his many years of sterling work for the Parish Council and wishing him a long and happy retirement which was seconded by all the Councillors.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm