

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr C Mackie, Mr M Morgan, Mr J Parker, Mrs M Rees, Mr J Powell, Mr R Downes, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder and also was Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillors Mr J Roberts, Mr I Willicombe, Mr N Newitt, Mr A Cope and Mr H Trevor
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the general public present.
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October 2016 had previously been circulated and Cllr Morgan proposed that these minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings, Cllr Downes seconded this proposal, all agreed.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters** - The following information was provided to up-date the Council regarding various on-going issues:
 - a. Shropshire Council have strimmed the permissive path but Council agreed that next year this needs spraying earlier than the rest of the pathways.
 - b. BT has now paid the outstanding £13.58 relating to the three year wayleave payment.
 - c. Cllr Mackie advised the meeting of the costs involved in putting a phone line and broadband at the Lyon Hall. Cllr Parker reported that the Lyon Hall committee had looked into this matter previously and decided that the expenditure could not be justified. A discuss took place regarding alternatives and Cllr Mackie suggested this item be discussed again at the next meeting.
 - d. Hodnet Hall Estate have acknowledged the Parish Council's letter, regarding the state of Shrewsbury Street after the potato lifting earlier in the year and also the hedge that needs cutting on the approach into Hodnet from the roundabout, and will pass on the Parish Council's comments to the relevant parties.
 - e. The hedge cutting on the Recreation Ground has now been completed and Phil Wellings is going to look at taking some of the back out of the hedge.
6. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Cllr Calder advised the meeting that she was very involved in the A & E crisis which existed within Shropshire to which, at present, no solution had been found. The next LJC meeting at the end of January/beginning of February was hoped to have a presentation by Future Fit on the NHS in Shropshire. Cllr Calder also advised that the Patient Participation Group had met and Hodnet Medical Practice had decided not to employ a Community Care Coordinator, instead it wanted the Compassionate Community scheme to be self-referring. Also at the PPG meeting a request had been received for a bike stand by the Doctors/Lyon Hall, the Parish Council discussed this and agreed that this could be something that the Lyon Hall Committee might request a grant for.
7. **Planning** - To consider the following planning applications:

16/05280/FUL – Erection of extension to general purpose agricultural and livestock housing building and removal of ancillary lean to – Wollerton Grange Farm, Wood Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton TF9 3NY. This application was discussed, Cllr Powell proposed that it be supported, Cllr Mackie seconded this, all agreed.

Determination of Planning

16/04110/FUL - Erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling with associated internal and external alterations including amendments to driveway and parking area - The Huntlands, 3A School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LD – **Permission Granted**
8. **Accounts**
 - a. **Expenditure**

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
Hodnet Co Co Project	Grant to Compassionate Communities	1981	£100.00	LGA 1972 s 137
Onions and Davies	Hodnet Sports Assoc lease	1982	£547.20	LGA 1972 s 137
Mr C France	Verge cutting at Lyon Hall	1983	£119.00	HA 1980 s 96
J R Hockenhull & Sons	Hedge Cutting	1984	£84.00	LGA 1892 s 8
Royal British Legion	Wreath	1985	£20.00	LGA 1972 s 137
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	1986	£603.60	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Jane Evans	Sign Writing on Notice Board	1987	£15.00	LGA 1972 s 137
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting	DD	£317.92	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - November	SO	£433.33	LGA 1972 s 112
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	Total		£2,673.38	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Parker and the cheques were duly signed.

b. Bank Reconciliation – The Bank Reconciliation at the end of the previous month:

Balance brought forward at beginning of year	£ 43,884.04
Add receipts for year to date	£ 24,020.36
Less payments for year to date	£ 19,127.77
Balance to be carried forward	£ 48,776.63

Bank Balances as at 30th November 2016:

Current Account	£ 100.00
Reserve Account	£ 6,285.78
C I L Reserve Account	£ 42,390.85
Adjustment required for unpresented chqs	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 48,776.63

c. Hodnet Club Lease – This matter was discussed and the Clerk instructed to write to the club regarding the lease.

d. Dispensation regarding Precept – The Council agreed to this dispensation and it was duly signed.

e. Budget & Precept for 2017/18 – The Clerk had prepared a budget showing projections of future expenditure and these were discussed but it was decided that as nearly half the Councillors were not present that this item, regarding setting the precept, should be carried forward to the next meeting.

9. Highways and Environmental Health – The following were discussed:

- Footpath in Station Road – Shropshire Council has no plans to extend this
- Road Closure – Prees Green to Lower Heath - noted
- Fruit Tree Scheme – Instructed the Clerk to pass on to Hodnet School

Cllr Powell advised the meeting that hedges along The Eastlands, Marchamley were over the pavement which meant that it was difficult for a pushchair to pass, the Council instructed the Clerk to write to the residents.

10. Street Lighting - Maintenance and / or Repairs – The Clerk had prepared the Annual Street Light review which was distributed to the Parish Council; it showed the lights which were not currently working and also how much had been spent on each light over the last two years. The Council agreed that lights H35, H39, H45 & H51 should be repaired unless this was not economically viable. Also H15 needed more investigation as it was not working but had had considerable money spent on it in the past and the Councillors wanted

the engineers to give a reason for this. H38 is working but needs a new casing around it. The Clerk will liaise with the street light engineers and report back to the Council.

11. **Community Grants** – Cllr Rees had re-drafted both the application form and the guidance notes so that they are more concise but still retaining all the information required for the Council to make an informed decision and also included reference to the 'Key Priorities for the Parish' drawn from the Parish Plan. The Councillors considered these drafts but agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting when more Councillors would be present. The Clerk will circulate the drafts to all Councillors by email ahead of the next meeting.
12. **Shropshire Open Space Needs Assessment survey** – Cllr Calder advised the meeting that Planning Policy will use the data from this survey to assess future needs against future population increases. Cllr Parker agreed to undertake this survey on behalf of Hodnet Parish Council.
13. **Removal of the Post Box in Station Road** – The Parish Council were very upset that this post box had been removed and instructed the Clerk to write to the Post Office in the strongest terms to press for it to be reinstated.
14. **Town and Parish Council Forum** – Cllr Mackie reported to the Council on this meeting and the forthcoming review by Shropshire Council Planning Department regarding their policy for the coming years which is going to supersede the current SAMDev.
15. **Elections in May 2017** – The Clerk advise the Council on the new procedures that would be adopted and the Council agreed that the leaflets and publications relating to next year's election needed to be publicised.
16. **Correspondence** – The following had been received:
 - a. *S A L C – North Shropshire Area Committee – Monday 16th January 2017*
 - b. *Peplow Chapel – Grant request*
 - c. *S A L C – Open letter from Worthen Parish Council to Shropshire Council* – Cllr Calder commented on this letter saying that it would seem that Worthen Parish Council did not appreciate the huge demand for Adult Social Care that is required in Shropshire.
17. **Any Other Business**
 - a. **Parish Matters:** Cllr Parker has received an email requesting access across Hodnet Recreation Ground to cut down trees in an adjoining garden and also cut down some trees on the Recreation Ground in the process. The Council considered this matter but could not give permission for this work as the trees on the Recreation Ground are within the Conservation Area. The Clerk will liaise with Hodnet Hall Estate as the house whose garden requires the tree work is an Estate property.
 - b. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 12th January 2017** – Those previously mentioned.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 8th December 2016

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 12th January 2017

Signed by the Chairman