

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr C Mackie, Mr M Morgan, Mr J Parker, Mr J Powell, Mr R Downes, Mr J Roberts, Mr I Willicombe, Mr N Newitt, Mr H Trevor, Mr A Cope, Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder and Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M Rees
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Cope expressed an interest in agenda item 7 re 16/04612/FUL as the applicant was a family member.
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the general public present.
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th December 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. Mr Wellings has advised the Clerk that he will cut the back out of the hedge on the Hodnet Recreation Ground when the weather is better.
 - b. The Clerk had written to the residents of 6 & 7 The Eastlands, Marchamley but the hedges had not yet been cut, this will be chased.
 - c. The Clerk has written to the Post Office about reinstating the Post Box in Station Road but, although they advise that they will look into the matter the initial response is that as long as there is a post box within ½ mile of the houses then they are no bound to put one back. The Councillors were very upset by this stance and instructed the Clerk to write again explaining reasons for their insistence on reinstating the Post Box.
 - d. The Clerk has spoken to the person who wanted access across the Hodnet Recreation Ground and also to take down trees advising them that the Parish Council could not grant this. Cllr Parker advised the meeting that this matter had been resolved.
6. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Cllr Calder advised the meeting that she had been part of a delegation that had been to London to lobby Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health, but unfortunately there is no money available for Shropshire until 2020. There is to be an independent inspection of Shropshire's NHS but Cllr Calder advised that the situation in the Shropshire Hospitals was grim. She also advised that she will be attending the MP's meeting next week and will report further, at the next Parish Council meeting, of any developments.
7. **Planning** - To consider the following planning applications:

16/05812/FUL - Erection of general purpose agricultural building - Land at, Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Shropshire. This planning application was discussed and Cllr Powell proposed that the Council object as there was still an appeal pending regarding the size of the last application being exceeded. Cllr Morgan seconded this proposal and all agreed.

Re-consultation re 16/04612/FUL - Conversion of existing coach house to dwelling to include small extension - Store South Of Hodnet Medical Centre, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire . The Council did not consider a comment was required regarding this re-consultation.

Determination of Planning

16/03933/VAR - Variation of condition No. 7 (occupation of dwelling) attached to planning permission 14/01154/FUL dated 26/06/2015 to allow the isolation unit to be used as an equestrian training stable and for the dwelling to be occupied by a person, solely or mainly employed or last employed as an equestrian worker or a dependent of such a person residing with him or her or a widow or widower of such a person - Lostford Manor, Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QW – **Permission Granted**

16/04572/LBC - Formation of opening between Nos 19 & 20; formation of accessible shower in existing kitchen of No 20 and removal of wc from scullery in No 20; and extension of No 19 kitchen; some making good of plaster and decoration affecting a Grade II Listed Building - 19/20 Drayton Road, Hodnet, TF9 3NH – **Permission Granted**

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 – **Permission Granted**

8. Accounts

a. Expenditure

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
S A L C	Clerk CILCA Training	1988	£89.40	LGA 1972 s 111
K G Landscaping	Grass Cutting	1989	£1,428.00	HA 1980 s 96
Lyon Memorial Fund	Room hire for meetings	1990	£53.00	LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	1991	£603.60	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Jane Evans	Expenses	1992	£111.50	LG (FP)A 1963 s 5
Numbers Plus Ltd	Annual AED Calls Service Charge	1993	£118.80	LGA 1972 s 137
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - January	SO	£433.33	LGA 1972 s 112
	Total		£2,837.63	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Roberts 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	£ 24,077.26
Less payments for year to date	£ 20,821.76
Balance to be carried forward	£ 47,139.54

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2016:

Current Account	£ 100.00
Reserve Account	£ 4,955.14
C I L Reserve Account	£ 42,391.20
Adjustment required for unrepresented chqs	£ 306.80
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 47,139.54

c. Projector & Screen – The Council discussed the idea of displaying the planning applications on a screen during meetings, following Shropshire Council's Planning Department's decision to stop sending out paper copies of applications from April 2017. Cllr Mackie advised the meeting of some costings for these items, which totalled c£560 and, after further discussion, Cllr Cope proposed that the Council go ahead with this purchase, Cllr Parker seconded the proposal and, when voting, the majority of Cllrs agreed. The Clerk will also look into the possibility of applying for a grant under the new Transparency Code regulations for these items.

d. Budget & Precept for 2017/18 – The Clerk had prepared an amended budget, following on from the comments at the last meeting, showing projections of future expenditure and these were discussed. As there will an election during the next financial year the Parish Council has to have a contingency of £2,000 to pay for any election expenses and taking this, and the all other expense projections into account, Cllr Parker proposed a precept of £19,888, Cllr Cope seconded this proposal and all agreed.

- e. **Internet Banking** – The Clerk requested that she be allowed to have internet access to the Council's Bank accounts so that if she needed to check if a certain amount have be received or paid it would be easier. The Clerk stressed that this access would not allow her to be able to pay funds away from the account. Cllr Newitt proposed that this request be granted, Cllr Parker seconded this and all agreed.
9. **Highways and Environmental Health** – In addition to the items already discussed the Clerk advised the Council of road works planned for the adjoining Parish of Shawbury and advised the meeting that the details of these works would be put on the Parish website.
10. **Street Lighting** – The Clerk advised the meeting that all the previously reported maintenance issues had been completed but H22 had stopped working in the last few days and she would liaise with the engineer to have this looked at. Also W14, opposite Brookside, Wollerton needed to be monitored as it was intermittently not working.
11. **Community Grants** – Before the meeting the Cllrs had all received copies of the application form and guidance notes, which Cllr Rees had re-drafted, in respect of these grants and after amending 'CRB' to 'background checks' Cllr Willicombe proposed that they both be accepted, Cllr Trevor seconded this and all agreed. The Clerk will send out pdf versions of these forms to all the Cllrs and also the people who had already expressed an interest in applying for the grants. Information about these Community Grants, and how to apply for them, would also be put onto the Parish website. The Council agreed that the cut off for applications to be received would be at the end of June 2017 and discussions about the process involved in reviewing the applications would be discussed at a future meeting.
12. **Broadband** – Cllr Powell expressed his disappointment that Broadband still did not seem to reach the far ends of the parish, like the north end of Marchamley, when Connecting Shropshire were publicising that Hodnet was 'connected'. Cllr Trevor agreed that the same was true at the far end of Webster Lane. The Council instructed the Clerk to write to Connecting Shropshire and bring this to their attention. Cllr Mackie advised the Council that he understood that Shropshire Council has plans to connect fibre to poles to reach the outer areas and whilst writing the Clerk could ask when these plans were going to happen.
13. **May 2017 Parish Council Elections** – A discussion took place about the need to be pro-active in publicising the Local Elections this year and inspiring people about becoming Parish Councillors as at least one member of the Council had advised that they would not be standing for re-election. The Clerk had received a booklet from SALC which she showed to the Council. The Clerk suggested having a more social Parish Meeting that did not involve a Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council agreed to the suggestion and asked the Clerk to find out possible dates in March for this event. Cllr Mackie advised the meeting that he and the Clerk would be meeting Randall Hardy, who administers the website, to look at writing an article for the front page.
14. **Correspondence** – The following had been received and were discussed:
 - a. *SALC – The Big Conversation Update*
 - b. *SALC – Shropshire Bus Strategy 2017 – 2021 – Public Consultation*
 - c. *SALC – Letter from John Campion, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner*
 - d. Keep Our Shropshire History Alive Concert – 1st February 2017
 - e. **K G Landscaping - next year's grass cutting will be at same price**
 - f. **PCSO Andy King – Mobile Police Station 22nd -24th January 2017** – The Council were happy for the Lyon Hall Car park to be used but not on Monday or Tuesday mornings as it got busy with patients attending the Doctors Surgery. The Clerk will liaise with PCSO King and publicise the event.
15. **Parish Matters** – The following items were discussed:
 - a. There has been fly tipping by Hodnet Club and the Fire Station which the Clerk will report.
 - b. There was a dead sheep which appeared to have been dumped in a lane over the far side of the bypass which the Clerk will report.
 - c. The Bus Shelter by The Bear has had graffiti painted on it and the Clerk will ask Mr Wellings to clean this off.
 - d. A resident had asked if a bin could be installed in the layby on the approach to Hodnet from Wollerton – the Clerk will ask Shropshire Council on behalf of the resident.

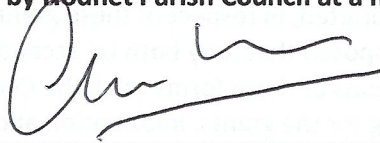
e. There has been a car parked in the Espley layby for a couple of months and the Clerk will report this to PC Sturland.

16. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 – It was suggested that the Hodnet Club driveway be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 12th January 2017

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 23rd February 2017



Signed by the Chairman