

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr Chris Mackie, Mrs Maryjayne Rees, Mrs Karen Calder, Mr John Parker, Mr John Powell, Mr John Roberts, Mr Howard Trevor, Mr Steve Alden and Mr Paul Nevins, also Mrs Jane Evans (Clerk)

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** - Apologies were received from Councillors Mr Alan Cope & Mr Steve Freeman
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Alden declared an interest in the Hodnet Footpath Group grant application.
- 3. Public Session** – There were no members of the public present
- 4. Application for grants from the Community-led Housing Money** – The Clerk advised the Council that grant applications had been received from: Hodnet Footpath Group; Hodnet & Peplow Cricket Club; Hodnet Social Club; Peplow Chapel of the Epiphany; Wollerton Bowls & Social Club; and Marchamley Social Club. The Council briefly discussed the amount and purpose of each of these grants applications. The Clerk went on to advise the Council that in a conversation that she had had that day with Nicola Fisher, Shropshire Council Enablement Officer, it would seem that Shropshire Council's stance as regards the spending of this money has changed. NF had advised the Clerk that the money should be spent directly in relation to the building development and to enhance services and facilities which may be overstretched due to the increased population that this development produces in the Parish. The Council could not see how this could actually be achieved as regards 14 house development in Hodnet.

The Council was very disappointed and frustrated by this response from Shropshire Council as it was not in the spirit in which this project was entered into and as they had now asked for applications as to how this money could be spent in the community. The Council discussed the negotiations which took place with Shropshire Housing when this development was first proposed and the understanding that the money which it would provide to the Parish Council could be spent in the community.

It was decided that no discussions could be taken regarding the grant applications until the position was clarified and Cllr Calder said that would speak to Adrian Cooper, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager at Shropshire Council, explaining the Hodnet Parish Council position, and try to get a definitive response, The Clerk will write to Shropshire Council and also write to all the grant applicants to explain the delay.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 13th July 2017

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 3rd August 2017



Signed by the Chairman