

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 14th January 2015 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr H Trevor and Mr I Willicombe

Before the meeting started Councillor Mackie expressed his sorrow on hearing the news of the death of Helen Batten. He advised the meeting that Helen had worked as a receptionist at Hodnet Medical Practice for 28 years and almost everyone in the Parish knew her. Councillor Mackie thought that it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to send a Letter of Condolence to everyone at the Practice and all the Councillors agree. Councillor Mackie will liaise with the Clerk regarding this matter.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2015

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

Matters Arising

95. Compassionate Communities

Councillor Mackie advised the meeting that Councillor Hodge would be taking this initiative forward but the Hodnet Patient Participation Group's meeting had been postponed until 4th February when the idea would be discussed. Once Hodnet Medical Practice had confirmed their willingness to be involved with this project Councillor Hodge hoped that a public meeting, possibly involving the North Salop Wheelers, would take place. Councillor Calder suggested that this meeting be open to other parishes in the area and all agreed that this would be a good idea.

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mrs France had emailed to say that both she and Mr Morris will be going into the Hodnet Sports Association solicitors, Onions and Davies, next week to finalise the lease. The Parish Councillors Solicitors, Graham Withers, had also been in contact with the Clerk to confirm a couple of matters so it is hoped that this matter will soon be completed.

97. Street Lighting – 28

The Clerk advised the meeting that Highline Electrical Ltd were still chasing the manufacturer of the LED lighting units but had been keeping her advised of the situation by email, including copies of Highline's chasing emails to their supplier. Further repairs had been carried out but Councillor Morgan advised the meeting that W8 and W11 in Wollerton were still not working and Councillor Parker added that H3 and H6 were also in need of repair. The Clerk was instructed to speak to Highline Electrical Ltd about the repairs needed and continue to chase the LED lights for W2 and H38.

98. Marchamley Road Closures - 53

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had emailed Steve Coventry, Customer Service Manager at Amey, and although the works have not all been completed, the point at which the questionnaires are usually sent out, he will ensure that satisfaction surveys are sent out over the next few weeks.

99. Hodnet Recreation Ground - 54

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had confirmed the order of Trail 4 from Ray Parry Playground Ltd and this would probably be installed in the spring when the ground was not as wet and the machines would not churn up the recreation ground as much.

100. New Transparency Legislation - 68

The Clerk advised the meeting that she was due to meet Randall over the next week with a view to getting all the relevant information on the Parish website to ensure that the Parish Council complied with the new legislation.

101. Parish Event - 71

The Clerk advised the meeting that she was continuing to look into the aspect of the public liability insurance for this event but it may not be possible to cover this under the existing policy held by the Parish Council, even though it is on Parish Council owned land, as it is not the Parish Council that is running the event. The next meeting of the event organising group is on 2nd February and the Clerk will report any developments from that meeting back to the Parish Council at their next meeting.

102. North Salop Wheelers – 74

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had spoken with Mr Harrison of the North Salop Wheelers and in addition to sending a representative to attend a meeting, as mentioned in point 95, Mr Harrison wanted to advise the Councillors that he would be happy to divert the current route from Fauls Green on a Wednesday to pick up residents in Hodnet. This Wednesday journey takes passengers to the market in Market Drayton and costs £3.50 for a return trip, although if anyone wants to use the service regularly you have to pay an additional £15 to join the scheme.

103. Parish Plan

Councillor Mackie confirmed with the Councillors that they had all received and reviewed the amended Parish Plan and asked if any Councillors had any amendments which they would like to propose.

Councillor Cope distributed and explained an amendment he proposed to the wording of the planning section of the Plan and the insertion of part of the data received from the Parish Survey. This amendment was discussed and seconded by Councillor Roberts. The adoption of the Parish Plan with this amendment was then voted on but the majority of the Councillors were not in favour of this.

Councillor Cope then proposed the same amendment to the wording of the Plan but excluded the data from the Survey, this was again seconded by Councillor Roberts and, when voted on, all Councillors were in favour of adopting the Parish Plan with this amendment.

The majority of Councillors felt that the data obtained from the survey, although not published directly within the plan, should be made public and it was suggested that perhaps this could be done via the Parish Website.

The Clerk will liaise with Councillor Hodge, Mary-Jayne Rees and Randall Hardy in this respect.

104. Planning

15/05024/FUL - Erection of a 3 bedroom detached dwelling following demolition of an existing farm building previously approved for conversion into a single dwelling under application reference 11/00667/FUL and formation of additional hardstanding and car parking – Barn at The Mount, Little Bolas, Telford, Shropshire. This planning application was discussed and when it was voted upon the majority of Councillors were in favour of supporting it. The Parish Council did, however, want it to be noted on the Shropshire Planning Website that they had been misquoted on the application form.

15/05507/OUT - Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of two detached 3-bedroom dwellings - Land Adjacent to Laburnum Villa, Wollerton, Shropshire. It was agreed to support this application.

15/05580/FUL - Erection of single storey rear extension - Oakenhurst, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LA. It was agreed to support this application.

The Clerk was instructed to update the Shropshire Council Planning website as per the above discussions.

105. Accounts

Expenses

Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	1931	£508.38
Numbers Plus Ltd	Annual AED Service Charge	1932	£118.80
K G Landscaping	Cutting Grass at Recreation Ground	1933	£1,344.00

Receipts

NatWest Bank	Bank Interest	£1.86
Western Power Distribution	Wayleave	£65.39

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

Total Balances at Bank as at 13th January 2016:

Current Account	£100.00
Reserve Account	£ 9,340.62
2nd Reserve Account	£ 42,008.32

106. Precept 2016 / 17

The Clerk distributed schedules of the Income and Expenditure seen through the Parish Council's Bank Accounts over the last 4 years and a copy will be put with these minutes.

The Clerk explained that the figures shown for the year ending 31st March 2016 were made up of actual figures seen so far in the financial year and budget figures for the rest of the year based on last year's accounts.

The schedule showed that over the last 3 years there had been an average shortfall, when comparing income to expenditure, of £ 1,807 which corresponded with a period through which the Parish Council had not increased the Precept. As the predicted total balance in the current and main reserve account at the end of the current financial year was under £500 the Parish Council agreed that they must look at ways to either increase the income or reduce the expenditure to address this issue.

It was pointed out by Councillor Mackie that although there was £42,000, plus interest accrued, on the second reserve account this C I L money is only allowed to be used for infrastructure expenditure. The C I L money, for example, can be used to purchase the new wooden trail on the recreation ground but it cannot be used for the other normal Parish expenditure.

The Councillors discussed both the Parish's income and expenditure in detail but as there was little more that could be done by way of reducing the expenditure it was proposed that there would need to be a small increase in the Precept required for 2016/17 and a figure of £18,500 was suggested which was an increase of £1,622 on the 2015/16 figure of £16,878.

Using the information received from Shropshire Council, which is based on a Band D property, increasing the Precept to £18,500 would have the result of increasing the annual payment, for a property in that band, by £2.22. The Councillors discussed this matter further and voted in favour of taking forward this small increase.

107. Correspondence

Planning Policy Team, Shropshire Council – SAMDEV Adoption

SALC Information Bulletin

NHS Shropshire – NHS 111 and GP Out of Hours Service

Helicopter Noise Liaison Group – Draft notes of meeting 13th Oct 2015

Rural Opportunities Bulletin

Police and Crime Commissioner, West Mercia e-newsletter

Connecting Shropshire Monthly Newsletter

The Big Conversation Workshop 18th January 2016

Road Safety Event 3rd March 2015

Police and Crime Commissioner, West Mercia – Precept Consultation 2016-17

Green Futures Team - Shropshire Seminars in 2016

Shropshire Council – Free Property Flood Protection Assessment Service

All correspondence was noted with the following points being raised:

- a. Councillor Mackie highlighted the point that the SAMDEV had been officially ratified on 17th December 2015 and would be made public any time now.
- b. Councillor Calder emphasised the need for people to sign the petitions which were in all local Doctors Practices to keep the ShropDoc service.

108. Any Other Business

Councillor Mackie highlighted to the Councillors the closure of Hodnet Post Office on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 and suggested that a Letter of Thanks be sent to Mrs Sargent who has run the Post Office so well over many years. All the Councillors agreed that a thank you from the Parish was in order.

The Clerk pointed out that one of the two Parish Notice Boards was attached to a wall outside the current Post Office and this will have to be re-sited once the Post Office closes. The Councillors discussed where in Station Road the Notice Board could go and Councillor Parker volunteered to have a look at the area around the entrance to the Recreation Ground let the Clerk know if it could be re-sited there.

The Clerk advised the meeting that, along with their invoice, K G Landscaping had requested confirmation that they were to continue to cut the grass at the Recreation Ground in 2016 and had advised that their price would remain the same as 2015. The previous Parish Clerk had looked into alternative Contractors for this grass cutting last year and as the price was to remain the same the Councillors agreed to K G Landscaping continuing with this work.

Councillor Downes requested that the Clerk contact Shropshire Highways regarding the drainage outside the Chapel at Peplow as even though there had been a gulley sucker around to clear the drain the area continued to flood. The Clerk will take this forward and report back at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is February 25th at Lyon Hall, Hodnet