

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at Wollerton Bowling and Social Club, as unable to get into The Village Room at Wollerton, on Thursday 14th September 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr John Powell, Mr John Parker, Mr John Roberts, Mrs Karen Calder, Mr Howard Trevor, Mr Steve Freeman, Mr Steve Alden, Mr Alan Cope and Mr Paul Nevins and Jane Evans (Clerk)

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – As per the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, 3rd August 2017, Cllr Powell was acting Chairman for this meeting in the absence of Cllrs Mackie and Rees who sent their apologies.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Cope declared an interest in item 8 a and b.
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the public present who did not wish to raise any issues.
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd August 2017 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 17th August 2017, had previously been circulated and Cllr Parker proposed that the Parish Meeting minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings, Cllr Alden seconded this, all agreed. Cllr Roberts wished additional minutes to be included in those of 17th August after which Cllr Parker proposed that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings, Cllr Alden seconded this, 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. The Clerk advised that she had completed the petition for the residents of Station Road, Webster Lane, The Crescent and The Meadows regarding the removal of the Post Box and Cllr Parker advised that this petition was shortly to be undertaken.
 - b. The Clerk advised the Council of the prices that she had obtained for a wooden bench in Shrewsbury Street but the Council decided that they would prefer either metal or wood-looking plastic so she will bring these to the next meeting.
 - c. The Clerk updated the Council regarding Shropshire Highway's insistence that the over-hanging branches on the Hodnet to Marchamley road are the land owner's responsibility but the Parish Council dispute this and instructed the Clerk to take this up again with Shropshire Highways.
 - d. The Clerk read to the Council an email that she had received from Victoria Doran of Shropshire Highways advising that: the ragwort on the Hodnet by-pass had not been done as the budget only allowed for the manual removal of ragwort on the worse areas; the cutting of the trees on the Hodnet by-pass has been passed to the Arboriculture Team; the road from the by-pass to Wollerton is not on the schedule for road improvements but regular inspections will ensue it's safe condition; and the post box at Marchamley Wood will be investigated by the local technician.
6. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Cllr Calder advised the Council that: Shropshire Council were looking very seriously into building a bungalow on the land they own at Bean Bank, possibly with ground-source heating; Future Fit will shortly be going to consultation; the future of the Shropshire's midwifery is currently being looked into; and Stoke on Tern Parish Council wondered if Hodnet Parish Council wanted to join them in inviting Mark Boulton from Shropshire Council to discuss the maintenance of the wetlands and dis-used railway line. She also promoted the 'Healthy Hodnet' initiative being run on 25th October 2017.
7. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings:** The Clerk advised the Council that she had been to two presentations by Shropshire Council regarding the current Parking Consultation, she highlighted how the main proposals would affect Market Drayton and Shrewsbury car parks and urged the Council to promote taking part in this very important consultation. Cllr Freeman will make sure this Parking Consultation is mentioned in the school newsletter.
8. **Planning** – The Council considered these planning applications:
 - a. **17/00466/FUL** – Erection of single storey extension and internal alteration of existing kitchen – The Stables, Hawkstone Park, Marchamley, Shrewsbury

- b. **17/00467/LBC** – Works to facilitate the erection of single storey extension and internal alterations – The Stables, Hawkstone Park, Marchamley, Shrewsbury - The Council considered these planning applications together and unanimously agreed to support them.

Cllr Trevor brought to the Council's attention the development in Webster Lane, Planning Application 15/03011/FUL, which does not look to be in line with the plans in the application. The Council considered the matter and the Clerk will report this as an enforcement issue.

Determination of Planning

17/02378/FUL - Erection of detached 2-bay carport with workshop and log store following demolition of existing outbuilding - Old Ivy Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hopton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3LG - **Permission Granted**

17/02262/FUL - Change of use from Pastoral and Renewal Centre to Boutique Hotel (40 bedrooms) and wedding venue and formation of car parking area (100 cars) - Hawkstone Hall, Hawkstone Park, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LG – **Permission Granted**

The Council were disappointed that Shropshire Planning had not taken into account the local view regarding this planning application and also that it had not been referred to the North Shropshire Planning Committee and asked the Clerk to write to the Chairman of this Committee to see who's decision this was.

17/03516/TCA - To fell 2 Silver Birch, 1 No. Cherry tree, 1 No. Bay tree, 1 No. Horse Chestnut tree, 1 No. Rowan tree and 1 No. Maple tree; to reduce back height by 1m of 1 No. hedge; reduce 1 No. Horn beam hedge by 1m; crown lift 1 No Beech Tree by up to 5m and cut back to 1m in height 1 No. Hedge Western Red Cedar tree within Marchamley Conservation Area (amended description) - 1 School Lane, Marchamley, SY4 5LD – **No Objection**

APP/L3245/W/17/3171380 – Appeal relating to Varda Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley Wood SY4 5LH – **The appeal is dismissed**. The Clerk read out a letter from the applicant who sought this planning permission thanking them for their support even though the application, and subsequent appeal, had been denied.

9. Accounts

a. Expenditure

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - August	DD	£318.17	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Mrs F Bennett	Lyon Hall Car Park	2017	£105.00	RTRA 1984 s57
Lyon Memorial Fund	Room hire for meetings	2018	£54.00	LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	2019	£223.36	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Mazars	External Audit	2020	£240.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Jane Evans	Expenses	2021	£111.31	LG (FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - September	SO	£433.33	LGA 1972 s 112
	Total		£1,485.17	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Cope 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	£ 40,552.47
Add receipts for year to date	£ 25,012.16
Less payments for year to date	£ 7,834.29
Balance to be carried forward	£ 57,730.34

Bank Balances as at 30th August 2017:

Current Account	£ 100.00
Reserve Account	£ 17,961.29

C I L Reserve Account	£ 39,727.25
Adjustment req'd for unpresented cheques	£ 58.20
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 57,730.34

- c. **Environmental Grant** - The Clerk advised the Council that £1,111.87 had been received in August for this.
 - d. **Shropshire Council's request for grant towards Hodnet Disused Railway** – The Council discussed the letter received from Mark Boulton and agreed to liaise with Stoke on Tern Parish Council to arrange a joint meeting, possibly in December, when Mr Boulton could address both Councils.
- 10. Highways and Environmental Health** – The Council discussed the following
- a. Wollerton to Hodnet Road – Cllr Calder suggested that in order to achieve one of the Parish Plan objectives of creating a footpath between Wollerton and Hodnet perhaps the Council should consider the possibility of making the road one-way and putting a footpath alongside this single carriageway. There was not a lot of support for this suggestion although the Council agreed that looking into the idea of creating a permissive path, inside the two fields adjacent to the road, might be an alternative.
 - b. Cycle Racing – Cllr Nevins highlighted the safety issues that cycle time trails along the A41, A53 and A442 can cause and everyone agreed that this is a serious issue although what the Council could do about it was more difficult.
 - c. Weed spraying the permissive path – The Clerk read out an email she had received from Nobridge Nurseries, who currently do the weed spraying in the Parish, advising the Council that two sprays per year would be a lot more effective on the permissive path. The Council unanimously agreed to this suggestion.
- 11. Street Lighting** – Cllr Parker pointed out that H11 needed repairing and Cllr Powell also mentioned M2. The Clerk advised that unfortunately the next 20% report on the street light had not yet been received and she will chase this for the next meeting.
- 12. Community-led Housing Grants** – Following the meeting on 17th August 2017 the Council had written to Shropshire Council detailing the process it had undertaken and the amounts that it intended to allocate to the various grant applicants. Unfortunately no acknowledgement of this letter has been received from Shropshire Council. The Council decided that it could not continue with the allocation until such an acknowledgement had been received and Cllr Calder will chase this. It was agreed that once Shropshire Council had confirmed receipt of the Council's proposals a further extraordinary meeting would be held to compile the letters to each of the applicants.
- 13. Playground Annual Inspection Report** – The Recreation Ground Committee had met and gone through the report in detail and the Clerk advised that she had now met Phil Wellings and passed on his thoughts to the Council regarding the work. The Clerk is currently waiting for Ray Parry to come over to Hodnet and give a quote on repairing or renewing the surface around the slide and climbing frame and it is hoped that this will be available for the Council to consider at their next meeting.
- 14. Lease of Hodnet Social Club** – The Clerk advised the Council that since 2007 this lease had been allowed to rollover, following advice from Graham Withers Solicitors, and the Council asked the Clerk to write to Hodnet Social Club regarding this matter.
- 15. Correspondence** – The below correspondence was noted:
- a. SALC – Neighbourhood and Other Plans Training 28th September 2017
 - b. SALC – Confusing choice of Health Apps made easier
 - c. PC Alan Ambrose – Introducing himself as PC Mike Sturland's replacement
 - d. Shropshire Council – Implementing the Shropshire Economic Growth Strategy Event 2nd October 2017
 - e. Shropshire Noise Liaison Group – Meeting 3rd October 2017
 - f. Shropshire Council – Sandyford Culvert work & traffic lights on A442

The Council asked the Clerk to invite PC Ambrose to a future Parish Council meeting.

16. Parish Matters – Cllr Freeman advised the Council that there was the possibility of a Fitness Bootcamp on the Recreation Ground during the day and an enquiry will be made in due course to the Clerk. Cllr Alden also advised the meeting of the possibility of a Walking for Fitness group starting in the Parish.

17. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 26th October 2017 at Lyon Hall, Hodnet – none to date.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 14th September 2017

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 26th October 2017

Signed by the Acting Chairman

