

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet  
on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm

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

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr H Trevor and Mr I Willicombe. Cllr Mackie advised the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Newitt and he had thanked Cllr Newitt for all he had done for Hodnet Parish Council.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Cope declared an interest in planning application 17/00466/FUL & 17/00467/LBC
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the general public present who was a land agent representing a land owner of Wollerton looking to submit plans for five houses under Shropshire Council's current 'Call for Sites' exercise and she spoke to the Council about this matter.
4. **Update from PC Sturland** – Unfortunately PC Sturland had advised the Clerk the day before the meeting that he would not be able to attend but he hoped to attend a further meeting prior to his retirement in October.
5. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 had previously been circulated and Cllr Cope proposed that both these minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings, Cllr Morgan seconded this proposal, all agreed.
6. **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 had written to the residents of 6 & 7 The Eastlands, Marchamley but the hedges had not yet been cut, this will be chased.
  - b. The Clerk had written again to the Post Office about reinstating the Post Box in Station Road and had been advised that they would prefer her not to write again until they had formally investigated the matter. Cllr Mackie advised the meeting that he had received correspondence from a resident in Station Road regarding the post box and it was agreed by all Cllrs that this matter must be pursued.
  - c. Further to the decision at the last meeting the projector and screen had now been purchased.
  - d. Connecting Shropshire had sent an updating email, in response to the Clerk's enquiry about the broadband not reaching the far ends of the parish, and they had advised that 'further work was planned for later in 2017 to bring some premises in the north-east of the parish within reach of a fibre broadband service'.
  - e. The secretary to Sir Algernon Heber-Percy had emailed to advise that he suggested that somewhere on the Hodnet Recreation Ground would be a better location for the second Parish Notice Board than on the wall by the Post Office. The Clerk will speak to Phil Wellings to see when he is available to meet the Recreation Ground Committee to discuss a suitable location.
7. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Cllr Calder advised the meeting that she had written to Philip Dunn and spoken to the Shropshire MPs regarding the County's Health Funding and the disparity in funding between rural and urban settlements and she would continue to work with other rural authorities to get some answers. Cllr Calder also advised that the full Council had sat earlier today and it had been agreed that reserves and one-offs would be used to finance services over the next couple of years by which time it was hoped that Shropshire would be able to have agreed a better deal with central government. Cllr Calder advised that business rates alone Shropshire would not be enough to cover services required in Shropshire.
8. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings:** Cllr Mackie reported from the recent L J C meeting at which Care in the Community had been the main topic. There had been discussions about how to identify vulnerable people in the community and then how best for the voluntary services to support these people. Cllr Calder advised the Parish Council that there is a pilot scheme currently running in Oswestry relating to preventable diseases and falls after which the evidence from the scheme could be evaluated. Cllr Mackie also reported from the recent North SALC meeting at which Adrian Cooper has given a presentation on the Consultation currently being under taken by Shropshire Council relating to the Local



Plan Review and the Parish Council agreed that, due to the time involved, it would be better for the Council to discuss this at a Planning Committee meeting.

**9. Planning** - To consider the following planning applications:

**17/00466/FUL** - Erection of single storey extension and internal alteration of the existing kitchen - The Stables, Hawkstone Park, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LF

**17/00467/LBC** - Erection of single storey extension and internal alteration of the existing kitchen affecting a Grade II Listed Building - The Stables, Hawkstone Park, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LF

The Clerk advised the Council that subsequent to her publishing the agenda for this meeting she had been emailed by Sue Collins of Shropshire Planning advising that the Agent for the above proposals had contacted her to say that the applicants had decided to make amendments to the proposed scheme following further discussions with our Conservation Officer and the Agent had asked if the Council would therefore not consider the applications at this evening's meeting, the Council all agreed.

**17/00317/CPE** - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of property in breach of condition 4 attached to planning permission re N/02/273/HO/535 Occupants not sole or mainly employed in agriculture as defined in Section 336 of the Town and Country Planning Act for over 10 years – Bailey Lodge, Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3QN.

Shropshire Planning had advised the Clerk that this was not an item for consultation by the Parish Council but they wished to comment they could, the Council agreed not to comment

**Determination of Planning**

**16/004612/FUL** - Conversion of existing coach house to dwelling to include small extension - Store South Of Hodnet Medical Centre, Abbots Way, Hodnet, Shropshire - **Permission Granted**

**17/00223/TCA** -To remove 1no weeping willow tree within the Marchamley conservation area - White House, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LE – **No Objection**

**Revised Local Plan** – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Shropshire Planning Department's future changes** – The Clerk advised the meeting that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March the consultation period for Council was increasing from 21 days to 31 days and with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June no paper application would be sent out to Parish and Town Councils.

**10. Accounts**

**a. Expenditure**

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - January	DD	£317.92	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Simba Hosting	Website hosting for 12 months	1994	£40.95	LGA 1972 s 142
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - February	DD	£317.92	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Leverhulme Hesketh Trust	Right of Way Footpath	1995	£1.00	LGA 1972 s 137
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - February	SO	£433.33	LGA 1972 s 112
	Total		£1,111.12	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Morgan 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	£ 24,143.06
Less payments for year to date	£ 23798.16
Balance to be carried forward	£ 44,228.94



Bank Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017:

Current Account	£ 100.00
Reserve Account	£ 2,000.77
C I L Reserve Account	£ 42,391.57
Adjustment req'd for unpresented cheques	£ 263.40
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 44,228.94

- c. **Transfer funds from Reserve Account** – The Council discussed the up-to-date cash-flow and the Clerk suggested that in view of the expenditure requirements before the year end a transfer should be made of £3,026 (the amount spent, after grant received, on the wooden play trail) from the CIL Reserve Account. This proposition was discussed and Cllr Cope proposed this action to be taken, Cllr Downes seconded this and all agreed.
- d. **Appointment of the Internal Auditor** – The Clerk explained to the Council how the Internal Checks and Internal Audit procedures had changed and a discussion took place regarding this matter after which the Clerk was instructed to find out exactly what criteria there was for a person to be able to undertake the Internal Audit.
- e. **S A L C** – This matter was adjourned to a future meeting.
11. **Highways and Environmental Health** – The Council reviewed the map supplied by Shropshire Council and noted the verges currently maintained by Shropshire Council. Cllr Mackie advised the meeting that the pothole in Wollerton that had been recently filled in by Shropshire Highways had collapsed again and he suspected that there was a failed water pipe underneath it. Cllr Powell advised the meeting that the gullies on the road from A53 to the Shooting Ground and on the Hodnet road into Marchamley were blocked and also that Long Lane, which runs from Marchamley to Wollerton was actually falling apart. The Clerk will follow up all these points.
12. **Street Lighting** – The Cllrs advised the Clerk that H10 and M1 needed repairing and the Clerk will liaise with the street light engineer.
13. **Hodnet Club Driveway** – It was agreed by the Council to leave this matter for the time being.
14. **May 2017 Parish Council Elections** – The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed for 16<sup>th</sup> March and the Clerk will be publicising this on the Parish website and posters around the villages.
15. **Correspondence** - The following had been received and were discussed::
- Helicopter Noise Liaison Group - Notes from last meeting, next meeting 21st March 2017
  - S A L C – Putting Patients First Special Edition, Two Vibrant Hospitals for Today & Future Generations
  - Westminster Briefing – Women in Local Government, Wednesday 26th April 2017 in London
  - S A L C – Media Release – Changing Dementia Care Conference at R S H 18th May 2017
  - S A L C - Health remains a key topic in the Big Conversation
  - Shropshire Council – Armed Forces Day in Shropshire 24th June 2017
  - Hodnet Cricket Club – Future Plans for Hodnet Cricket Club

Item g was discussed and the Clerk confirmed that Hodnet Cricket Club would be applying for a grant from the Community-Led Housing money that the Parish Council held.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident from Station Road regarding cars parking along the road and asking if she could speak to the Council. The Clerk had invited the resident to the meeting explaining that the public are welcome and there is always a public session item on the agenda but the resident had not attended.

16. **Parish Matters** – The following items were discussed:

- A resident has requested a dog poo bin at the top of Hearne Lane, in the parking area.

b. Shropshire Housing had approached the Clerk to ask the Parish Council to confirm a local connection relating to applications for a vacant house on the Old Auction Yard site, in accordance with the planning criteria. The Parish Council decided that they would deal with this in the same way as previously and a small group of Councillors would meet and check through the applications.

**17. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – None at present.**

**There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm**

**Approval of the Minutes held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**

**Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**



**Signed by the Chairman .....**