

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 25th February 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr D Hodge (Chairman), 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, Mr H Trevor, Mr I Willicombe and Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

Also present: Mr Alex Williamson of North Salop Wheelers

Apologies: Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder

Councillor Hodge welcomed Mr Williamson who gave a short talk to the Councillors on the transport available through the volunteer-run North Salop Wheelers.

The scheme was started in 2000 and now has eight vehicles which pick up at various points around the Wem and Whitchurch area taking people to Market Drayton, Wem or Whitchurch on various days of the week. Councillor Hodge asked Mr Williamson if, assuming that there was sufficient interest at the public meeting next month, the pick-up points could be extended into the Hodnet area and Mr Williamson agreed that this should be possible. Councillor Hodge thanked Mr Williamson for giving the Councillors an insight into this service and Mr Williamson left the meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016

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

Matters Arising

109. Compassionate Communities – Item 95

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that the public meeting to promote both the Compassionate Communities initiative and the North Salop Wheelers service was Friday 11th March, 7.00pm at the Lyon Hall, Hodnet. Leaflets and posters have been produced and distributed and also sent to the neighbouring parishes, as Councillor Calder suggested at the last meeting.

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mrs France had emailed to say that having finally sorted out the matter of insurance cover for the shower block, in the name of Hodnet Sports Association, she is now in a position to visit their solicitors, Onions and Davies, to finalise the lease. The clerk will continue to liaise with Mrs France to complete this matter.

111. Street Lighting – 28

Councillor Hodge confirmed to the meeting that the LED lights for street lights W2 and H38 had now been completed and the clerk also confirmed that all the other repairs had been done. The clerk also advised the Councillors that as the Parish Council's two year contract with N Power, in respect of the electricity for the street lights, was due to expire on 22nd April 2016 she had compared both a renewal quote from N Power and an alternative quote from E-on. Taking into account the cost per kilowatt-hour and the standing charges the quote from E-on worked out to be about £250 per year cheaper than N Power. Councillor Hodge proposed that the Parish Council switched energy supplier to E-on at the end of the current N Power contract and all Councillors agreed. The Clerk will liaise with both energy companies in this respect.

112. Marchamley Road Closures – 53

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received an email from Steve Coventry, Customer Service Manager at

Amey, to advise that the satisfaction surveys were to be sent out shortly. Councillor Powell advised the meeting that these surveys had not yet been received although further work was being done in the area so they may be received once this is completed. Some of the Councillors expressed their concerns that the diversion for this further Severn Trent work was extensive and would add a lot of extra time to journeys in that area.

113. Parish Event - 71

The Clerk advised the meeting that the plans for the Parish event in the summer were progressing and that the group of volunteers had written to formally request the use of the Parish Council's Recreation Ground in Hodnet on 11th June. The Councillors unanimously agreed to the request.

114. Parish Plan – 103

Further to the Council's previous decision to get some Parish Plans printed ahead of the public meeting the clerk advised the Council that to have 50 copies, printed back and front on to 22 A4 sides, would cost £132 for just black or £196 for colour on the 5 sides that required it. The Councillors all agreed that the colour charts contained within the Parish Plan would be easier to read than a black and white version and Councillor Powell suggested that 100 copies be printed if the quote was below £300, all agreed. The clerk will take this forward ahead of the public meeting.

115. Post Office Closure – 108

Councillor Hodge advised the meeting that he and Councillor Mackie had been to see Gina and Kathy on the day the Post Office closed and given them both flowers and presented Gina with a Letter of Commendation from the Council for all her work for the community over the years.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had got some quotes for a new Parish Notice as the one sited at the Post Office would need to be moved now. Councillor Parker confirmed that the existing wall-mounted Notice Board at the Post Office was in need of a lot of work as it was not in a good state. The Councillors discussed the three quotes, all around £1,500 not including installation, which all the Councillors thought was too much money to be spending on this. Councillor Willicombe volunteered to have a look at the old Notice Board and try to recondition it. The Clerk advised that she knew a sign writer from Market Drayton who could re-do the lettering at the top and all agreed that this would be the best way forward and left it for Councillor Willicombe and the Clerk to see what could be done.

116. Blocked drains at Peplow – 108

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had reported the blocked drain and flooding on the road by Peplow Chapel but Councillor Downes reported that although he had seen some Shropshire Highways vehicles in the area the problem remained the same. The Clerk will chase this matter again.

117. Planning

16/00145/FUL – Erection of 2 storey side extension – 45 Mill Road, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3NB – *Concern has been expressed about the potential historic nature of this property and we seek an assurance that planning officers will take this into account. The roof tiles appear to be clay for matching rather than concrete and proposed dormer windows are out of character with the property as a whole. While this appears to be a modest application there are a number of issues that need further consideration thus Hodnet Parish Council cannot support the current application.*

16/00381/VAR - Variation of Condition No. 1 attached to Planning Permission SC/CC2005/0045 dated 12 January 2006, to allow for the retention of the demountable unit for a further temporary period of ten years. The date by which the building is to be removed and the land re-instated to read as 31st January 2026 – Hodnet Primary School, Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet, Shropshire, TF9 3NS

15/05053/OUT – Re-Consultation due to Amendment to Outline application for the erection of eight dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping and creation of new access (all matters reserved)

- Land Adjacent Old Barn, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire – **Hodnet Parish Council have reiterated their objection to this application**

118. Accounts

Expenses

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| Highline Electrical Ltd | Street Light Maintenance | 1934 | £228.00 |
| N Power | Street Lights | DD | £1,157.71 |
| Randall Hardy | Annual website hosting fee | 1935 | £40.95 |

Receipts

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| NatWest Bank | Bank Interest | £1.70 |
| Hodnet Working Mens Club | Rent | £113.00 |

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

Total Balances at Bank as at 23rd February 2016:

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| Current Account | £100.00 |
| Reserve Account | £ 6,375.48 |
| 2nd Reserve Account | £ 42,009.66 |

119. Correspondence

Shropshire Council, Network Manager – North – Road Closure at Marchamley

Connecting Shropshire Broadband Update – Marchamley poster displayed in Parish Notice Board

Latest Info from the Voluntary & Community Sector Assembly

Shropshire Council, Maternity Triage – New Hot Line launched for pregnant women

Shropshire Community Enablement Officer, Nicola Fisher – Youth Activity Funding

Helicopter Noise Liaison Group – Meeting 22nd March 2016

Town & Parish Council Neighbourhood Plans – confirming £365.34 CIL money to be received with Precept

SALC – Forthcoming Audit Arrangements

Rural News Special – ‘Disastrous Government Grant’ – relates to reduced services/increased Council Tax in Rural Areas

Rural Services Network – Government faces major revolt – see above

Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter February 2016

Carillion Defence & Security – Have 8 volunteers who could take on manual labour volunteering in Shropshire

Shropshire Council, Love walking, love yourself – Free walks in Shropshire

Shropshire Council - Town/Parish Election Recharges

Hodnet Summer Event Group - Letter requesting use of Hodnet Recreation Group on 11th June 2016

Shropshire Council - Annual Town and Parish Emergency Planning Briefing 2016, 15th June 6.30 pm

Shropshire Council - Briefing Notes re Meeting 10th February 2016 of Shropshire Council and representatives of Shropshire Town and Parish Council

Shropshire Council – Big Conversation Action Planning Workshops 29th Feb & 1st March in the afternoons.

Gail Power, SALC – Transparency Code for Small Authorities

Shropshire Council – Offering Playground Inspection Service

Wollerton Bowls and Social Club – Requesting Grant towards car park repairs

All correspondence was noted with the following points being raised:

- a. Councillor Mackie briefed the Councillors on the meeting 10th February at Shirehall and suggested that the Clerk forward the Briefing Notes received in correspondence to all Councillors.
- b. The Clerk advised the meeting that nearer the time for the Playground Inspection she would contact Shropshire Council to see if their service was any cheaper than the Parish Council's current contractor.
- c. Councillor Morgan declared an interest in the correspondence received from Wollerton Bowls and Social Club as he was a member of this Club. A full discussion took place regarding the letter requesting a grant from the Parish Council towards the £10,000 - £15,000 required to re-do the carpark. The general feeling of the Councillors was that before any request to use the C I L money could be considered there needed to be an agreed strategy for considering requests and possibly an annual limit of money to be given as grants. As regards this particular request Councillor Hodge suggested that he would reply to the Club requesting more information relating to the costs breakdown, the usage of the facility by the Parish as well as Club members and where match funding was a possibility. Councillor Parker said that as there was currently no disabled parking available at Hodnet Church the PCC could be requesting the Parish Council for a grant towards this project and Councillor Hodge suggested that the same detailed information would be required for any grant application. A more detailed discussion as to the general strategy for requests would be considered at a future meeting.

120. Any Other Business

Potholes:

There was a discussion relating to the various potholes in the roads around the Parish and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways department at Shropshire Council to request the following be properly dealt with:

1. At the turning for Kenstone at the bottom of The Rock – there is a blocked drain on one side of the road creating more traffic and potholes on the other.
2. Up Wood Lane, just above Woodland Farm
3. Outside Long Lane Farmhouse Marchamley – there is also a drain blocked here causing more of a problem
4. Outside the Church steps, where more traffic is turning visiting Hodnet Shop.

Councillor Trevor advised the meeting that he had received complaints from residents relating to cars parking half over the pavement around the area of the Shrewsbury Street and Station Road roundabout. The Councillors instructed the Clerk to speak to PC Sturland in this regard.

Hodnet Recreation Ground:

Councillor Parker told the meeting that he had been advised by residents using the Hodnet Recreation Ground that there was a tree root that was protruding up through the grass and could cause a tripping hazard. Councillor Parker advised the meeting that he would ask Mr Wellings to deal with this.

Angela Heath, from Hodnet Club, had also advised Councillor Parker that when cutting the hedge bordering the Recreation Ground the contractor's tractor had cut up an area of the grass, due to the wet weather, and this area could now do with rolling. Councillor Trevor said that he thought that this was a job which Mr Goodwin, the contractor that the Parish Council use to cut the grass at the Recreation Ground, could do and the Council instructed the Clerk to get Mr Goodwin to do this.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is March 31st at Lyon Hall, Hodnet