

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 26th October 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr Chris Mackie, Mrs Maryjayne Rees, Mr John Powell, Mr John Parker, Mr Howard Trevor, Mr Steve Freeman, Mr Steve Alden, Mr Alan Cope and Mr Paul Nevins and Jane Evans (Clerk)

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Karen Calder and Mr John Roberts. Cllr Mackie thanked Cllr Powell for chairing the last meeting in his and Cllr Rees's absence.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th September 2017 had previously been circulated and Cllr Alden proposed that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings; Cllr Cope seconded this and 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. Cllr Parker handed the completed petition, relating to the reinstatement of a post box in Station Road, to the Clerk and the Council asked that this be sent to the Post Office along with a very strongly worded letter to highlight the strong feelings among the residents and Council about this matter.
 - b. Now that Cllr Cope was better the Clerk had contacted the Dog Warden to arrange a meeting for them to discuss the need for a dog poo bin in Hearne Lane.
 - c. The Council looked at various quotes that the Clerk had obtained for a bench to go in Shrewsbury Street. The Council liked some of the wood looking plastic benches made from recycled materials and asked the Clerk to find out where the nearest examples of these were so that they could see them in situ.
 - d. The Clerk is continuing to pursue the matter of the cutting back required on the Hodnet to Marchamley Road and it is hoped that when Mark Wootton of Shropshire Council meets Cllr Powell to discuss the Highways issues relating to Marchamley this issue can be tackled too.
 - e. The Clerk advised the Council that a meeting had been arranged for Mark Boulton to visit Hodnet and Stoke on Tern Parish Councils and discuss the management of the Wollerton Wetlands and disused railway line. This meeting will be at Stoke on Tern Village Hall on 13th December 2017 starting at 7.00 pm.
 - f. The Clerk has received an email from the Hodnet Hall secretary which states that they do not think a permissive path would 'work with their farming business'. Cllr Powell will take this forward with the Estate Agent and report back to the Council.
 - g. The Clerk has arranged to meet Ray Parry to discuss what can be done about the surfaces under the play equipment on the Recreation Ground on Tuesday 31st October at 2.30 pm and invited any Councillors on the Recreation Ground Committee to join them.
6. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Unfortunately Cllr Calder was unable to attend this meeting.
7. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings:** No-one had attended any meetings since the last Parish Council meeting.
8. **Planning** – The Council considered the following planning applications:
 - a. **17/04574/OUT** – Outline application for the erection of 1no. detached dwelling – Proposed Dwelling North of Avenue Small Farm, The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire. This application was discussed and the Council unanimously decided to support it.

Determination of Planning

17/03258/FUL - Erection of swimming pool extension and balcony to existing coach house - Brook House,

Station Road, Hodnet, TF9 3JD - **Permission Granted**

17/03527/FUL - Erection of a single storey rear extension - Manor Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3LJ - **Permission Granted**

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

17/00467/FUL - Works to facilitate the erection of single storey extension and internal alterations - The Stables, Hawkstone Park, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LF - **Permission Granted**

17/03001/FUL - Erection of a part single/part two storey extension and a detached single storey storage building; reconfigure driveway – Former Squirrel Inn, Drayton Road, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3LX – **Permission Granted**

The Council had received a reply from Cllr Paul Wynn, Chairman of the North Shropshire Planning committee, in response to their comments about how disappointing it was that the Hawkstone Hall planning application had not gone to committee. Parish Council's role in the planning process is something that the Council are very concerned about and the Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. **General Power of Competency** – The Clerk explained that Local Councils were granted a 'general power of competency' under the Localism Act 2011 which means that eligible councils have 'the power to do anything that individuals generally do' as long as it is within the law. This means that these councils are no longer restricted to actions that have a specific powers or a specific amount that can be spent under the LGA Act s137. As the Clerk has now gained her CiLCA qualification, and over two thirds of the Council were elected in the last local elections, it was proposed that Hodnet Parish Council now meets the criteria for the General Power of Competency by Cllr Parker, Cllr Cope seconded this and all agreed.

10. Accounts

a. Expenditure

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - September	DD	£318.17	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - October	DD	£307.90	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Lyon Memorial Fund	Room hire for meetings	2022	£36.00	LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
JE re The Defib Pad	Defibrillator battery	2023	£238.67	LGA 1972 s 137
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	2024	£105.30	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - October	SO	£433.33	LGA 1972 s 112
	Total		£1,439.37	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Rees 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	£ 25,012.62
Less payments for year to date	£ 8,93.06
Balance to be carried forward	£ 56,672.03

Bank Balances as at 30th September 2017:

Current Account	£ 100.00
Reserve Account	£ 17,466.82
C I L Reserve Account	£ 39,727.57
Adjustment req'd for unrepresented cheques	£ 622.36
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 56,672.03

- c. **Hodnet Social Club** – This matter was discussed and Cllr Trevor will take this forward and report back to the Council.
11. **Highways and Environmental Health** – The Council discussed the issue of large heavy traffic through Marchamley in conjunction with a copy of a letter from a Marchamley resident to Shropshire Council. The Parish Council considered the weight limit that should be on this road and asked the Clerk to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.
12. **Street Lighting** – Cllr Parker pointed out that H24, H37 & H54 needed repairing and also it was thought W5 was not working. The Clerk advised the Council that over the next two years SOX lights were being phased out but she thought this only involved one light in this parish. The Clerk will shortly be doing the annual audit of the street lights and she will email the Council with her findings. It was also agreed that the lights in The Old Auction Yard should have been installed by the developer and so the Clerk was asked to take this forward.
13. **Community-led Housing Grants** – Shropshire Council have now acknowledged the Parish Council's letter and agreed to the distributions involved. Letters now need to be sent to all applicants detailing time limits and other criteria for the money to be granted. As the letter writing was going to be a very involved process it was suggested that a separate extraordinary meeting be called and Monday 13th November was agreed.
14. **Unauthorised use of photograph on website** - Cllr Mackie explained to the Council that they had been approached by a company representing a photographer who had taken a picture of a 'hellebore gone to seed' and had been used on the Hodnet Parish website. The company were asking for £425 as a fee for using the photo without permission. The Clerk has sent a holding letter to the company while the Council consider this issue. The Council discussed this matter and asked the Clerk to find out more information so that it can be discussed further on 13th November.
15. **Stoke on Tern Neighbourhood Plan** – The Clerk had distributed details of this to the Cllrs prior to the meeting and, after consideration, the Council decided not to comment on this plan.
16. **Correspondence** – The below correspondence was noted:
- a. SALC – Shrewsbury North West Relief Road Consultation
 - b. Shropshire Council - Cabinet Report relating to the scrutiny item 'The Future Commissioning of Youth Activities'
- In addition to these emails the Council has received a thank you letter from Ms Benson who has started running a Boot Camp on Hodnet Recreation Ground.
17. **Matters relating to the Clerk** - The Council discussed this issue and asked for it on the next agenda.
18. **Parish Matters** – Cllr Alden advised the meeting that 'Healthy Hodnet' had gone well with between sixty and seventy people attending over the four event.
19. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 30th November 2017 at Lyon Hall, Hodnet** – In addition to those mentioned above the provision of Wi-Fi at the Lyon Hall was requested to go on the agenda.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 26th October 2017

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 30th November 2017

Signed by the Chairman
