

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 30th November 2017 at 7.30pm

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

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillors Mr Paul Nevins and Mr Steve Alden.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Freeman declared an interest in item 8 as he was a Governor at Hodnet School.
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present.
4. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th October 2017 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 13th November 2017 had previously been circulated and Cllr Powell pointed out that it was the Agent at Hodnet Estate that he was going to talk in item 5f and not the Farm Manager, all agreed and the Clerk will re-draft the minutes to this effect. Cllr Parker proposed that the minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting 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. The Clerk advised that despite sending a strongly worded letter, and the petition signed by residents, the Post Office would still not agree to re-instate the Post Box in Station Road. The Clerk has now sent the petition to Owen Patterson MP and asked if he could please take this forward on behalf of the residents of Hodnet.
 - b. Cllr Cope advised the meeting that he had now met with the Dog Warden regarding the Council's request to have a dog poo bin sited at the top of Hearne Lane. He added that all waste, including dog waste, could now be put into the same bin and the Dog Warden had agreed to look out for a bin to go in Hearne Lane.
 - c. Cllr Mackie and Cllr Parker had seen the benches that Shrewsbury Town Council had used around the dingle and agreed that they were substantial and looked like they would need minimum maintenance. The Council asked for the Clerk to confirm the size, price and colour of the benches available and what anchoring would be required and whether this came with the bench.
 - d. No progress had been made getting anyone from Shropshire Council to meet Cllr Powell to discuss either the cutting back required on the Hodnet to Marchamley Road or the Highways issues relating to Marchamley.
 - e. The Clerk advised the Council that she had looked at the original planning application relating to the development at The Old Auction Yard and one of the conditions of granting planning permission was a lighting plan which showed only lights on the houses themselves as there was concern about the bats habitat in the area and no street lighting was agreed. The Council asked the Clerk to investigate whether lower level pathway lighting may be permitted.
6. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Cllr Calder advised the meeting that Shropshire Council's Children's Services Ofsted had been completed and the standard had increased from 'satisfactory' to 'good' which was very good news, also Shropshire Council had received a national award for the PHSE programme that was taught in the counties schools. Unfortunately the financial situation was getting worse and she feared that more cuts in services may have to be implemented in trying to balance the County's budget. The Highway Report relating to the development of Hawkstone Hall has now been made public but the Parish Council is not allowed to comment on it. Cllr Calder suggested that a small group of Cllrs meet with the developers and discuss the areas of concern. It was agreed that the Cllrs best placed to take this forward were Cllr Powell, Cllr Freeman and Cllr Calder.
7. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings:** The Clerk reported back from the Town and Parish Council Forum at which there had been a presentation on the current Local Plan Review consultation.
8. **Planning** – The Council considered the following planning applications:
 - a. **17/05282/FUL** - Erection of an entrance lobby – Hodnet Primary School, Hodnet, Shropshire. This application was discussed and the Council unanimously decided to support it although they agreed that

the Clerk should also make the comment that although they welcomed the fact that the children's safety would be enhanced they were disappointed with the design and wondered if due consideration had been given to the fact that this building was in a conservation area.

Determination of Planning

17/04448/VAR - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 13/01679/FUL (Erection of a detached dwelling and formation of new vehicular access) substitute previously approved drawings

Decision: Grant Permission - Cromwell House, Station Road, Hodnet, TF9 3JF - **Permission Granted**

17/01571/VAR - Removal of condition 4 (residency restriction) attached to N/02/273/HO/535 to allow for sale of property on open market - Bailey Lodge , Lostford Lane, Wollerton, TF9 3QN - **Withdrawn**

9. Accounts

a. Expenditure

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
Nobridge Nurseries	Weed spraying		£330.00	HA 1980 ss 43,50
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance		£211.35	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - November	DD	£318.17	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Lyon Memorial Fund	Room hire for meetings		£18.00	LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
Royal British Legion	Wreath		£20.00	LGA 1972 s 137
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - November	SO	£433.33	LGA 1972 s 112
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	Total		£1,764.18	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Rees, seconded by Cllr Powell 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 £ 25,279.22

Less payments for year to date £ 10,447.59

Balance to be carried forward £ 55,684.60

Bank Balances as at 31st October 2017:

Current Account £ 100.00

Reserve Account £ 16,290.65

C I L Reserve Account £ 39,727.91

Adjustment req'd for unpresented cheques £ 433.97

Total of Reconciled Bank Balances £ 55,684.60

c. Budgets for 2018/19 – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had sent projected budgets to the Council and these figures were discussed and agreed in principle.

10. Highways and Environmental Health – The Clerk advised the meeting that Shropshire Council had confirmed that there was currently no weight limit on the Hodnet to Marchamley road and Council agreed to leave this matter for the time being although they were still very concerned about the lack of white lines and asked the Clerk to take this forward again with David Gradwell, Shropshire Highways. The Clerk also advised the meeting that, following a concern raised by Hodnet Club, she had obtained an assessment of work required to the mature oak tree nearest the Club from Benbow Bros. Mr Benbow stated that although the tree had 'recently lost a medium sized branch during high winds he saw no reason to worry about the health of this fine oak tree' and so the Council decided to leave any work to this tree for the time being. The perspex section on the Hodnet Bypass was also discussed again and the Clerk will try to find out if this could be removed and replaced by railings as it looks very bad in its current state.

11. **Street Lighting** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the street light engineer's reply to the Council's query about guarantees and his recommendations regarding the work required, these comments were discussed. Cllr Powell proposed that new LED units be fitted to W5, H20 & H54, Cllr Parker seconded this and all agreed.
12. **Playground at Hodnet Recreation Ground** – The Council discussed the quotation from Ray Parry Playgrounds Ltd for the repair works, recommended in the ROSPA report, which totalled nearly £8,000. In view of the amount the Council decided to look at alternatives. Cllr Freeman will provide the Clerk with an alternative supplier of this work and the Clerk will also contact ROSPA and ask if taking up all the wet-pour out and resurfacing with grass over a rubber matting base would be an acceptable alternative.
13. **Unauthorised use of photograph on website** - Cllr Roberts advised the meeting that, after consulting his lawyers, he did not think that Parish Council should have anything to worry about legally. Firstly the Council website is non-commercial then therefore no-one gained financially from the publication of this photograph it would, therefore, be difficult to prove that the photographer had lost out financially. Secondly it was in an educational article, relating to what to do and when to do it in the garden and educational use is exempt under the copyright acts. Cllr Roberts will draft a suitable reply to the Pixsy and circulate to the Parish Council for approval.
14. **Review of the Parish Plan** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the current information held in the Place Plan for Hodnet and the cluster of Marchamley, Peplow and Wollerton and this was reviewed in light of the 2016 -2020 Parish Plan and the priorities for the Parish that it highlighted. The Clerk will amend the information as agreed by the Council and complete the return.
15. **Local Plan Review Consultation** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a link to this latest planning consultation on the Shropshire Council website. The Clerk pointed out that there were errors in the documentation relating to Wollerton and also Peplow had been missed out completely. It was agreed that all the Cllrs review the documents and email the Clerk if there were any further comments that they thought the Parish Council should make by 15th December and the Clerk will formulate a reply that she will circulate before completing the consultation.
16. **Parish Council's role in the planning process** – The Council discussed this matter and it was agreed that the Clerk should email adjacent Parish Council's to get their general feeling about this matter first.
17. **Wi-Fi at The Lyon Hall** – This matter was discussed and it was decided to get costings as to how much it would cost to install wi-fi in this building and also the on-going fees. The Clerk will also enquire if there are any grants available through the Rural Community Council.
18. **Correspondence** – No correspondence had been received.

Exclusion of press and public: That in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following items to be considered involves the likely disclosure of sensitive/confidential information

19. **Matters relating to the Clerk** - The Council discussed this issue and Cllr Mackie will have a meeting with the Clerk to go through their decision.
20. **Parish Matters** – Cllr Parker advised the meeting that there had been more fly tipping on Heathbrook Road and wondered whether a camera should be fitted as this is getting a regular occurrence. There was also a pile of tarmac left from the recent road works which Shropshire Highways needed to be reminded about. The Clerk reminded the Council about the meeting in Stoke on Tern on 13th December 2017 to discuss the maintenance of the Wollerton Wetlands area.
21. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th January 2017 at Lyon Hall, Hodnet** – The Precept will be discussed at this meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 30th November 2017

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 11th January 2018



Signed by the Chairman