

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Hodnet held on **Thursday, 16th January 2020** at Lyon Hall, Hodnet

Present: Cllrs Steve Freeman (Chairman), Chris Mackie, Maryjayne Rees, Paul Nevins, John Parker, John Powell and Howard Trevor

In attendance: Jane Evans – Locum Clerk

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were noted from: Cllr Alan Cope
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Co-option of New Councillor** – Mr Jason Watts expressed his wish to join Hodnet Parish Council, told the Council about himself and the Council agreed with his co-option. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests forms were both signed and Cllr Watts joined the meeting.
4. **Public Session** – There were three members of the public present. The first was Hodnet Group Scout Leader and he explained to the Council that being their 50 Anniversary this year the group were having a series of events and celebrations and would welcome the Council's thoughts as to what the group could buy for the Community to mark this milestone. The Council thanked the Group Scout Leader they will consider this matter and liaise with him. The second member of the public was Hodnet Hall's Estate Manager who detailed to the Council the Estate's plans regarding an empty, derelict farmhouse in Green Lane. The Council thanked the Estate Manager for sharing these thoughts and advised that they looked forward to reviewing the planning application when it is received from Shropshire Council. The third member of the public, who will be the new Clerk from February, came to meet the Council. After this agenda item the first two members of the public left.
5. **Minutes** – Prior to the meeting the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 2019 had been circulated and the Council agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
6. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters not on the agenda** – The Clerk updated the Council on the following matters from previous meetings and not otherwise on the agenda:
 - Hodnet Hall Estate – The Clerk had received an update regarding the development land, which she had forwarded to the Council, and additionally the Estate Manager had advised that they would be looking into repairing the guttering on the former butchers shop in Shrewsbury Street.
 - Wollerton Pound – The Clerk has been advised by Shropshire Council that they own the verge around the Pound and they do not think bollards are the way forward. A site meeting has been suggested and the Clerk will advise the Cllrs of the date in due course. It was suggested that English Heritage should be invited to this meeting and the Clerk will liaise with them.
 - Shropshire Planning have now issued an enforcement order relating to the premises discussed at the last meeting but the Council asked the Clerk to chase this matter.
 - The Clerk had received a reply to the various highway's issues raised at the last meeting which she had forwarded to the Cllrs and is liaising with Shropshire Highway's local Technician to meet with Cllr Powell to discuss matters further.
 - The Chairman had not been able to contact the contractors appointed to undertake the re-surfacing of the Lyon Hall car park but he will chase this and also speak to them about doing the work on the Recreation Ground driveway at the same time.
 - The Clerk had been advised by Royal Mail Customer Services that the postbox missing from Marchamley Wood has been stolen and they will look into replacing it.
 - The Chairman had met the Hodnet Football Manager again and was advised that they are still looking into the idea of a five-a-side all weather pitch where the disused BMX track is on the Recreation Ground. The Manager has been advised by the FA that they could match fund to £50,000 but this leaves a further £50,000 for the Club to raise. Once more details of the area involved are know, and detailed plans are available, the Council will be able to discuss this matter further.
7. **Unitary Councillor Report** – Unfortunately Cllr Karen Calder was unable to attend the meeting.
8. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings** – There had been no meetings attended

since the last Parish Council meeting.

9. Planning – The Council discussed the following planning applications and made the comments:

20/00045/FUL: Erection of two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension – 1 Bean Bank, Mill Road, Wollerton, Shropshire TF9 3ND - **Support**

Determination of Planning

a. 19/04703/FUL: Conversion of existing traditional building into self contained domestic annex and farm office - Green Hurst Farm , Wood Lane, Marchamley Wood, Shropshire, SY4 5LH – **Permission Granted**

b. 19/04754/FUL: Installation of 1.2MW Ground Source Heat Pump, the above ground control unit, along with all associated ground works - Green Hurst Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley Wood, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LH - **Permission Granted**

c. 19/04265/FUL: Conversion and change of use of barn to recreation and leisure purposes ancillary to residential occupation to include insertion of mezzanine floor, internal works and insertion of doors/windows and full height windows - Peplow Hall, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 3JN – **Permission Granted**

The Clerk advised the Council that since the publication of the agenda for this meeting a further consultation request had been received for planning application 20/00034/FUL. The Council viewed the details of this application and it was agreed that they do not wish to make any comment relating to it so no further meeting to discuss it would be required.

10. Accounts

a. Expenditure – Cllr unanimously approved the below detailed payments:

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
K G Landscaping	Grass Cutting	2124	£1,512.00	HA 1980 s 96
Mr C France	Verge cutting at Lyon Hall	2125	£119.00	HA 1980 s 96
JE re Royal British Legion	Wreath	2126	£20.00	LGA 1972 s 137
Jane Evans	Locum Clerk	2127	£500.00	LGA 1972 s112
Numbers Plus Ltd	Annual AED Calls Service Charge	2128	£118.80	LGA 1972 s 137
E-on	Electricity for Street Light	DD	£395.38	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Plusnet	Wi fi at Lyon Hall	DD	£18.60	LGA 1972 s 111
Lyon Memorial Fund	Meeting Room Hire	Int Bk	£72.00	LGA 1972 s 111
	Total		£2,755.78	

This expenditure was reviewed by the Council and it was unanimously agreed that they should be paid.

b. Bank Reconciliation – Cllrs received and accepted the Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2019	£34,792.37
Add: Receipts to date	£35,809.97
Less: Payments to date	£36,514.62
Closing Balance at 31st December 2019	£34,087.72

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2019

Current account (6712)	£100.00
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£14,243.48
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£20,059.24
less unrepresented cheques/payments	£ 315.00
	£34,087.72

c. Precept – The Council discussed the Precept requirement in light of the 20/21 budget agreed in principle at the last meeting. Proposals were discussed and a vote was taken with the majority of Councillors agreeing to a precept of £22,015, which equates to c2% increase on last year, this was therefore resolved by the Council.

11. Highways and Environmental - The following issues were highlighted and discussed:

- Three Year Tree Report – The Clerk advised the Council that this was due in Summer 2019 and the Council

agreed that this should be done as soon as possible. The Clerk will liaise with Benbow Bros.

- Grass cutting at Hodnet Recreation Ground – The Clerk had received a note, along with the annual invoice, to ask if the Council would like the contractor to continue in 2020 at the same price, the Council agreed.
- Verge cutting at Lyon Hall – The Clerk had received a note from Mr France advising that he was no longer able to undertake this work and the Council agreed to send a Thank You Card to him and for the Clerk to ask the contractor who emptied the bins at the Recreation Ground if he could take on this work.
- The drain to the gulley on Drayton Road outside the Doctors needs to be cleared as the gulley has been cleared twice and it keeps flooding so the drain must be blocked. The Clerk will liaise with Shropshire Highways about this.
- There are speeding commercial vehicles on Webster’s Land and the Council asked for this to be reported to the Police.
- Potholes in Wollerton and Little Bolas were reported and the Clerk will advise Shropshire Highways

12. Street Lighting – Maintenance and/or Repairs – Councillors reported that H11, H50 and M1 needed repairing. The Clerk advised that she had received a picture of a possible PIR light for the driveway to the Recreation Ground but did not yet know what Western Power Distribution would charge for connecting up an additional light, hopefully this will be available for the next meeting.

13. Playground on Hodnet Recreation Ground – The Clerk had been through all the files and emails and found a lot of different quotes for various surfaces to repair the area under the slide and the witch’s hat play equipment and asked for the Council’s guidance as to what they required. After some discussion the Council agreed that the Clerk should confirm with ROSPA any height restrictions for play equipment on grass surfaces and where possible the replacement surface should be grass and elsewhere grass matting should be used. The Clerk should then obtain quotes for this work.

14. Parish Plan – Prior to the meeting Cllr Rees had circulated a draft Parish Plan Review and this was discussed with a few more ideas suggested. Cllr Rees will amend this document and circulate again prior to the next meeting.

15. Website – Cllr Mackie updated the Council on this on-going matter.

16. Correspondence – SALC and Shropshire Council information is forwarded to Parish Councillors when received and no additional correspondence had been received when the agenda was published. A letter had been received since but it was agreed that it would be more appropriate to forward this on to the Hodnet Charities for consideration.

17. Parish Matters – The following were discussed:

- The dog poo bin in The Meadow, this is an issue between the residents and Shropshire Council.
- Come and Sing Messiah event at Hodnet Church on 22nd March in the afternoon, open to all.

18. Agenda Items – Since the publication of the agenda for this meeting Shropshire Council had sent out up to date Place Plans and the Clerk suggested that this was discussed at the next meeting on **20th February 2020, at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16th January 2020

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 20th February 2020.

Signed by the Chairman