

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of FULL COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2021, at 7.30pm via ZOOM.

PRESENT: Cllrs Alan Cope; Steven Freeman; Chris Mackie; Paul Nevins; John Parker; John Powell; Maryjayne Rees; John Roberts; Jason Watts.

Also present: Two members of the public **In attendance:** Jan Morgan-Birtles – Parish Clerk

112 **Apologies and reasons for absence – No apologies had been received.**

The Clerk advised the meeting that, due to non attendance, a 'declaration of vacancy' should be made. It was RESOLVED to delay decision on this matter until the next meeting. It was noted that a vacancy already exists.

113 **Declaration of Interest** – Councillors to declare a personal or pecuniary interest in any item. Cllr Roberts declared an interest in ITEM 120 d).

114 **Public session** – Two members of the public were present:- The nominated Conservative candidate for the area in the upcoming Shropshire Council election introduced himself to the meeting. A member of the public spoke about the traffic problems currently being experienced in the area (Item 118)

115 **Minutes from previous meetings** – the minutes from Thursday 7th January 2021 – Acceptance proposed Cllr Mackie, second Cllr Powell. It was RESOLVED to AGREE and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

116 **Reports**

- a) Clerk's report (update of matters not on the agenda) – RESOLVED to NOTE.
- b) Unitary Councillor report – not received.
- c) Reports from councillors attending meetings or training – Cllr Nevins reported on a meeting at mobile Police unit with PC Ambrose to discuss current traffic issues - was told it was nothing to do with the Police but the responsibility of Shropshire Council. Speeding issues – was told there was nowhere to put a speed camera van in Wollerton.

117 **Finance**

a) **Payments** to note against January bank statements

Plusnet – 4269328-032	dd	£20.40	LGA 1972 s111
Staff – salary	so	£588.25	LGA 1972 s112
K G Landscapes – Inv 39	bacs	£1,260.00	LGA 1972 s111
PKF – External auditors SB20203546	bacs	£240.00	LGA 1972 s111
E-on – H19554082C	dd	£407.57	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
J Parker (Christmas Tree reimbursement)	bacs	£50.00	s137
total		£2,566.22	

b) **Receipts** to note against January bank statements

Electricity wayleave	£65.39
HWMC	£56.50
Interest to 31st January	£0.07
Interest to 31st January	£0.16
Total	£122.12

c) **Bank reconciliation (January)** – to approve

Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2019	£29,023.92
Add: Receipts to date	£23,723.76
Less: Payments to date	£24,479.57

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Closing Balance at 31st January 2020 **£28,268.11**

Bank Balances as at 31st January 2020:

Current account (6712)	£100.00
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£8,091.02
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£20,077.09
less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
	£28,268.11

Proposed : Cllr Powell, Second Cllr Roberts. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE

d) Payments for authorisation and payment in **February 2021**

Plusnet 4269328-033	dd	£20.40 LGA 1972 s112
Staff – salary	so	£588.25 PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Staff expenses	bacs	£95.35 LGA 1972 s 111
E-On Inv.H1972190CE	dd	£407.57 LGA 1972 s 111
Zoom subscription – 59788056	clk	£14.39 LGA 1972 s111
Sutcliffe Playdirect – 00223	Chm	£69.96 LGA 1972 s 111
Numbers Plus – 40706	bacs	£118.80 LGA 1972 s 112
Simba – hosting	bacs	£tba LGA 1972 s 112
total		£1,314.72

Proposed Cllr Powell , Second Cllr Mackie. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE

e) Section 137 expenditure – to note limit for 2021-2022 of £8.41 - NOTED

118 Road safety issues

a) Traffic diverting from main roads - Lostford Lane/Mickley Lane; Hodnet, Marchamley – Cllr Freeman reported a number of complaints submitted to SC and the resultant increased signage in place. A joint approach with Prees Parish Council was suggested. Cllr Freeman to speak with Prees Parish Council. Cllr Mackie proposed that a small working group meet via Zoom and the Chairman be delegated power to write on the Council's behalf to the Head of Highways (and other relevant persons) on this issue – Proposed Cllr Mackie, Second Cllr Powell. This was AGREED.

b) Speeding traffic – Proposal for community speed watch area. Cllrs Powell, Freeman, Watts and Nevins all volunteered to be involved (6 volunteers in total will be needed) – Clerk to respond to Mark Booth to go ahead as soon as possible with the required Contact person as Cllr Steve Freeman. Areas of priority concern: – High Street, Hodnet, Marchamley, Wollerton, Peplow (Thursday nights in summer). This was AGREED.

c) Condition of local roads –

Cllr Powell:- **historic but still unresolved** - Marchamley Hill; Kenstone potholes near WMSG; major hole in the side of the road near Kenstone - barriers knocked over (this hole must have been there for 5 years now); Floods on Hine Heath road being exacerbated by water running down the road from Kenstone; Water running over the road causing erosion at Hawkstone Farm, School Lane, Marchamley. Very dangerous during the frost; Likewise on Long Lane Marchamley - Blocked drain, water bursting through the road surface (Sheet of ice over the whole road width last week).

New matters:- The road sweeper machine makes regular visits to Marchamley, but does not do an effective job. Gullies are always blocked with leaves;

Grass cutting programme should include the small island and the verge by Well House Farm, at the top of Rookery Lane. This is at the entrance to the village, and is extremely untidy. Twice yearly cutting

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would improve situation;

A point associated with the traffic problems - The policy regarding road closures and signage needs review. STW closed the road at Marchamley Hill in order to get a machine into their reservoir site. This should have taken half an hour maximum. The 'Road Closed' and 'Diversion' signs were left up for 3 days over a weekend.

Cllr Nevins – blocked drain at bottom of drive, Greenfields, causing a flood and freezing in cold weather; also outside Paul's house – caused by block drain (sandbags were delivered but not appropriate).

Cllr Freeman reported damage on roads following diversion problems – kerbs have been damaged.

Cllr Nevins – recently repaired bridge is already damaged.

Cllr Mackie, potholes outside Woodlands Farm, Wood Lane, Wollerton; note received from Nigel Newitt – over time roadside verges grow and encroach onto roads and therefore, narrows the roads, question – who's responsibility is it to maintain the sides of roads to keep the original width in the absence of kerbs? Wood Lane - both ends (Marchamley Wood and Wollerton) are now a mess due to this, creating a muddy surface. Historically, this has been managed by a Lengthsman who would also cut the grips into the ditch. **Clerk to mention in letter to** Highways Department, SC.

Cllr Mackie – pavement on main road in Wollerton - 200yds of kerbstones have been pressed into the ground – kerbs should be remade to correct level as they are now lower than the tarmac as they have been run on by large vehicles – pavements are now flooding and would need to be remade too.

Cllr Nevins – question re 'Pothole Czar' a year ago whether he was still employed – Cllr Freeman reported this was a short term appointment.

119 Grounds maintenance and litter-picking

- a) To consider purchase of necessary equipment -
- b) Volunteer recruitment
- c) Risk assessment – It was RESOLVED to move a) b) and c) onto next agenda
- d) Grounds maintenance – It was proposed by Cllr Watts, second Cllr Mackie to appoint a contractor for bin emptying, leaf clearance etc. It was RESOLVED to seek prices from contractors.

Ask Veolia if they would do them in addition to the other litter bins as there seems to be evidence of Veolia emptying litter bins in the area.

120 Planning matters

- a) To note planning decisions:
 - i. **Reference: 20/04438/FUL** (validated: 10/11/2020)
Address: 1 Manor Farm, Little Bolas, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6PR
Proposal: Creation of new access and erection of detached garage
Decision: **Grant Permission**
 - ii. **Reference: 20/04548/FUL** (validated: 04/11/2020)
Address: The Coppice , Abbots Way, Hodnet, TF9 3NQ
Proposal: Extensions to existing dwelling following demolition of existing single storey extension
Decision: **Grant Permission**
 - iii. **Reference: 20/05189/FUL** (validated: 17/12/2020)
Address: Slip Farm, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LE
Proposal: Construction of a horse riding arena
Decision: **Grant Permission**
 - iv) **Reference: 20/03884/FUL** (validated: 05/10/2020)
Address: Lostford Manor Stables, Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3QW
Proposal: Erection of a building to house a equine pool
Decision: **Grant Permission**
- b) To discuss the following planning applications:
 - i. **Reference: 21/00074/TCA** (validated: 07/01/2021)

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Address: Rowan Ash, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LE

Proposal: To prune 1No. Silver Birch tree by 4m, to thin and reshape by 2m 1no Hornbeam, pollard reduction by 2m 1no Goat Willow and fell 1No. Cherry tree, 1no Hornbeam, 1no Leylandii within Marchamley Conservation Area Applicant: Dr Mervyn Pritchard

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**

ii. **Reference: 21/00129/VAR** (validated: 12/01/2021)

Address: Proposed Dwelling South East Of Tawny, Websters Lane, Hodnet, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of Condition No.s 2 and 4 attached to planning permission 18/04324/FUL dated 28 June 2019 Applicant: Mr J Baker (1 The Firs, Moreton Mill, Shawbury, SY4 4ES)

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** with no comment

iii. **Reference: 21/00314/FUL** (validated: 22/01/2021)

Address: 22 The Avenue, Peplow, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3JW

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to side elevation Applicant: Mr S Sadler

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** with no comment

iv. **Reference: 21/00259/FUL** (validated: 19/01/2021)

Address: Laburnum Barn , Mill Road, Wollerton, TF9 3NE

Proposal: Erection of a detached garage (resubmission)

Applicant: Mr And Mrs T Edwards (Laburnum Barn, Mill Road, Wollerton, TF9 3NE)

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** with no comment

v. **Reference: 21/00452/FUL** (validated: 29/01/2021)

Address: The Grange, Hopton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3LQ

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to form one bedroom self contained annex ancillary to main dwelling Applicant: Mr & Mrs Powis

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** with no comment

c) **RHRP 2020 survey results** - to note

The survey was conducted to inform any decision as to whether there was enough housing need for a community housing scheme in the parish and whether there was the will from the Parish to pursue looking at developing a scheme. It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** as there is already provision in this area in **Hodnet**.

d) HS2 consultation – Cllr Roberts did not take part in discussions or decision.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment.

121 **Draft Parish plan questionnaire**

Cllr Nevins proposed the addition of a question re possible provision of allotments. It was agreed to add the question to the questionnaire.

Cllr Rees requested 'villages' rather than village, the Parish rather than Hodnet Parish.

Some demographic questions were considered to be unnecessary.

Cllr Mackie – to make the railway line footpath wheelchair accessible and all weather.

Cllr Nevins suggested distribution of the questionnaire with Parish Magazine

Item to reappear on next agenda with adjusted questionnaire.

122 **Stoke-on-Tern application for ROW from Ollerton Lodge to Peplow Chapel** – request for funding

Cllr Mackie proposed that the decision be deferred until the result of the appeal was known. It was **RESOLVED** to DEFER decision. Cllr Roberts and Freeman remain opposed to financial support.

123 **Return to face to face meetings from elections on May 6 2021**

a) Risk assessment – Cllr Mackie proposed that restrictions were lifted, the council would meet in person, second Cllr Powell. Clerk advised she was not due for a vaccination in the near future and would ask for this to be considered in the risk assessment. It was **RESOLVED** that meetings in person would take place as soon as possible.

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b) Annual Parish Council meeting – to consider date (within 2 weeks of elections).

It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting on 13 May 2021 at Lyon Hall (if permitted).

124 **Recreation ground**

Play area quotations – to consider two quotations for removal of failed wet pour surface and replacement with matting and grass under both the Slide and Net Rotator (Witch's Hat).

Tom Marsh – to be asked to quote – Cllr Parker to provide contact details. Defer to March meeting.

125 **Street lights**

a) Replacement of streetlight H29 with twin-head – to consider quotations.

Clerk to request revised quote for metal sleeve to quotation B and both quotations for option of one single bright light.

b) Contact detail labels – to consider options for replacement – It was RESOLVED that labels be purchased, clerk to print, Cllr Watts and Freeman volunteered to install onto posts.

126 **Parish matters** – An opportunity for councillors to bring to the Council's attention matters of interest or concern.

Cllr Rees asked about the Airband presentation – Clerk explained apologies had been received. Cllr Rees is experiencing difficulties in achieving fibre to house connection. Also, when cables had been laid in the Peplow area, spoil from trench into the nearby gully which will cause future drainage problems. Cllr Rees reported the Drain on Wilcox Garage forecourt needs clearing out again. The left hand drain looking at the garage from the road

Cllr Parker – dog fouling problem on path from Fire Station to Abbots Way (behind Castle Hill View). Playgroup took children along path – boots were badly soiled. Cllr Parker asked if signage could be installed on the stile. Cllr Powell suggested contact with Shropshire Council Footpaths. Notice to go into the Parish Magazine – polite notice to the Parish, bins are available (all take dog mess) please use them.

Cllr Freeman – bin next to bus stop on Wood Lane, Wollerton – only base is left – bin has gone - Clerk to contact SC Environmental Department to replace.

Cllr Powell reported that the Vaccination Centre at Prees Medical Centre was working extremely well.

127 **Items for future agendas** – An opportunity for Councillors to bring items forward for the next agenda (no discussion or decisions to be made) for the next Parish Council meeting on **Thursday 25 March 2021**
None yet.

Meeting closed at 21:50



Accepted at the Parish meeting on 25th March 2021