

# HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT minutes of FULL COUNCIL** meeting held on **Thursday 25 March 2021**, at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Steven Freeman; Chris Mackie; John Parker; John Powell; Maryjayne Rees; Jason Watts and Paul Nevins (from Item 136).

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Alan Cope; John Roberts.

**In attendance:** Jan Morgan-Birtles – Parish Clerk

128 **Apologies and reasons for absence**

**Cllr Cope and Cllr Roberts** – reasons for absence were given and accepted.

129 **Declaration of Interest** – Councillors to declare a personal or pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda

130 **Public session** – No public present.

131 **Minutes from previous meetings** - to approve the following minutes – to be signed by Chairman Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Proposed: Cllr Parker, second Cllr Rees. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE

132 **Reports**

- a) Clerk's report (update of matters not on the agenda) – To note
- b) Unitary Councillor report – to enable the Unitary Councillor to update the meeting – not present
- c) Reports from councillors attending meetings or training – None given

133 **Finance**

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

Plusnet 4269328-033	dd	£20.40	LGA 1972 s112
Staff – salary	so	£588.25	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
E-On Inv. H1972190CE	dd	£407.57	LGA 1972 s 111
<b>total</b>		<b>£1,016.22</b>	

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

interest to 26th February 2021 – 2250	£0.06
Interest to 26 Feb 2021 - 9243	£0.15
COIF dividend	£337.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>£338.19</b>

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

Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2019	£29,023.92
Add: Receipts to date	£24,061.95
Less: Payments to date	£25,495.79
<b>Closing Balance at 28th February 2020</b>	<b>£27,590.08</b>

**Bank Balances as at 28th February 2020:**

Current account (6712)	£100.00
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£7,412.84
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£20,077.24
less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
	<b>£27,590.08</b>

Proposed: Cllr Powell, second Cllr Mackie. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE

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d) Payments for authorisation and payment in March 2021

Sutcliffe Playdirect – 100010583	Chn	£181.20 LGA 1972 s111
Zoom subscription – 65546054	Clk	£14.39 LGA 1972 s 111
Staff expenses	bacs	£122.35 LGA 1972 s 111
Purely Paper 84560 (labels)	clk	£39.05 LGA 1972 s 111

Proposed: Cllr Powell, second Cllr Parker. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE

e) Cancellation of Zoom membership – Agreed to cancel current contract at end of Clerk's employment. To be taken out by new or Locum Clerk if needed.

## 134 Recreation ground

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

Proposed: Cllr Freeman, second Cllr Watts. It was RESOLVED to ACCEPT Quotation C

## 135 Lyon Hall car park

a) Cutting back of greenery encroaching into car park – two quotations received

Proposed to accept Quotation B: Cllr Freeman, second Cllr Parker. It was RESOLVED to ACCEPT Quote B (it was noted that quotation included leaving the area tidy).

b) Replacement of street light H25 – two quotations received

Clerk to chase price for metal sleeve from first supplier. Move to future meeting.

## 136 Road safety issues - update

a) Traffic diverting from main roads – Cllr Powell noted that more HGV drivers were using the cut through as a matter of course now. Cllr Freeman reported the 'anti-skid' had been resurfaced. Cllr Nevins reported that a lot of traffic coming through seemed to be coming from the A55 and that an appropriate diversion for traffic (in the event of A41 blockage) was to turn off the A55 onto the A483 (around Wrexham), to A5 at Oswestry, around Shrewsbury onto M54. Cllr Nevins suggested this could be signed on electronic signs on A55 to prevent problems on A41. Cllr Freeman has received a couple of updates following complaints raised but not much progress. Second letter has been drafted and will be circulated to councillors before sending.

b) Speeding traffic – Update on community speedwatch area. Cllr Freeman reported on progress and plans for training. Cllrs Powell and Freeman have volunteered. Six volunteers needed in total. Appeal to be placed on website/Facebook for volunteers, then training will be organised.

c) Condition of local roads – Cllr Mackie reported Wollerton Lane (outside Morgan's farm) has deteriorated further now a group of 10 potholes). Link to be recirculated for reporting.

## 137 Parish clerk vacancy

a) Recruitment panel to be decided – Cllrs MaryJayne Rees, Chris Mackie/Steve Freeman, John Powell.

b) Job advertisement and closing date – Approved with a closing date of 23 April 2021 and pre-set interview date 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Zoom. To be put in the Drayton Crier page on Facebook, on Hodnet website and via SALC.

c) Job description and person specification – ALTERATIONS MADE AND AGREED

## 138 Grounds maintenance and litter-picking

a) To consider purchase of necessary equipment for volunteer litter pickers

b) Volunteer recruitment

c) Risk assessment

It was RESOLVED to DEFER the items a) b) c) to the May meeting.

d) Litter bin emptying – update – Clerk to approach the SC Environmental Dept. (Street Team)

e) Grounds maintenance – leaf clearance at Lyon Hall. It was RESOLVED to defer to an 'as and when' operation.

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## 139 Planning matters

### a) To note planning decisions:

i) Reference: 20/03946/LBC (validated: 29/09/2020)

Address: Bench Mark Cottage, Rookery Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LQ

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension, single storey side extension following demolition of existing and erection of a link structure at the rear to connect with outbuilding affecting a Grade II Listed Building Decision: **Grant Permission**

ii) 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 Decision: **Grant Permission**

iii) Reference: 20/05222/LBC (validated: 22/12/2020)

Address: 1 School Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LD

Proposal: Installation of 23 replacement windows and retrofit upgrade of one existing window, as noted on approved window description document affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Decision: **Grant Permission**

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

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

Proposal: Erection of a detached garage (resubmission) Decision: **Refuse**

### b) To discuss the following planning applications:

i) Reference: 21/00695/FUL (validated: 19/02/2021)

Address: The Vale Farm, Marchamley Wood, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LH

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to house cattle

Applicant: Mr G Allwood (The Vale Farm, Marchamley Wood, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LH)

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

ii) PLANNING REFERENCE - 21/01115/ADV

Reference: 21/01115/ADV (validated: 05/03/2021)

Address: Bear Hotel, Shrewsbury Street, Hodnet, TF9 3NH

Proposal: Erect and display 1No. illuminated hanging sign, 1No. car park sign attached to post and 2No. wall painted signs. Applicant: Odenet Limited (C/O RADM Architects, Mere House, CH3 5AR)

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

### c) Appeal under Section 78 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

20/03802/FUL - Rangers Lodge, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Erection of single storey extension to the north west elevation and alterations (amendment to approval 20/01060/FUL to provide a pitched slate roof). Appellant - Mr and Mrs Andrew Long.

**It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the appeal with the statement:-**

Hodnet Parish Council previously supported this application to extend Rangers Lodge, and also supported the amendment to install a pitched slate roof.

A flat roof would be totally incongruous attached to this listed building, which is situated within a Grade 1 listed Parkland landscape. From all aspects all buildings on the site have pitched roofs, clad in slate.

The property is 500m from the nearest public road, and there are no other public rights of way within half a mile, and is surrounded with mature trees, making the site unobtrusive.

When dealing with planning applications, Hodnet Parish Council is always careful to look at any application for a flat roof, and with much of the parish in Conservation Areas always prefers if possible a pitched roof option as being aesthetically superior. Also, the effectiveness of a pitched roof is far superior, and will require less maintenance.

Hodnet Parish Council Policy Objective 7 of its Parish Plan is 'to protect and enhance the quality and

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appearance of the physical and natural environment', and maintains that a flat roof extension is contrary to these aims.

Hodnet Parish Council takes note of SAMDev Policy MD2, Sustainable Design, which states that a development should respond 'appropriately to the form and layout of existing development', and 'reflect locally characteristic architectural design and details'. The application to erect a slate-clad pitched roof obviously meets these policies.

Hodnet Parish Council is concerned that this appeal is going ahead on an officer's delegated decision, but should have been put before the Planning Committee.

Hodnet Parish Council supports this appeal wholeheartedly, and considers that the revised application should have been granted.

140 **Draft Parish plan questionnaire – update. Cllr Freeman to circulate before the next meeting**

141 **Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting** to be held on Thursday 13 May 2021

- a) Risk assessment
- b) Draft agenda

**It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 13 May 2021. Risk assessment to be sent out before meeting.**

**It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish meeting in June – draft agenda b) was agreed. New clerk to seek reports from local organisations.**

142 **Street lights**

- a) Report on all street lights - NOTED
- b) Certificate of unmetered supply
- c) New electricity contract – further quotation for contract to be sought for comparison. Lowest price to be accepted.

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

Cllr Freeman – To thank Cllr Chris Mackie for his long and valuable service with the Council.

Cllr Nevins – Reported a local rumour that recent activity at Beech House related to a planned change of use to house Romanian refugees. Cllr Nevins told the meeting that he was stepping down from the council at the election – the Chairman extended thanks on behalf of the council to Cllr Nevins.

Cllr Mackie expressed thanks to the Clerk on behalf of the council for her service.

144 **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 13 May 2021**

**Meeting closed at 21:11pm.**

Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 25 March 2021

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 13 May 2021.

Signed by the Chairman .....