

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in School Room Wollerton on Thursday 22nd May 2014

Present ; Councillors Mr D Hodge, Mr J Parker, Mr M Morgan,, Mr A Cope, Mr J H Powell, Mr N Newitt , Mr J Roberts, Mr R Downes, and Mrs M Rees (Clerk).

Apologies Councillors Mr C Mackie, Mr H Trevor,Unitary Councillor Mrs K Calder ,

Also present Mr I Willicombe, Mrs J Walton, Mr I Cruise-Clarke and Mr P Keyse

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th March 2014 Councillor Roberts proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings seconded by Councillor Morgan all agreed.

Matters Arising

1. Football Netting – Item 73

It was agreed that the netting remain in place until the end of the football season and pleasing to note that the regulated games had caused no further problems. However the ad hoc games continue to be a problem and it was suggested that the second stop netting be erected at the other end of the pitch together with the 5 a side goalpost . Councillor Powell noted that the netting had been secured to a tree by nails and requested that these should be removed immediately. Councillor Hodge will arrange to meet Ms Heath on site to discuss the actions required.

2. Recreation Ground Repairs – Item 106

The clerk advised that Playdale have quoted £1281.98 to replace and install the Tyre Walk. It was agreed that his was too expensive and suggested that the replacement items be bought separately and installed by Mr Wellings. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Wellings to ascertain exact requirements and obtain further quotes. It was proposed by Councillor Powell that should replacement parts be available up to a sum of £500 then the replacement should go ahead, Seconded by Councillor Morgan all agreed.

The Clerk advised that the annual ROSPA inspection will take place in June, it was agreed to await the report before any further action is taken with the tarmac surface by the slide.

The Shropshire Dog Warden was not able to offer any further assistance with problem of dog fouling. There are sufficient bins available around the Recreation Ground. The clerk will print of more signs and place round the Ground.

3. Bus Shelters – Item 107

Mr Wellings has repaired the shelters in Hodnet and Wollerton as required and the shelter at the top of Hodnet has been cleared of overgrowth

4. Shropshire Sacrifice WW1 commemorative Project for Shropshire

Councillor Powell reported that investigations into the “missing name “ had revealed that the Mr Williams was also on Prees War Memorial. It is not uncommon to have the same name on War memorials in different villages.

5. Cow Lane

The Clerk advised that Shropshire Council Outdoor Recreation department had not responded to earlier correspondence requesting that the lane be cleared – further chasing letter will be sent.

6. Councillor Vacancy

Councillor Hodge welcomed Mr Ian Willicombe to the meeting and proposed that Mr Willicombe be co opted on to Parish Council, this was seconded by Councillor Powell and all agreed.

7. Drayton Road

Councillor Hodge welcomed Mrs Jill Walton to the meeting. Mrs Walton expressed her concerns about speeding on Drayton road. The road is twisting, narrow and unsighted and too few drivers seem to drive according to the road conditions seemingly unaware of the dangers. She advised that there had been 3 accidents in the last 6 months. There has been an increase in HGV's and whilst she accepts that agricultural vehicles will need to use the road she explained that those vehicles are very large and fill the road often having to encroach on the left hand side. She explained that immediately to the front of her property the verge is only about a foot wide and beyond that a considerable drop down. The road is often used by cyclists and pedestrians and she is fearful that there will be an accident. Her preferred option would be to have the road designated with 40mph speed limit commencing at the end of Wollerton's 30 mph limit and running on until the road emerges on to the A53.

The Council sympathised with Mrs Walton's concerns. Council Hodge advised that the road was due for resurfacing in 2016 and at that time the appearance would be modified to make it look like a country road rather than an A road, although it is doubtful this will curb speeding.

The Clerk was instructed to contact PC Sturling to outline the problems and get his thoughts on what could be done. The Clerk will also contact Shropshire Highways and ascertain what is required to get a weight restrictions for Hodnet roads as the problem with HGV's is increasing throughout the village. Councillor Hodge thanked Mrs Walton for attending.

8. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Hodnet

Councillor Hodge welcome Mr Cruise – Clarke and Mr Keyse to the meeting. Mr Cruise-Clarke advised that he had help get a defibrillator installed in Wem however he has now moved to Kenstone and was keen to get one installed in Hodnet. Mr Keyse explained that whilst both the Fire Station and Medical Centre had these machines that they were not available 24 hours a day. He suggested mounting one on the wall of The Bear – a central location, easily accessed. He advised that 85% of those suffering a Cardiac Arrest could be saved by CPR and AED providing help is administered quickly. For every minute of delay the chances of surviving Cardiac Arrest are diminished by 10%. Bearing in mind the average Ambulance response to a rural location such as Hodnet then having an AED in the village would literally be a life saver. It would cost approx £800 for the machine, £700 for the cabinet and a further £100 for the telephone call out system. The machines are simple to use with only basic training needed to operate them efficiently. Volunteers would be needed to access and administer the treatment, but full free training is available from Shropshire Ambulance Service. Funding is available from Shropshire Council and sometimes machines are issued free of charge by Shropshire Ambulance Service. Councillor Hodge summed up the Council's feelings saying that the Council would strive to get this equipment installed in Hodnet. Mr Keyse offered any help he could give and advised Myddle.net website for further information. Councillor Hodge will contact Mr Cruise – Clarke shortly for further discussion and will formulate the way forward for advertising in the village to raise awareness and gather volunteers. In the meantime the Clerk will investigate funding available.

9. Insurance

The Clerk advised that the Insurance renewal is due on 1st June, the premium from AON is £1593. However the Clerk has obtained an alternative quote from Zurich for the same cover for £1309.50 or if a 3 year contract was taken out £1193.13 per annum. It was proposed by Councillor Parker that the Parish Council accept the three year long term agreement, Seconded by Councillor Powell – all agreed.

10. Street Light Electricity

Npower has offered a two year contract with reduced charges. The monthly standing charge of £26 will be reduced to £8 and the unit charge will reduce from .127710 to .11963. The Parish Council receives an annual invoice for “Timer Switch “ this invoice is calculate on a yearly estimated usage of Gwh 0.000569 and is usually around £117. Councillor Powell asked the Clerk to clarify if the term Timer Switch actually referred to the photocells on each Light. It was proposed by Councillor Parker that the Parish Council accept the two year contract, Seconded by Councillor Cope all agreed.

The contract with the energy company is based on an historic breakdown of how many street lights and what wattage each light uses. This information is provided by Western Power. Previously Street Lights have been replaced on a like for like basis so the breakdown should not have altered. The Electrical Contractor used by the Council has not seen a breakdown of the Street Lighting and has been attending to repairs in the Hodnet for many years. He also advised that Electrical Equipment should be tested every 6 years and most Councils have a rolling 20 % check every year.

The Clerk will ascertain how much it would cost to undertake Electrical Testing , which would also have the benefit of proving an accurate breakdown of Street Lighting , should the Council wish to seek alternative quotes for electric in the future.

11. Planning

Councillor Powell declared a pecuniary interest in planning ref 14/01928/PMBPA and left the meeting whilst it was discussed.

Ref 14/01947/FUL - Erection of a small agricultural store for the storage of animal feed - Hawkstone Abbey Farm Weston Under Redcastle Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LN - **Supported**

Ref 14/02093/FUL - Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension; including insertion of rooflights - 54 The Meadow Hodnet Market Drayton TF9 3QF – **documentation awaited**

Ref 14/01088/VAR - Removal of Condition no.11 (external lighting) pursuant to permission 12/04552/FUL- Old Auction Yard Station Road Hodnet Shropshire TF9 3JF – **Withdrawn**

Ref 14/00698/FUL- Erection of 2 no. affordable dwellings and associated garages; installation of shared sewage system; formation of new vehicular access Proposed Affordable Dwellings South Of Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Shropshire – **Amendments received only available on line**

Ref 14/01928/PMBPA - Application for Prior Approval under Part3, Class MB of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 for the Change of Use from agricultural use to residential use - White House Marchamley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LE - **Supported**

Ref 14/01797/VAR - Variation of condition no.2 attached to 11/00667/FUL to allow for conversion of Units 1-4 in compliance with Building Regulations - The Mount Farmhouse (Units 1 -4) Peplow Market Drayton Telford Shropshire TF6 6PR - **Supported**

Ref 14/02053/HHE - Erection of a single storey rear extension to a detached dwelling, dimensions 5 metres beyond the rear wall, 3.7 metres maximum height, 2.3 metres high to eaves - Old Ivy Cottage Chapel Lane Hopton Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3LG - **Supported**

Ref 14/00632/FUL - Erection of an extension to existing agricultural livestock shed - Green Hurst

Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LH - **Supported**
Ref 14/01208/FUL - Erection of a two storey side extension - Brookside Station Road Hodnet
 Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3JD - **Supported**

Ref 14/01298/REM - Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline application reference number 11/01953/OUT for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling The Vale Farm Marchamley Wood Marchamley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LH - **Supported**

Ref 14/01176/FUL- Erection of two-storey side extension -15 Station Road Hodnet Market Drayton TF9 3JD-**Supported**

Ref 14/01088/VAR - Removal of Condition no.11 (external lighting) pursuant to permission 12/04552/FUL- Old Auction Yard Station Road Hodnet Shropshire TF9 3JF – **Object**

Ref 14/01154/FUL- Erection of an equine workers dwelling- Lostford Manor Lostford Lane Wollerton Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3QW – **Object**

Ref 14/01879/TCA - Reduce height to approximately 4ft on 2No Holly Trees within Marchamley Conservation Area The Old Nursery Long Lane Marchamley Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5LB – **Application withdrawn**

Ref 14/01609/TEL - Installation of a dual user street pole radio base station and 1 additional equipment cabinet -Telecommunications Mast Adj Espley Roundabout Hodnet Shropshire – **information only prior approval not required**

Determination of Planning

Ref 14/00632/FUL - Erection of an extension to existing agricultural livestock shed - Green Hurst Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LH – **Permission Granted**

Ref 14/00479/FUL - Erection of a two storey side extension -Weobley Farm Hodnet Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3JJ – **Permission Granted**

Ref 14/00852/FUL - Proposed extensions including new front entrance with canopy over. Conversion and extension to existing garage/workshop to provide annex - Field Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley Shrewsbury , Shropshire SY4 5LH – **Permission Granted**

Ref 14/01176/FUL- Erection of two-storey side extension -15 Station Road Hodnet Market Drayton TF9 3JD- **Permission granted**

Accounts

Expenses

Benbow Bros	Tree felling Rec Grnd	1816	594.00
Highline Electrical	St Light Repair	1817	280.80
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Mrs M Rees	Stamp Purchase	1818	18.00
St Luke's Church	Grant	1819	900.00
Maurice Chandler Sports	Grant	1820	100.00
CAB Shropshire	Grant	1821	£50.00
Hodnet Sen Luncheon Club	Grant	1822	£100.00

Marie Curie Care	Grant	1823	£100.00
Severn Hospice	Grant	1824	£100.00
Lyon Hall	13/2 20/3	1825	£36.00
Insurance	PC Insurance	1826	£1309.50
Npower	St Light Electric	DD	£1186.94
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Receipts

Hodnet Footpath Group		£500.00
HMRC	VAT Refund	£1077.18
Shrops Council	Precept	£16779.00
HWMC 3&4 th pyt 2013/14	Ground Rent	£113.00
HWMC 5 th Pyt 2013/2014	Ground Rent	£52.50

Cheque 1826 was amended from £1309.50 to £1193.13.

Payment of Accounts Proposed by Councillor Powell, Seconded by Councillor Morgan all agreed.

12. Acceptance of Accounts 2013/2014

Acceptance of Accounts and approval of Annual Governance Statement Proposed by Councillor Parker and Seconded by Councillor Powell all agreed.

13. Weedspraying

The Clerk was asked to instruct K&S Landscapes to spray weed in line with the maps provided with the inclusion of the War Memorial in the Churchyard.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Hodge reminded Council that Shropshire Council still do not have and are unlikely to have in the near future the required 5 year land supply. Unsuccessful developers at the Shropshire Council Planning stage who then appeal will be subject to the rules laid down under the National Planning Regulations and providing sustainable development can be demonstrated then most applications will then succeed.

At a recent Meeting of the LJC it was proposed that the LJC area produce a generic Neighbourhood Plan which carries real legal weight and all decision makers must take into account what it says when they consider applications. However decisions may still be made against those aspirations contained in the Neighbourhood Plan. Alternatively connecting Parishes or a single Parish could produce their own Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately this process may take some two years and considerable cost to produce.

Bearing in mind the developments already in the pipeline for Hodnet, Councillor Hodge suggested that village infrastructure would appear to be of most pressing concern. He proposed that he should revisit the Parish Plan and undertake a review to up date the plan where required. This will highlight infrastructure shortcomings as the developments complete in the village and inform a basis upon which CIL funds may be utilised. Councillor Hodge will present his findings at the August Parish Meeting but in the meantime may need an extraordinary Meeting to form a working group. Upon review of the Parish Plan the findings could go forward into a generic LJC Neighbourhood Plan at a later date.

15. Correspondence

V Doran SC – Drayton Road

John Dodson/Karen Calder re HGVs through Marchamley

NHS Future Fit

SC – Connecting Shropshire Funding

SC – Local Flood Risk Strategy

M Howell – Long Lane Farmhouse

Mr & Mrs Parr – Laburnum Villa

PC Sturland – Safer Neighbourhood Team / Crime rate Market Drayton

R Underwood – Hodnet Marchamley Permissive Path

a) Despite various roadworks to A41 being completed there is still an increase in HGV's using Hodnet Roads. The Clerk was asked to ascertain from Shropshire Council Highways how the Parish undertakes the process of applying for a weight restriction.

b) The Parish Council had no objections in principle to Mrs Howell's request for change of use for farm buildings but will require detailed plans before a definitive decision.

c) The Parish Council validated the Strong Local Connections requirements for Mr & Mrs Parr's application for Affordable Housing.

d) Councillor Powell confirmed that Shropshire Council were coming out shortly to repair the Permissive Path.

Any Other Business

- ⌚ Street Lights M57 nor W10 are working.
- ⌚ Overhanging bushes on the Lyon Hall Car Park. The Clerk was asked to instruct Mr Wellings to trim back the bushes.
- ⌚ The tree root emerging from through the Lyon Hall Car Park was not thought to be of immediate hazard but requires monitoring.
- ⌚ Councillor Powell advised that recently Shropshire Council has been road sweeping the Marchamley Road. Whilst the vehicle had stopped he took the opportunity to ask if School Lane could be swept. The driver explained that he could only sweep those roads on his instruction map but if Councillor Powell could obtain sanction from Shropshire Council then he would include that road. After sometime on the telephone, Councillor Powell was advised that School Lane could not be swept as the road sweeper would be unable to turn round, despite the fact that the Refuse Wagon manages this manoeuvre without problems.
- ⌚ Councillor Hodge advised that an informal meeting had take place regarding a proposed planning application for a development to the North East Of Hodnet. The Planning Consultant had outlined the proposal and the Council now awaits further details
- ⌚ Councillor Hodge reported that he and other Councillors were impressed with the development on a recent a site visit to the Old Auction Yard . It is hoped that the properties will be ready about December and the Parish Council must encourage local people to register. Councillor Hodge will provide an article for the Parish Website and Magazine.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.00 pm.
The next Parish Council Meeting is 26th June 2014**