

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Lyon Memorial Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 19th February 2009

Present: Councillors Mr M. Morgan (Chairman), Mr J. Powell (Vice-chairman), Mr N. Newitt, Mrs R. Revel, Mr R. Underwood, Mr. R. Downes, Mr A. Cope, Mrs K. Calder (NSDC, SCC) and Mr D. Hodge.

Also present was Mr S. Howell-Jones (Clerk) and a member of the Press

Apologies: Councillors Mrs A. Taylor, Mr J. Parker, Mr P. Perry and Mr I. Etherington (NSDC).

133. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th Dec 2008 – Item 117

Councillor Powell proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of proceedings, seconded by Councillor Newitt and all agreed.

134. Access to the Wetlands from Wollerton – Item 118

Councillor Underwood advised there was nothing further to report at this stage.

135. Installation of Playground Equipment – Item 119

The Clerk advised that the subsidence problem had not yet been undertaken due to the adverse weather, but had an assurance from Mr Parry that the work would be done as soon as conditions allowed.

136. Closed Circuit Television, Hodnet – Item 120

The results of the survey, conducted for residents of Station Road and The Meadow, were as follows:- Of the 70 questionnaires posted to residents, the total number of responses was 33 (47%). 28 (85%) were in favour of having CCTV as and when required, 5 (15%) were against. 18 (55%) were not prepared to have any cameras erected on their property, but 15 (45%) were prepared to, if and when the need arose. It was agreed that the matter be carried forward by notifying the findings to the Police and NSDC.

137. Traffic Calming Measures for Marchamley and Wollerton - Item 121

The Clerk advised he had sent a letter to SCC re the increase of heavy traffic through Marchamley. He was informed that a survey was to be conducted to ascertain if and what further signage was needed to point heavy traffic in the direction of the by-pass. Once the survey was complete, the Parish Council would be informed.

Councillor Calder advised that the objection, raised by the Police, for the installation of speed limit signs on the old A53 through Wollerton would probably fail, and she was hopeful that the wishes of the local residents would have more influence.

138. State of Roads - Kenstone - Item 122

The Clerk informed members that he had visited SCC, Hodnet, to advise them of serious concerns raised by residents in Wollerton and Marchamley Wood of the dangerous state of the roads in Wood Lane and Marchamley Wood, with large potholes threatening damage to vehicles. The Clerk was asked to put the case on a more official basis by writing to SCC, expressing the deep concerns of council members and residents alike. Councillor Powell reiterated his concerns with regard to the poor state of the roads in Kenstone and asked for urgent action to be taken.

139. Siting of Clothes Recycling Bank. - Item 125

The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from Nord Recycling, but as the 'Charity' was not registered in England, it was decided not to grant permission for a clothes bank to be sited at the Hodnet Social Club Car Park.

140. Street Lighting at Top of Hodnet Village - Item 126

Quotes for the installation of a street light in the vicinity of The Bear Hotel, had been received from Eon Energy, and after due discussion it was proposed by Councillor Powell that a column light be erected outside the Bear Hotel. This was seconded by Councillor Cope. Councillor Underwood stated that residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed light should be canvassed for their views, before any decision is made. This was agreed by all members.

141. Parish Council Notice Board in Wollerton

Councillor Underwood suggested that a notice board could be installed on the wall of the Village Room in Wollerton, to advertise events and functions in the locality. This was approved by all members and the Clerk was asked to write to the Village Room Secretary. The Clerk requested that existing notice boards be refurbished as they were beginning to look very shabby. This was agreed.

142. Determination of Planning Applications

Ref: No. 08/01977/FUL - Proposed conversion of agricultural buildings into three residential dwellings with separate annexe to residential unit one, at Bank Farm, Kenstone, Hodnet, Market Drayton. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

Ref: No. 08/02064/LBC - Proposed works to be carried out to a listed building to facilitate the erection of a canopy and the replacement of windows on the ground floor front elevation at New House Farm, Wollerton, Market Drayton. **Listed Building Consent Granted.**

Ref: 08/02063/FUL - Proposed replacement of windows on the front elevation at New House Farm, Wollerton, Market Drayton. **Full Planning Permission Granted.**

Determination of Prior Notification

Ref: No. 09/00016/PN - Prior Notification for the erection of side elevation of existing agricultural building to be used for hay/fodder storage at Greenacres, Lostford Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton. **Prior Approval not Required.**

143. Planning Applications

Ref: No. 09/00014/FUL - Proposed erection of an agricultural building for the housing of cattle at Green Hurst Farm, Wood Lane, Marchamley, Shrewsbury. **No comments.**

144. Accounts - Expenditure

V & W Electrics Ltd - Street Light Maintenance - December 2008	£157.49
Lyon Memorial Fund - Room Hire for 11/01/2009	£16.00

Accounts – Income

H.M. Revenue & Customs - VAT Repayment - 01/10/2008 - 31/12/2008	£1839.21
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Payment of accounts was proposed by Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor Cope and all agreed.

145. Correspondence

Severn Hospice - Appeal for Funding

Independent Complaints Advocacy Service - Supporting Your Voice in the NHS

Shropshire Council - Community Emergency Scheme
Shropshire Council - Shropshire Core Strategy - Issues and Options Executive Summary
NSDC - Public Meetings - Planning Policy Review - Issues and Options
Shropshire Council - Local Development Framework for Shropshire - Core Strategy
Shropshire Assoc. of Local Councils - Training Programme 2009 for Clerks & Councillors
Shropshire Council - Town & Parish Councils Forum - How Planning will Function
SC C Local Government Reorganisation - New Electoral Arrangements
NSDC - Conservation Historic Buildings/Structures - Grant Aid
Shropshire Council - Come and Meet the New Council
Shropshire Council - Delegation/Devolution of Services to Parish/Town Councils

146. Matters Arising from Correspondence

a) Shropshire Council - Core Strategy - Issues & Options

Councillor Calder advised members to act promptly if they wished to raise any points, as the time for consultation on 'Issues & Options' was very limited.

b) Shropshire Council - Delegation/Devolution of Services to Town/Parish Councils

The Clerk advised he would be sending out details of the scheme to all members, prior to the next meeting.

147. Any Other Business

CCLA Management Ltd - COIF Account.

Under a new directive from the EU, with regard to Money Laundering under the 2007 Act, CCLA have advised the Clerk that they require the Registered Charity No. for the account held in the name of Hodnet Recreation Ground, or a Tax Exemption Certificate under Inland Revenue Section 519. This information is mandatory.

Having pursued this matter since August 2008, the Clerk has contacted or written to no less than 13 HMRC offices and made countless phone calls to The Charity Commission. The outcome of all these efforts is to confirm that The Charity Commission has no paperwork relating to this account as they passed all documentation to CCLA when they took over the account on behalf of the Charity Commission in 1992. However, they do have a record of the original Charity Account No. 52790. This however, is not acceptable to CCLA, who now want a Tax Exemption Certificate from HMRC. In turn, HMRC have stated (eventually) that they cannot issue a TEC until they have seen sight of 'The Governing Document', which should be held by The Charity Commission. They in turn have stated that all paperwork has been passed to CCLA and CCLA has stated they hold no paperwork, and so the merry-go-round keeps on going. The Clerk has resolved to settle this matter and will keep members posted.

148. Items for the next Agenda

Speed Cameras

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm