

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet
on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Chris Mackie, Maryjayne Rees, John Powell, John Parker, Steve Alden, Karen Calder, Alan Cope and John Roberts and Jane Evans (Clerk)

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillors Paul Nevins. Howard Trevor and Steve Freeman.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There was one member of the public present who spoke about a community-led grant application after which they left the meeting.
4. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 30th November 2017 had previously been circulated and Cllr Rees proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings, Cllr Cope seconded this and all agreed.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters** - The following information was provided to up-date the Council regarding various on-going issues:
 - a. The Clerk advised that she had received a reply from Owen Paterson MP, who had written to the Post Office on behalf of the Council, stating that unfortunately the Post Office will not agree to re-instate the Post Box in Station Road. The Council were very disappointed with this and it was suggested that the Clerk speak to the press again.
 - b. The Clerk confirmed the size, price and colour of the bench that the Council had been considering purchasing for Shrewsbury Street and it was agreed that this should be ordered and the Clerk should liaise with Cllr Parker and Phil Wellings regarding the positioning and securing of it.
 - c. Further to the Council's request, David Gradwell of Shropshire Highways, has advised that they will not be reinstating the double white lines through Marchamley, the Council expressed their disappointment at this decision as there was been another near miss on this road.
 - d. Victoria Doran of Shropshire Highways has passed on the Council's request for a camera to be placed so that fly tippers on Heathbrook Road could be identified and also the request for the Perspex on the Hodnet By-pass to be replaced by fencing as it looks very dirt and now has graffiti on it. Ms Doran did make the comment that if the Perspex was also a sound barrier it may not be able to be replaced but Shropshire Council's structures and bridges team would investigate this.
 - e. Cllr Roberts showed the Council a letter which he had drafted to Pixsy regarding the use of the photograph on the website and all agreed that this should be sent.
 - f. The Clerk advised the Council that having spoken to Shropshire's Planning department and she will have to study a publication titled 'Bats and Lighting in the UK' to see what may be possible in The Old Auction Yard development byway of street lighting that will comply with the conditions on the planning permission.
6. **Unitary Councillors Report** – Cllr Calder advised the meeting that Shropshire Council was continuing to look at ways to reduce the £30m deficit by: raising income; innovation; cutting services; and using reserves. She warned that the effects of these strategies are going to be drastic and the future does not look good as Central Government have not set out how Shropshire Council will be funded after 2019/2020. Cllr Calder advised that Shropshire Council's consultation relating to the financial strategy is due to go live in the next few days and she urged everyone to take part in this. On a positive note four people had now joined The Hodnet Compassion Communities Scheme and the Council agreed that this was great news.
7. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings:** No meetings had been attended.
8. **Planning** – The Council considered the following planning applications:



- a. **17/05540/FUL** – Change of use of part of Coach House to office use including alterations to existing internal openings, new staircase and roof lights, installation of windows and doors to existing openings, insulation together with heating and electrical installations – Old Rectory, Hearne Lane, Hodnet, Shropshire TF9 3NG – This and the following planning application were considered together and the Council unanimously agreed to support them.
- b. **17/05541/LBC** – Change of use of part of Coach House to office use including alterations to existing internal openings, new staircase and roof lights, installation of windows and doors to existing openings, insulation together with heating and electrical installations affecting a Grade 11 Listed Building – Old Rectory, Hearne Lane, Hodnet, Shropshire TF9 3NG
- c. **17/05687/OUT** - Outline Application for the erection of 1No dwelling following the demolition of existing depot/workshop (all matters reserved) - Land Adjacent Tawney, Websters Lane, Hodnet, Shropshire, TF9 3JH. After consideration the Council unanimously agreed to support this planning application.
- d. **17/05713/FUL** - Erection of front porch and stone walled planters to the front of the property, levelling off parking area to the side, garden landscaping to the rear (including; raised decking areas and walls) and the removal of a beech tree - 7 School Lane, Marchamley, SY4 5LD. The Council discussed this planning application and it was agreed to object to it on the grounds that the design, appearance and materials were not sympathetic to the property or those surrounding it.

Determination of Planning

17/005985/TCA - Reshape by 15% 1No. Red Oak, 1No. Oak, 1No. Beech, 1No. Silver Birch and 1No. Holly; crown lift up to 5.5m 1No. Ash, 1No. Lime and 1No. Beech; reshape by 15% and crown lift up to 5.5m 1No. Oak and fell 2No. Sycamore within Marchamley Conservation Area - 1 School Lane, Marchamley, SY4 5LD - **No Objection**

9. Accounts

a. Expenditure

Payee	Details	Chq/DD	Amount	Authority
Highline Electrical Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	2029	£193.66	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Mr C France	Verge cutting at Lyon Hall car park	2030	£106.25	HA 1980 s 96
J R Hockenhull & Sons	Hedgecutting	2031	£67.20	LGA 1892 s 8
K G Landscaping	Grass Cutting	2032	£1,344.00	HA 1980 s 96
Lyon Memorial Fund	Room hire for meetings	2033	£36.00	LGA 1972 s 134 (4)
E-on	Electricity for Street Lighting - December	DD	£307.90	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Hodnet Footpath Group	Grant for Leaflet publication	2034	£250.00	LGA 1972 s 137
Numbers Plus Ltd	Annual AED Calls Service Charge	2035	£118.80	LGA 1972 s 137
Jane Evans	Quarterly expenses	2036	£118.40	LG (FP)A 1963 s 5
Jane Evans	Monthly Salary - January	SO	£478.83	LGA 1972 s 112
	Total		£3,021.04	

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Parker and the cheques were duly signed.

b. Bank Reconciliation – The Bank Reconciliation at the end of the previous month:

Balance brought forward at beginning of year	£ 40,552.47
Add receipts for year to date	£ 26,334.54
Less payments for year to date	£ 12,086.34
Balance to be carried forward	£ 54,800.67
Bank Balances as at 31 st October 2017:	
Current Account	£ 100.00

Reserve Account	£ 15,299.80
C I L Reserve Account	£ 39,730.87
Adjustment req'd for unrepresented cheques	£ 330.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 54800.67

- c. **Laptop Purchase** – The Council considered how much it had received under the Transparency Act Grant to enable it to buy a laptop for the use of the Clerk and the Council and Cllr Powell proposed a budget of £600 for this purpose, Cllr Alden seconded this and all agreed.
- d. **Precept for 2018/19** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had sent updated projected budgets to the Council and these figures were discussed. The Council resolved, by a majority, that the precept should be increased by inflation making the amount of the precept requested for 2018/19 £20,900.
- 10. Traffic Management Report for Hawkstone Hall** – The group of Councillors that had met to discuss this report presented a draft letter to the meeting and all agreed that this letter, stating the Council's concerns and comments on this Traffic Management Report, relating to the change of use of Hawkstone Hall, should be sent to Ian Kilby, Head of Shropshire Planning.
- 11. Highways and Environmental Health** – Cllr Roberts reported that the Kenstone road is flooding, this problem was discussed and the Council considered the best way of dealing with this problem.
- 12. Street Lighting** – W12 and M8 were reported as being faulty and the Clerk will instruct the street light engineer to deal with these and she will also chase up the LED lights which are being fitted to W5, H20 & H54.
- 13. Playground at Hodnet Recreation Ground** – The Clerk advised the Council of Playsafety Ltd's response to the Council's query about the surface in the playground and also that she was currently getting an alternative quote for repairs around the slide.
- 14. Community-led Grant Applications** – The Council discussed the up to date position regarding the grant applications.
- 15. Parish Council's role in the planning process** – From the responses received by the Clerk it would seem that other Parish Councils have similar thoughts regarding the current consultation process relating to planning applications. The Council discussed how this matter might be taken forward and asked the Clerk to look into how items were put forward for the agenda of the Town and Parish Council Forum.
- 16. Wi-Fi at The Lyon Hall** – The Clerk advised the meeting that after the initial set up costs of c£50 the on-going annual cost of this system would be between £250 and £300. Cllr Alden suggested applying to The Community Initiative Fund, with Cllr Rees suggesting that the first 5 years costs could be applied for, all agreed.
- 17. Data Protection Regulations** – The Clerk explained to the Council about the forthcoming change in legislation relating to the Data Protection Act and the financial implications of these changes.
- 18. Correspondence** – The following correspondence has been received and was noted:
- Road Closure - Lostford Lane, Mickley, Tern Hall – 12th – 13th February 2018
 - Road Closure - Cheswardine High Street towards Chipnal – 26th February – 2nd March 2018
 - SALC – Future Hospital Configuration and Consultation
- The Clerk advised the Council that she had asked Randall Hardy to put the details of these road closures on the Hodnet website.
- 19. Parish Matters** – Cllr Alden advised the meeting that Hodnet Footpath Group had installed two kissing gates on the path by Wollerton Old Hall to replace the styles which had previously been there. Cllr Rees commented on the amount of litter along Hodnet By-pass and although Shropshire Council do arrange litter picks unfortunately there had not been one for some time.

20. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd February 2017 at Lyon Hall, Hodnet – Cllrs Calder and Alden reported that when they had attended a recent Patient Participation meeting the subject of the bike stand had been mentioned again and they would like this to be on the next Parish Council agenda. There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 11th January 2018

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on 22nd February 2018

Signed by the Chairman

