

HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 2nd August 2018 at The Lyon Hall, Hodnet

Present: Councillors Maryjayne Rees (Chairman), Steve Alden, Steve Freeman, Karen Calder, Chris Mackie, Paul Nevins, John Parker, John Powell.

Ian Cruise-Taylor – Parish Clerk

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillors Alan Cope, John Roberts and Howard Trevor
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none
3. **Public Session** – There were no members of the public present
4. **Minutes** – It was proposed by Cllr Chris Mackie that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st June 2018 were a true record, seconded by Cllr John Powell and agreed by all.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters not on the agenda** -
 - Benbow Brothers had been asked to tidy up the tree stumps
 - an email had been received regarding the speed indicators but no information was to hand at present
 - Cllr Freeman confirmed that he had no concerns regarding the GDPR policies and procedures, but felt the privacy statement could be improved – **Clerk to liaise with Cllr Freeman**
 - the Clerk advised that the Post Office still refused to install a postbox in Station Road
6. **Unitary Councillor Report** – Cllr Calder reported that:
 - she had been heavily involved in the consultation regarding 'Future Fit' (FF), the proposals regarding emergency care and other arrangements between Princess Royal and Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals. The outcome of the consultation would lead to a business case being prepared by February 2019, unless a Judicial Review was called for which would delay the decision further
 - the Health Service sustainable transportation plans were stalled until FF have been resolved
 - the paramedic stationed at Whitchurch had now been moved to Market Drayton, as part of a policy to ensure that all ambulances to carry a paramedic
 - there was concern over waiting and journey times for ambulances
 - highways maintenance was causing much concern across the County, and at a local level the state of the A442 was of particular concern, (especially in relation to the effect on anyone being transported by emergency ambulance)
 - in response to a question, Shropshire Council's pay policy had come under scrutiny, leading to a requirement to raise the salaries of lower paid staff, at a time when the Chief Executive had received a substantial pay rise
7. **Report from Hodnet Parish Council representatives at recent meetings**
 - Cllr Calder reported on her attendance at a Local Joint Committee meeting at which FF was a key subject
 - Cllr Nevins reported on a meeting ostensibly about 'green' burial sites, but which focussed on other environmental issues.
8. **Planning** -
 - 1) **To consider the following planning applications:**
 - a. **18/03097/LBC** - Proposed alterations to stairwell comprising: replacement door and glazed screen; replacement first floor window; removal of an overlight; replacement rooflight - Peplow Hall Peplow Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3JP – **support**

b. **18/03260/FUL** - Erection of first floor side extension - 10- Bean Bank Mill Road Wollerton TF9 3ND – **Support**

ii) Determination of Planning

a. **18/01870/FUL** – 2 Shrewsbury Street – conversion of building to 3 bedroom dwelling - **granted**

b. **18/01736/OUT** – Proposed dwelling to the north-west of Garner House, Peplow - **granted**

iii) Consideration of planning applications – Councillors discussed the proposed process and agreed that it should be adopted. **Clerk to circulate**

9. Accounts

a. **Expenditure** – To accept and approve the below detailed payments

Details	Chq No		Authority
Plusnet	DD	£18.70	LG(FP)A 1963 s5
E-on	DD	£388.36	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
Nobridge	2068	£330.00	HA 1980 ss 43,50
Benbow	2069	£945.00	HA 1980 ss 43,50
SCC Election	2070	£100.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Ian Cruise-Taylor	2071	£349.17	LGA 1972 s 112
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Maryjayne Rees	2073	£114.50	LGA 1972 s 111
		£2,594.90	

It was agreed that additional payments agreed at the meeting on the 21st June, but not listed in the agenda, should be added to the minutes of the meeting. **Clerk to action**

These expenses were proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Mackie and the cheques were duly signed. **It was also agreed that the Direct Debits and any Standing Order payments should also be initialled in future**

b. **Bank Reconciliation** – To receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2018

Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2018	£28,360.59
Add: Receipts to date	£27,783.87
Less: Payments to date	£8,072.85
Closing Balance at 30th June 2018	£48,071.61

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2018:

Current Account	£100.00
Deposit Account (2250)	£22,925.04
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£25,991.57
less unrepresented cheques	£945.00
	£48,071.61

10. Highways and Environmental – The Clerk reported that the concerns raised at the meeting on 21st June had been referred to Shropshire Council and he had subsequently received an email indicating that they would be attended to, following a survey of the Hodnet area.

In response to a question, it was agreed that consideration be given to purchasing speed indicators

for strategic locations, such as Marchamley Road, in the Council area. **Clerk to explore costs and report back**

Concern was expressed regarding the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles using Marchamley Road. It was suggested that weight limit signs be sought to act as a deterrent.

Councillors expressed concern at damaged and missing road signs at

- Fauls Green/Lostford Lane junction
- Wollerton (Squirrel) crossroads sign
- Wood Lane sign, Wollerton

and raised concern at the height of grass on verges, especially at Mill Lane junction

Clerk to contact Shropshire Council regarding issues raised

- 11. Street Lighting – Maintenance and/or Repairs** – nothing to report
- 12. Community-Led Grant Applications** – No further applications had been received.
- 13. Matters relating to Council Staff** - The Clerk reported that he continued to seek to meet Phil Wellings and hoped to do so soon
- 14. Website** – Cllrs Rees and Mackie reported on a helpful meeting with the Webmaster, Randall Hardy. It was agreed that steps needed to be taken by Spring 2019 to establish the website needs of the Council as distinct from those of the Parish as a whole and to explore other media options for communicating with residents.

It was agreed that:

- **Cllr Powell will invite a web specialist to the next meeting**
- **the Clerk will contact Shropshire Council regarding financial assistance with establishing a website**
- **the Clerk will advise Cllrs not present at the meeting that the Website will be a major item on the agenda for the next meeting.**

- 15. Turfing of recreation ground** – a quote had now been received from a second contractor but it was for a different solution to that proposed by the original contractor. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite the first contractor to re-quote for the work with the revised specification requiring a grassed rubber mat under the slide area.

16. Correspondence – To enable the Council to discuss correspondence received:

- Suspension of Community led Road Safety Concerns
 - The Chairman raised concerns that the new approach meant that any concern the Parish Council raised would be of little value in ensuring local road safety
- Burial Site survey
 - the Clerk will look at the survey and see what needs to be done
- Planning Compliance Briefing Note
 - The Chairman expressed concern that the proposed 'risk of harm' based approach would lead to a lower level of compliance. Councillors present supported this view
- Discretionary Rate Review
 - Cllr Calder confirmed that social clubs such as those in the parish area would not be affected by these proposals
- Parish Magazine request for funds
 - the Parish Council confirmed that it valued the Parish Magazine, and that the Parish Council would consider a discretionary grant at the end of the financial year, as with the burial ground. The Council was also prepared to discuss future support for the magazine, with a discussion at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting and in the light of a

better understanding of costs and future plans for the magazine – **the clerk to inform the editor of the Parish Magazine**

- Considerations for discussions about Hub housing allocation
 - Councillors expressed concern at the proposals for the allocation of additional housing in the Parish. It was agreed that Cllrs Calder and Rees would attend a meeting w/c 27th August with Edward West (Shropshire Council) (along with the clerk) and that other Councillors may wish to join the meeting. **It was agreed that the clerk would seek availability from Councillors and liaise with Edward West.**
- Road Closure notice
 - The Clerk drew attention to a recent closure notice regarding Wollerton and confirmed that he would circulate such notices to Councillors for information in future.

17. Parish Matters -

- Cllr Nevin raised a resident's concerns regarding a roadside fence on his property, in need of repair. The Council agreed it was matter for the resident to raise with Shropshire Council who were thought to have erected the fence
- Cllr Nevin informed the Council of his intention to explore setting up a Concert Society. It was suggested he places an article in the Parish Magazine
- Cllr Freeman told the Council that a new Headteacher had been appointed to Hodnet Primary School
- Cllr Calder indicated that the Patient Participation Group would be meeting twice a year in future
- Cllr Parker raised the issue of further fly-tipping in Station Road and at Heathbrook – **Clerk to raise with Shropshire Council and look into the installation of temporary CCTV**
- Cllr Alden told the Council that the area walks leaflets had been completed and would be made available at various venues in the Parish
- The Clerk was asked to arrange for a replacement litter bin near the Hodnet Church lychgate.

18. Agenda Items - for the next Parish Council meeting on 13th September 2018 **at Wollerton Village Room** – no items were raised

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed..... **Chairman** **Date**.....