



HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the full council meeting of Hodnet Parish Council held at the Lyon Hall, Hodnet on Thursday 23rd November 2023.

Present: Cllrs Alan Cope, Steve Freeman, John Parker, John Powell, Maryjayne Rees, Lin Sherwin, Emma Spenser, Paul Gill, Jayne Charman (Clerk)

Members of the public: 7

23/130 Welcome, Apologies and reasons for Absence

Apologies were received by Cllr John Matthews – Apologies Accepted.

23/131 Appointments

Ross Underwood had already expressed an interest in becoming a councillor from the last meeting, which was accepted unanimously. Mr Underwood co-opted on to the council and Declaration of Acceptance of office signed.

Two candidates were present at the meeting for the remaining seat. Both parties introduced themselves to the council before leaving the room for a vote to take place. Voted that Sarah Crump would be co-opted on to the council and Declaration of Acceptance of office signed.

23/132 Declaration of Interest

None

23/133 Public Session

- Members of the public spoke about LED streetlighting EMF and 5G concerns. It was Agreed that the council would write to the member of the public by 1st December 2023 to respond to her queries.

- A concern was raised regarding vehicles exiting the Bear car park into Abbots Way. The council will write to the party concerned to inform them of the complaint and offer suggestions.

23/134 Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the parish council meeting on 12th October 2023 were considered for Approval. It was proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Cope and RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes, which were then signed by the Chairman.

23/135 Reports

a) Clerks Report – To note

b) Unitary councillor report – Cllr Gill spoke regarding a recent planning query. Flooding issues/drain issues/run-off from fields he said to speak with John Bellis or Victoria Doran. Community grants were available at Star Housing Community. It has been confirmed that the North West relief road has been fully backed and funded by the government.

c) Reports from councillors attending meetings or training – none

23/136 Finance

a) Payments to note against October bank statements

October

PAYEE	AMOUNT	METHOD	AUTHORITY
O2	£15.48	DD	LG(FP)A 1963 s5
Npower	£337.31	DD	PCA 1957 s112 (1)
Staff Salary (12/10)	£862.49	BACS	LGA 1972 s112(2)
Expenses (to 11/10)	£74.59	BACS	LG(FP)A1963 s5
Lyon Memorial Hall	£120.00	BACS	LGA 1972 S134(4)
PKF external auditor	£252.00	BACS	LGA 1972 S111
K&S Landscapes	£600.00	BACS	HA1980 S96
B S Chains Ltd	£211.44	BACS	LG(MP)A 1976S19(3)
PNET	£24.99	DD	LGA 1972 S112
WJP Software (website)	£696.60	BACS	LGA 1972 S142
TOTAL	£3194.90		

b) Receipts to note against October bank statements

October

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
HWMC Rent	£56.50
Interest to 31 st Oct – 2250	£0.00
Interest to 31 st Oct - 9243	£26.56
TOTAL	£83.06

c) Bank reconciliation October – To Approve

October

Balance brought forward from year end 31 st March 2023	£21717.94
Add: Receipts to date	£51118.29
Less: Payments to date	£27479.65
Closing balance at 31 st October 2023	£45356.58

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Bank balances as at 31st October 2023	
Current Account (6712)	£24437.40
Business Reserve Account (2250)	£0.00
CIL Deposit Account (9243)	£20919.18
Less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
TOTAL	£45356.58

Councillors considered for Approval the bank reconciliation up to the 31st October 2023. It was proposed by Cllr Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Spenser and **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation up to the 31st October 2023 be **APPROVED**.

d) Payments for Authorisation and payment in November/December 2023

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Staff Salary	Due 12/11/23	£862.29
Staff expenses to (22/11)	Expenses/reimbursements	£48.60
Staff salary	Due 12/12/23	£933.79
Staff backpay	Local gvmt pay agreement	£572.00
O2 (Nov)	Sim only phone contract	£15.48
O2 (Dec)	Sim only phone contract	£15.48
Npower Nov	Electricity (variable DD)	£385.99
Npower Dec	Electricity (variable DD)	£
PlusNet (Nov)	Broadband	£24.99
PlusNet (Dec)	Broadband	£24.99
Benbow Brothers	Inv23284	£900.00
Highline Electrical	Inv 6144	£2659.20
TOTAL		£6442.81

Councillors considered for Approval the payments for November/December 2023. It was proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Cope and **RESOLVED** that the Payments for November/December 2023 be **APPROVED**.

e) Local Government Services Pay Agreement 23/24

Councillors **APPROVED** that back pay be paid and pay moving forward is altered in line with the Local Services Pay Agreement 23/24. Clerk to speak with the government pension scheme to ascertain what the rules are.

23/137 Planning Matters

a) To discuss the following planning applications:

i). Application Reference: 23/04515/FUL

Address: 11 Drayton Rd, Hodnet, Market Drayton

Proposal: Replacement doors and windows

RESOLVED to SUPPORT with no comment

ii). Application Reference: 23/04860/FUL & 23/04861/LBC

Address: Ye Olde Saddlery, 22 Drayton Rd, Hodnet



Proposal: Alteration to existing dwelling to reinstate as 2 no. separate dwellings
RESOLVED TO SUPPORT with no comment

iii). Application Reference: 23/04517/TCA

Address: Penfold Cottage, 13-14 Drayton Rd, Hodnet

Proposal: Crown reduce by 2m 2no silver birch (T1& T2), side prune away from buildings by 1m group of Damson (G1), fell 1no conifer (T3), crown reduce by 2m and shape 1no Oak and 1no Birch (T4&T5) pollard to approx. 10ft 1no Hawthorn (T6) and reduce by 1m and shape 1no Laburnum (T7) within Hodnet Conversation Area
Agree – No comment

iv). Application Reference: 23/04879/TCA

Address: Hodnet House, Drayton Rd, Hodnet

Proposal: Work to 1no. Cedar (T1), 2no Lawson Cypress (T2&T3) and 1no. Oak (T4) (as per schedule) within Hodnet Conservation Area
Agree – No comment

b.) Planning Decisions & Enforcements for information:

i). Application Reference: 23/03737/FUL

Address: Lodge Cottage, 21 Peplow, Market Drayton, TF9 3JP

Proposed: Modify existing rear lean-to and erection of new 2 storey side/rear extension

Decision: Refuse

ii). Application Reference: 22/04942/OUT

Address: Land South of Lostford Lane, Wollerton, TF9 3QN

Proposed: Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and associated garage to include access (resubmission)

Decision: Refuse

iii). Application Reference: 23/04236/FUL

Address: Orchard House, Drayton Rd, Hodnet, TF9 3NF

Proposed: Demolition of existing double garage and erection of new detached garage.

Decision: Grant permission

23/138Website

Draft website was shown for comments and suggestions. Agreed to add the local Policing team details and a link to Shropshire Councils homepage and to the Fix My Street page.

23/139Hodnet Recreation Ground

- Fencing – Two quotes were considered for the recreation ground fencing. One was Accepted and the clerk will liaise with the contractor directly.
- A member of the public has suggested a rain shelter for the recreation ground. Clerk to investigate options.



23/140 Policies

Clerk to send remaining policies to councillors to read before approval.

23/141 Permissive Path – Wollerton

Further to the meeting with the Hodnet Footpath Group, clerk is to write to the landowners

23/142 Highways and Environmental

Cllr Powell has struggled to have the 2 overhanging branches removed, despite reporting to Shropshire Council in July and further correspondence. Cllr Gill to investigate.

No further updates on the seemingly unadopted land – Clerk to assist homeowner with council support for the land to be adopted.

23/143 Street Lighting

Clerk to draft response to the LED lighting complaint to be sent by 1st December.

Reported H6, 11, 13, 24, 27, 30, 34, 44, 50, 51, 52, 53, M6, W1- Clerk to organise repairs and contact Western Power for supply issues, lights beyond repair/poor condition to be replaced with LEDs as recommended in the Lighting Survey.

23/144 Correspondence

- a) Hodnet Community Hub correspondence – clerk to thank for correspondence
- b) Fraud and Scam bulletins/Chief Executives Bulletins – for information
- c) NALC local government pay agreement
- d) SALC
- e) Tree Planting scheme Hodnet Estate
- f) D-Day – Add to February agenda
- g) Shrewsbury North West Relief Road
- h) Health & Wellbeing Survey
- i) Tree Planting Shropshire Council – clerk to send email
- j) Connexus Auction Disposal
- k) Street scene update
- l) Bear Inn Exit Correspondence
- m) Hedge Station Rd correspondence – clerk to instruct hedge cutter on roadside
- n) Phone Box update – clerk to thank

23/145 Parish Matters

Concrete bollard outside Lyon Hall. Needs fully removing as it's a trip hazard. Cllr Cope to investigate/remove

23/146 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 4th January 2024 - None



There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 23rd November 2023.

Minutes accepted and approved by Hodnet Parish Council at a meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Signed by the Chairman..........