

## HODNET PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Lyon Hall, Hodnet On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs Matthew Allen, Steve Freeman (Chairman), John Powell, Maryjayne Rees, Ross Underwood, Jason Watts.

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public, Parish Clerk,

**1. Welcome:** Cllr Freeman chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting

**Apologies:** Apologies were noted from Cllrs Roberts and Gill

**2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Councillor Rees proposed that the minutes be signed as a true copy of proceedings, Councillor Freeman seconded this, all agreed.

**3. Chairman's Report – Councillor Freeman**

Cllr Freeman's report is attached to these minutes in Appendix 1.

**4. Shropshire Council Report, Hodnet Ward – Councillor P Gill**

Councillor Gill sent a report for the full council meeting to be held after the annual parish meeting as he is new in post.

**5. Lyon Hall Report – Councillor J Parker**

Cllr Parker's report including balance sheet is attached to these minutes in Appendix 2.

**6. Hodnet Medical Centre Patient Participation Group Report and Compassionate Communities Report**

No Report.

**7. Hodnet County Primary School Report – Cllr S Freeman, School Governor**

Cllr Freeman's report is attached to these minutes in Appendix 3.

**8. Hodnet Charities Trustees Report – Cllr Powell, Trustee for Hodnet Charities**

Cllr Powell stated the land was under offer and awaiting details of further progress on the sale.

**9. Hodnet 2000 Report**

Cllr Underwood advised that some awards had been given including helping someone apply to Cambridge University. Due to Covid-19 many awards in the last 12 months have been for laptops to assist with home schooling.

**10. Public Session**

There was one member of the public present. Issues raised were parking outside the school on the road with buses unable to pull into bus lane. Police had attended but still an issue. Member of the public suggested some sort of restrictions should be used. Cllr Freeman stated that letters had been issued to parents previously, however due to Covid-19 the school has been staggering entry times hence the traffic to the school may appear to be there for a lengthier period. He agreed to speak with the school again.

Dogs off lead and dog fouling on the recreation ground was raised. However bins are in situ for dog waste.

The complaint was made that recreation ground bins didn't appear to have been emptied as often recently. Cllr Freeman explained that the service provider for waste removal had been changed recently so there may have been some disruption, but this was now resolved.

**There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.25 pm**

**Approval of the Minutes held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Minutes accepted and approved at Annual Parish Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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

**Chairman's Report – Annual Parish meeting 2021**

**Appendix 1**

**Lyon Memorial Hall Report**

**Appendix 2**

**Hodnet County Primary School Report**

**Appendix 3**

## APPENDIX 1

### Chair Report:

There is no denying that Covid has had a massive impact over the passed months, requiring meeting postponement (2020 Annual Parish Meeting) and shaking up the normal running arrangements. We have managed to maintain our calendar of Parish meetings via Zoom, and have recently managed to get back to face to face meetings (with some relief!). The local NHS providers have risen admirably, as always, to meet the challenge and lead the way with the vaccination rollout programmes, helping to protect the community. There have however been casualties of the disease within the community to whose families and friends we extend our condolences.

In the time since our last meeting we have had an election and a change in Councillors. Once again we were not inundated with nomination, so did not have to undergo a vote. We have had three Councillors step down, Steve Aldin, Paul Nevins and Chris Mackie, and extend our thanks and appreciation for their years of service and support for the community. We welcome new Councillors Jason Watts, Ross Underwood and Matthew Allen and look forward to long service from all.

We have had a new County Councillor for Hodnet, Paul Gill, who took over the Conservative Party nomination from Karen Calder and was duly elected into office.

We have had a change of clerk, so wish Jan good luck with her expanding business and Jayne good luck in taking over and keeping us on track.

Sadly, amidst the start of the first Covid impact, one of our Councillors lost his battle with cancer and is greatly missed by the community. Our condolences go to Howard Trevor's family and is reciprocated by many members of the Parish and beyond.

Life in the Parish has continued despite the shadow of Covid, and the impact of the furloughing scheme. To reflect these times we have held the Parish Council contribution of the Council Tax charge for the last two years, with no increase.

A bit of good news for the community is the imminent reopening of The Bear following a complete renovation.

This year we have started on the road to a Community Speed Watch with volunteer's nominated and Police background checks completed. We are currently waiting on the Police to complete an updated speed survey and to arrange training for the volunteers.

Going forward we will continue to push to improve road safety in the Parish, with Paul Gill promising to fight our corner, and fingers crossed, hope to see the back of the Covid restriction by the end of Summer.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **LYON HALL REPORT 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021.**

**The balance sheet for year ending June 2020 shows a surplus of £550 which despite the hall closing, in late March 2020, due to the Coronavirus Covid 19 lockdown is a pleasing result.**

**The hall remained closed for the rest of 2020 until Thursday of last week 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

**There was a period of a few months during last summer when the hall could have opened but hirers were reluctant to meet and the decision was made to stay closed.**

**This obviously meant there wasn't any income from hirers or fund raising events.**

**Unfortunately though this didn't stop the bills coming in. Insurance, electricity, water, heating oil (for frost protection) and some caretaking costs had to be paid.**

**The Coronavirus business relief grant was applied for and to date about £9000 has been received.**

**This has been very welcome support and means that currently hall finances are very sound.**

**Now that restrictions are finally starting to be lifted hirers are already booking the hall and it is hoped that the situation will soon be back to normal.**

**LYON MEMORIAL HALL**

Receipts and payments for the year July 1st 2019 to June 30th 2020

**RECEIPTS**

	2,019	2,020
HIRINGS	£ 3,246.50	£ 3,755.48
BINGO	£ 1,172.90	£ 981.55
LOTTERY	£ 756.25	£ 668.00
<b>FUND RAISING</b>		
CHEESE AND WINE	£ 1,294.20	£ 1,099.70
RCC Grant		£ 400.00
QUIZ	£ 461.00	£ 404.00
Grindley Brook Grant		£ 100.00
WINE TASTING	£ 23.48	
DONATIONS		
BANK INTEREST		
WAYLEAVE	£ -	£ 1,144.00
	<b>£ 7,056.33</b>	<b>£ 8,552.73</b>

Profit £ 550.35

**PAYMENTS**

	2,019	2,020
CARETAKING	£ 1,080.00	£ 1,049.50
PRIZES/EXPENSES	£ 580.03	£ 532.91
LOTTERY Prizes	£ 456.00	£ 342.00
Cheese & Wine Expenses	£ 455.79	£ 474.60
Quiz expenses	£ 60.00	£ 85.00
INSURANCE	£ 1,225.63	£ 1,361.33
Window repair		£ 513.82
ELECTRICITY	£ 488.30	£ 556.22
OIL	£ 744.75	£ 641.32
WATER	£ 73.67	£ 92.05
Cooker Purchase		£ 928.00
Cooker installation		£ 180.00
Electric installation checks	£ 100.00	
LICENCES	£ 200.30	£ 70.00
FIRE CONTROL	£ 109.80	£ 84.00
Boiler service/repair	£ 377.50	£ 590.45
Sundry cash purchases/JP	£ 115.37	£ 369.08
PRS	£ 130.30	£ 132.10
Window clean		
TRM ?	£ 130.00	£ -
	<b>£ 8,002.38</b>	<b>£ 8,002.38</b>

Profit

2,705.98  
448.64  
326.00  
-  
-  
625.10  
400.00  
319.00  
100.00  
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N.B. 2 wayleave payments came in this one year, hence showing a profit of £550.35  
Balance sheet at 30th June 2020 shows an actual LOSS of £118.94 comprising Cashbook loss of £190.65  
and possible missing invoice £71.71

These figures have been agreed by the Auditor Mr T H Evans A.I.B

LYON MEMORIAL HALL

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

<b>2019</b>		<b>2020</b>
£5544.43	CURRENT ACCOUNT	£5617.48
£3591.99	SCOTTISH WIDOWS	£3598.00 (E)
£198.00		0.00
	Cash in hand	£0.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	
£9334.42	CLOSING BALANCE	£9215.48
OPENING BALANCE		£9334.42
LOSS FOR THE YEAR		<b>£118.94</b>
	Comprising Cash book loss	£190.65
	Unaccounted expense	£71.71
	(possible invoice missing)	
CLOSING BALANCE		£9215.48

These accounts have been audited 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Mr T H Evans A.I.B.

**Mike Fox**

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**From:** Tim Evans <r7the42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 16 March 2021 09:55  
**To:** mike@foxtrax.co.uk  
**Subject:** Lyons Hall, Hodnet Accounts.

This is to confirm that I have checked the financial accounts for the Village hall for the financial year ending 29th July 2020.

Accounts found to be correct against bank statements and papers provided.

T.H.Evans. A.I.B.

Sent from my iPad



### **APPENDIX 3:**

#### **School Report:**

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting the planned building works for the disabled toilet and additional teaching room have been completed.

This year has seen an outside teaching room constructed, which is in use every week for all years to hold classes making the most of the outside.

It has been a year like no other, with Covid forcing the school to close for regular lessons. There was a similar knock on to the fund raising activities of the PTA, with the bonfire and fireworks night cancelled this year.

At the start of the first lockdown a suspected case caused the school to be closed whilst a deep clean was undertaken. It remained closed for a couple of days waiting for the child's negative test result to come through. This false alarm led into the first national lockdown, during which all years had remote online learning, with teachers setting and marking works from home. The school stayed open for key worker children, split into bubbles of combined years, with each bubble looked after by Teaching Assistants following strict Covid precautions.

Following school reopening classes have been taught as bubbles, remaining isolated from the other years. Each year has had separate start and finish times, lunch times and play times, with no mixing of staff. It has even extended to segregating parts of the play ground / playing field.

Instances of Covid thankfully were quite rare with three children catching it since March 2020, causing individual class bubbles to close for isolation before returning. Thankfully all recovered fully. One member of staff caught it, and again fully recovered. All staff are now vaccinated.

SATS tests are still being run this term to keep things as normal as possible, plus a socially distanced / bubbled Year 6 residential week at Ocker Wood has managed to take place.

The school has done very well, with an incredible amount of hard work put in by the staff. The bubbles and Covid restrictions are likely to remain in place until the end of this term. We hope to return to normal and have bonfire night next term!