

# Rodington Parish Council

## Council Meeting

**Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 November 2011 at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors B Ashton, M Crump, J French, C Johnson, D Johnson, T Osborne and Borough Councillors T Kiernan and J Seymour.

**Clerk:** Alison Hinks.

### **2413/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

### **2414/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern**

D Johnson said that a local resident of Longdon upon Tern had contacted him to report that the new road layout on the bridge in Longdon upon Tern caused drivers to be blinded by car headlights. There were also complaints about road safety issues arising from damage to bollard and kerbs not being repaired

### **2415/00 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Parish Councillor J Perkin (prior engagement).

### **2416/00 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Johnson declared a prejudicial interest under item 2419/00 of the agenda for payment for the production of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Johnson did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

### **2417/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2011**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 October 2011 were proposed as a true record by D Johnson and seconded by C Johnson. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman. M Crump said that she did not attend the T&W Code of Conduct Training.

### **2418/00 Clerk's Report**

#### **• Affordable Housing in Rodington**

Fiona Stewart, T&W Council has reported that the position of the Council is still looking to enable the delivery of a housing scheme on the site opposite the Yard by using of a pot of money which is available for these purposes. This is likely to be in one of two ways:

- (i) The Council purchasing part of the site from Mr Griffiths then obtaining outline planning permission and selling it to a Housing Association to provide the required affordable homes identified by the survey OR
- (ii) The Council providing grant to a Housing Association who would purchase that part of the land

As Mr Griffiths wishes to develop market housing on the other part of the site, and is really looking for a guarantee that he will be able to do so, this has an effect on the terms of the sale and affects what sort of "deal" the Council are able to negotiate.

There was some uncertainty as to whether this fund was still available, however Fiona can confirm that at present it is available.

Although the Yard is the preferred option of both the Parish Council and from a planning point of view, the landowner is not willing to release this for development and the only other option that will lead to a scheme is the site opposite, as discussed when we last attended the PC. There were some planning concerns about this site in terms of its location and suitability for residential development, however Fiona provided a breakdown of all the other options we have looked at with the Parish Council and the reasons why they are not viable.

The Estates and Investment section are leading the negotiations as they deal with all Council assets. Following our initial meeting with Mr Griffiths back in March 2011, Estates & Investments required certain information to be able to make a formal response to Mr Griffiths proposal. Most of this information has now been gathered and we will be in a position to resume negotiations in the near future.

**Resolved: The Clerk to contact Fiona Stewart to confirm that RPC do not object to a limited number of private housing on the site adjacent to the cemetery and would like to proceed with negotiations on this site.**

- **Highways**

The Clerk reported potholes beyond The Dell towards the Chapel in Rodington to T&W Highways Department and this work is to be carried out.

The Clerk reported to T&W Highways Department that the old road marking on the Longdon upon Tern bridge were still visible and confusing motorists. T&W has raised this work with a contractor.

The Clerk reported the missing black curb and bollard on the High Ercall side of the Longdon on Tern bridge. This is to be looked at by TWS along with the broken road sign post at the bottom of Longdon upon Tern Bank at the junction of Millers Row.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Roberts has removed the small tree in the cemetery. The Clerk has confirmed with Mr Roberts that he can go ahead and do the work to the hedgerow and entrance to the Cemetery.

There has been a further burial at Rodington cemetery during October. The plot and internment was paid for at the time of purchase.

- **Rights of Way**

The Clerk has not had a response from Jaswant Sidhu, T&W Rights of Way, regarding the right of way off Manley's Lane in Rodington.

**Resolved: The Clerk to move this forward via the Customer Quality Team.**

- **Play Equipment at Rodington Playing Field**

Nothing to report.

- **Planning Issues**

Application No.	Description Location	RPC Response	T&W Response
Type			

Date	Planning Officer		
TWC/2011/0681	Sugdon Farm, Isombridge Junction To Sugden Farm, Sugden, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6NA  Installation of a 49.8kwp roof mounted solar photovoltaic array comprising of 260 panels	No objections	Granted

- **Community Fruit Garden**

The Clerk contacted Rob Jevons who will be putting the new bench which was purchased with the £ for Projects money by the new play equipment at Rodington.

- **Internal Auditor**

It is with great sadness that the Clerk has been advised that Mr John Nicholas, the internal auditor we have used for a number of years, passed away in September. Mrs Nicholas has provided me with the name of an internal auditor who the parish could use in the future.

### 2419/00 Financial Statements

- Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet  
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 28 September 2011 until 30 October 2011 showing a calculated balance of £17,559.17. A copy of the bank statement is available to Councillors.
- The Clerk went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the months of May 2011 showing:
  - total income of £4647.39 from the second precept payment and interest charges.
  - total expenditure of £949.49 outlined below.
- Accounts for Payment  
Listed below is the list of payments and transfers for October 2011, which unanimously approved and authorised by J French and T Osborne:

#### Authorised Bank Transfer from Community Account to BMM Account

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
02.11.11	BMM	IBP	£4000.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£4000.00</b>

#### Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Community Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
02.11.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£170.83
02.11.11	Post Office Ltd	IBP	£42.80
02.11.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£29.35
02.11.11	SNCT	100144	£20.00
02.11.11	L Scholefield	100145	£232.13
02.11.11	SLCC	100146	£50.00
02.11.11	G H Davies	100147	£47.00
02.11.11	T2 Enterprises	IBP	404.38
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£996.49</b>

The accounts were proposed as an accurate record by J French, seconded by T Osborne, unanimously agreed by the Council and approved and signed by the J French and T Osborne.

### **2420/00 All Planning Matters**

- Silverdale Farm, Somerwood from Boundary, Rodington, Telford, Shropshire, SY4 4RF - Construction of a ménage

**Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Dept that RPC has no objections to this planning application but would like to highlight that if lights were to be erected at a later date it cause difficulties to traffic as the ménage is so close to the road.**

- Land at, Long Lane, Telford, Shropshire - Siting of 10no. residential mobile homes, improvements to existing access parking and landscaping

**Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Dept that RPC strongly object to this planning application based on the unsustainability of the site as the land is water logged. The applicant claims that the housing is affordable but this is not the same as the social housing planning in Rodington. There is no proven need for the additional housing as the site currently has empty properties and pitches. Cllr Kiernan to green card this planning application.**

- Meadow Field Stables, Marsh Green, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6NE - Removal of condition 5 on Planning Permission W2003/1149 to remove the personal permission

**Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Dept that RPC has not objections to this planning application.**

### **2421/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors**

J Seymour reminded RPC that they needed to confirm how the £666 from 'Your Money Your Projects' was to be spent.

**Resolved: The Clerk to chase J Perkin for this information. It was agreed that if this information was not received within 10 days, the money allocated to RPC could be used by another Parish Council within the ward.**

Cllr Kiernan updated RPC on the developments of the British Sugar site in Allscott. British Sugar has employed an external agency to look at possibilities for the site. Cllr Seymour expressed concern over the wildlife area of the site.

### **2422/00 Correspondence**

All correspondence received during October 2011 to be circulated amongst Councillors and returned to the next meeting.

### **2423/00 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting to take place on Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 7.30 pm at Rodington Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

Signed:.....  
Chairman

Date:.....