

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2009 at 7.00 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

Present: Councillors J French (Chairman), D Johnson (Vice Chairman), and B Ashton, T Osborne, J Perkin and L Tudor and Borough Councillor J Seymour.

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2093/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Clare Turner, T&W Playbuilder Project Co-ordinator, to the meeting along with member of the public present.

2094/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

Clare Turner, T&W Playbuilder Project Co-ordinator, informed the meeting that the funding for the upgrade to the play area had come via Play England who have stipulated that the new equipment has to be designed for 8 – 13 year olds, in a material sympathetic to the natural village environment. Rodington PC has been allocated £50,000 which needs to include the dismantling of the old equipment which is not in line with EU H&S Regulations, the erection of fencing and seating. A separate bid has been submitted for toddler play equipment to replace that which is being dismantled. Tender documents have gone out to 5 suppliers who will put together their designs. Once suppliers plans have been returned, T&W will be consulting with young people in the area and the equipment needs to be in place by 31 March 2010.

Resolved: The Clerk to arrange public consultation event for mid October 2009. The Clerk to include on the next meeting agenda an item to discuss contributions towards extra provision for the play area in Rodington. The Chair to include an addendum to the Parish Newsletter informing local residents of the plans for the play area in Rodington.

2095/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillor C Broderick and Borough Councillor T Kiernan.

2096/00 Declaration of Interest

Nothing to declare

2097/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2009 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr Johnson. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

2098/00 Clerk's Report

- **External Audit**

The Clerk displayed the 'Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of elector's right' to view the accounts on 6 July 2009, for 28 days but was not contacted by any member of the public to view the accounts.

The Clerk has been contacted by Mazars to query why there was over 10% discrepancy between 2007/08 Clerks Salary and 2008/09 Clerks Salary. I explained that there had been a change in Clerk during this financial year. They also queried why there was over 10% discrepancy between 2007/08 Grants Donated and 2008/09 Grants Donated. I explained that both Village Hall committees were given £3,000 each during 2007/08 towards continued refurbishments. Mazars also requested copies of the revised Financial Regulations and Standing Orders and copies of Risk Assessments undertaken during the year. Both these documents were specifically mentioned during last year's audit. All paperwork was forwarded and to date, I have not received feedback from Mazars.

- **Planning Matters**

Below are the current outstanding planning applications awaiting results:

Application No.	Applicant	Description	RPC Response	Committee Outcome
Type	Correspondence details	Location	Date needed by T&W	Date
Date	Committee/Delegated	Planning Officer		
W2009/0473 Full Planning 10.0609	Mr Jonathan Ross 10 Rushmoor Lane Bratton Telford TF5 0DA Delegated	Erection of an agricultural storage building with creation of access road and hardstanding 10 Rushmoor Lane, Bratton, Telford Elizabeth Attwood 380380	Concerns that the barn is used for agricultural use.	Approved
W2009/0490 Full Planning 19 JUN 2009	Mr Richard Adney Les Stephan Planning Ltd 9 Sweetlake Business Village Longden Road Shrewsbury SY3 9EW Delegated	Conversion of single dwelling into 2no. dwellings Longden Mill Farmhouse, Longdon-On-Tern, Shropshire. Elizabeth Attwood 380380	No objections	Approved
W2009/0491 Full Planning 19 JUN 2009	Mr Richard Adney Les Stephan Planning Ltd 9 Sweetlake Business Village Longden Road Shrewsbury SY3 9EW Delegated	Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to provide 4no. residential units Longden Mill Farm Barns, Longdon-On-Tern, Shropshire. Elizabeth Attwood 380380	No objections	Approved
W2009/0498 Full Planning 19 JUN 2009	Mr Paul Knowles The Ellerdine Partnership Heath House, Middle Lane Cold Hatton Heath Telford TF6 6QA Delegated	Erection of detached outbuilding to provide accommodation ancillary to the dwelling Coppice House, Rodington Heath, Shropshire. Elizabeth Attwood	No objections	Approved

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W2009/0586	Mr Michael Edwards	Erection of a barn with hardstanding and fencing	No objections	
Full Planning 10 JUL 2009	Mr Michael Edwards The Gables Drury Lane Somewood SY4 4RG Delegated	The Gables, Drury Lane, Rodington, Shropshire. Elizabeth Attwood 380380		
W2009/0602	Mrs Susan Wright	Erection of a fence (retrospective)	No objections	
Full Planning 21 JUL 2009	Mrs Susan Wright Holly Acres Long Lane Telford TF6 6HD Delegated	Holly Acres, Long Lane, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire Tom Lewis 380380		

- **Highways**

The Clerk has forwarded an updated list of all outstanding potholes throughout the Parish to Cllr Kiernan who is chasing any outstanding potholes with T&W Highways Department. Cllr Tudor reported that the potholes on Drury Lane have now been filled.

- **Footpaths**

The Clerk has reported to Jaswant Sidhu, T&W Footpaths Department, the moved footpath at Isombridge Farm, Isombridge and also the blocked footpath no. 3 from Lower Farm Lane. To date, a response has not been received.

The Clerk has again reported the discarded road signs at the end of Drury Lane and by Silverdale Farm, Somerwood to T&W Fly Tipping hotline.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

The Clerk confirmed that during the months of July and August there was one burial and a burial of cremation remains at Rodington Cemetery.

The Clerk met with T&W Burial Officer on 4 August 2009 who explained T&W processes and procedures for burials and cremations at Wellington Cemetery.

Resolved: The Clerk to present the new Rodington Cemetery Procedure to the Parish Meeting on 7 October 2009.

The Clerk asked the meeting for advice on colour and style of writing for Garden of Rest plaques and flower pots for the Garden of Rest.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform a cemetery user that the colour and style of writing on plaques is individual choice and movable flower pots can be placed in the Garden of Rest as long as they can be lifted during grass cutting.

- **Grant towards 'The Church Times'**

The Clerk contacted the Treasurer of The Church Times who confirmed they regularly receive £300 contributions towards the magazine, with Upton Magna Parish Council contributing £100 and Withington Parish Council contributing £50. They do not charge businesses within the parishes for advertising but for businesses outside of the parishes

advertising costs £100 for a full page, £50 for half a page and £30 for quarter of a page per year (6 editions).

Cllr Tudor pointed out that the newsletter does not cover Longdon upon Tern. The Chairman suggested that a small fee is charged to those households who want to receive a copy of the newsletter; environmentally this would be better. Cllr French proposed donating £50 towards the publication of The Church Times, which was seconded by Cllr Tudor.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to donate £50 towards publishing The Church Times.

- **T&W Allotment Strategy**

The Clerk returned the T&W Allotment questionnaire regarding current allotment provision in the borough.

- **Post Box at Rodington Heath**

Following the last meeting, the Clerk wrote to Mr Smith to say that the Parish Council had considered his request to relocate the post box in Rodington Heath but the opinion of the Parish Councils has not changed and similarly to the Royal Mail, the Parish Council consider the case closed. The Clerk has since been contacted by Mr Smith who is in the process of consulting a solicitor.

- **T&W ID Badges**

The Clerk informed Wrekin Area Committee that the Parish Council do not want to purchase T&W ID Badges.

2099/00 Financial Statements

- **Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet**

The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 24 June 2009 until 24 August 2009 showing a calculated balance of £6,675.25. A copy of the bank statement is available to members.

- The Clerk also went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the month of July and August 2009 showing:

- total income of £196.66 made up of bank interest and cemetery charges
- total expenditure of £547.40
- VAT reimbursement of £0.00

- The Clerk circulated a list of payments and transfers for July and August 2009. All payment and transfers were authorised by Cllr Johnson and Cllr Osborne:

Authorised Bank Transfer from BMM Account to Treasurers Account

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
24.08.09	BMM	IBT	£300.00
		Total	£300.00

Authorised Cheque Payments from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
24.08.09	Rodington Village Hall	100076	£14.00
24.08.09	SLCC	100077	£47.00
24.08.09	Post Office Ltd	100078	£84.60
		Total	£145.60

Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
24.08.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	£169.10
24.08.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	£169.30
24.08.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	£63.40
		Total	£401.80

- The accounts were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Perkin, unanimously agreed by the Council and approved and signed by the Chairman.

2100/00 All Planning Matters

Nothing to report

2101/00 Rural Highways

The Chair went through the letter from Cllr Eade outlining the £1,000,000 capital spend available for rural roads. Cllr Johnson pointed out that the maintenance of roads in the Parish was the real issue. Cllr Perkin pointed out that a section of kerbs had been laid in Rodington Heath but the whole road had not been completed.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact T&W Highways Department to ask why only a section of kerbs had been laid in Rodington Heath.

A visiting member of the public said that hedge cutting, drainage and road sweeping are all outstanding issues for the Parish which continue not to be maintained.

Resolved: Cllr Osborne to contact Carolyn Oakes to highlight the Parish Councils suggestions for the £1,000,000 spend for rural roads:

- **Traffic calming in Longdon, Somerwood, Rodington Heath and the Walcot to Rodington Road.**
- **Drainage by Flanders Farm and Rodington Village Hall**
- **Lorries accessing the A442 via Rushmoor Lane and B5063**
- **Gateway Schemes when entering Longdon and Rodington**
- **Kerbing from Crowder Terrace to The Common due to the on-going problem of flooding**

Cllr Osborne to also attend the Rural Forum on 17 September 2009.

2102/00 Rural Parish Paths Programme

The Chair went through the letter received from T&W Footpaths Department asking for recommendations from the Parish Council on how footpaths could be developed and expanded.

Resolved: Cllr Osborne to become the Parish Council representative at any future meeting with T&W Footpaths Department. Cllr Osborne and the Chairman

to discuss outstanding issues outside of the meeting and Cllr Osborne to report back to T&W Footpaths Department.

2103/00 ACRE Collaborative Benefits – Cluster Support

The Chair went through the letter received from the Community Council for Shropshire which informs of a national programme to develop collaboration in rural communities and the free support available to develop joint work.

2104/00 Metal Detector Knife Gun

The Clerk went through a recent email received from Water Upton Parish Council inviting Rodington, Ercall Magna and Wrockwardine Parish Councils to jointly purchase a metal detector knife glove for the local Police Officers.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform Waters Upton Parish Council that the Parish Council are unable to financial contribute towards the metal detector knife glove.

2105/00 Fruit Trees in Rodington Parish

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that plans are in place with T&W to move forward with the proposed community orchard in the Parish and asked for confirmation on the location of the community fruit trees and the number and variety of trees to be purchased.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W that fruit trees can be planted in Rodington on the site of the old village hall. Cllr Perkin to contact Rodington Village Hall Committee to ask for their agreement. The Clerk to inform T&W they would like to purchase 12 trees in total, made up of a collection of apple, pear, plum, damson and cherry trees.

2106/00 Continued SALC Membership

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of a recent email from Wrekin Area Committee asking for views on the continued structure and membership of SALC and suggesting a T&W ALC.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform Wrekin Area Committee that if the Parish Council receive the same level of competence, then they will sign up in principle to the proposals outlined in the email.

2107/00 War Memorial Project

The Chair informed the Parish Council of T&W Plans to erect a Borough War Memorial in Telford Town Park.

2108/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

Cllr Tudor informed the Parish Council of the recent PACT Meeting which discussed the recent car stop programme in Rodington and also the need for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in Somerwood.

Cllr Johnson informed the Parish Council of the a recent Parish Forum which highlighted that only 13 Parish Councils signed up to the new Parish Charter. A Parish Charter Monitoring Review group and a new complaints system was proposed at the meeting. The Terms of Reference and role of the Parish Forum is to be reviewed by Caroline Oakes. A date for the Village Hall Group has been arranged. A Rural Newsletter is top be published.

2109/00 Correspondence

The Chair pointed out that the Parish Council were being asked for feedback on the new waste management programme in T&W.

2110/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 October 2009 at Rodington Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....
Chairman