

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 7.30 pm at Rodington Village Hall. Fiona Stewart, Housing Policy & Enabling Officer, Telford & Wrekin Council attended the meeting from 7.00 pm to discuss a Rural Housing Needs Survey.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2163/00 Housing Needs Survey

The Chairman welcomed Caroline Oakes and Fiona Stewart to the meeting, who attended to finalise the content of the housing needs survey to be distributed to all household in the Parish and to finalise how and when the survey would be circulated.

Cllr French said that there is a need for affordable purchased housing in the Parish. Evidence shows that planning applications for refurbishment and development are been refused due to the Core Strategy and property extensions are been approved with conditions linked to them. Ms Stewart confirmed that affordable housing can mean shared equity ownership houses where Parish Councils can be part of vetting applications to ensure that applicants are already living in households in the parish, residents who will need accommodation in the near future, past residents wanting to return to the Parish or family with a strong connection to the Parish are priority. The survey will establish the families already in the parish currently living with their family or dissatisfied with their current rented accommodation.

Cllr Johnson said that the information within the survey can be used as data to update the Parish Plan. Ms Stewart confirmed that the Parish Council could have copies of the questionnaires and Ms Oakes offered the Parish her support when updating the Parish Plan.

Ms Stewart confirmed that T&W Council would pay for the post and copying costs of the survey. Cllr Johnson said that the survey would be circulated with the latest copy of the Parish Newsletter.

Resolved: Ms Stewart to forward the Clerk the most up to date copy of the survey to circulate to Councillors for final comments. Cllr Johnson to post out the survey to all household by the end of February 2010.

2164/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Parish Councillors and 11 members of the public to the meeting.

2165/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

The Chairman informed the meeting of the recent road accident in Longdon upon Tern which is the second accident to hit a house. There has previously been one fatality and one accident where car hit a fence. All accidents were due to speeding. Cllr Johnson

confirmed that the traffic speeds through the village in both directions and the bridge in the village has always been a problem. More signage is needed to identify that the bridge is approaching.

The public confirmed that the new calming measures have improved the situation but speed cameras are needed at both end of the village.

Cllr Johnson said that pavements are also needed for pedestrians walking over the bridge along with a safety kerb. One of the problems with the existing footpaths is that T&W have failed to maintain them, they have become overgrown and in places too narrow for a buggy.

Cllr Seymour suggested that the Parish Council put together a list of all accidents that have taken place in Longdon upon Tern. Cllr Kiernan said that a local traffic survey took place for one hour on 2 February 2010 where 437 vehicles went through the village and 30%-40% of the vehicles were speeding.

Resolved: Parish Councillors and local Borough Councillors to meet with the Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council on 9 February 2010 to discuss traffic problems in Longdon upon Tern. The Clerk to include this item on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting arranged for 3 March 2010 and Cllr Johnson to include an article in the Parish Newsletter.

Cllr Kiernan informed the Parish Council that Mark Pritchard MP has been contacted by a local resident regarding the Post Box in Rodington Heath. Cllr Kiernan has recently met with the resident who has passed on a petition signed by 17 local residents in favour of moving the post box.

Resolved: Cllr Kiernan to contact Mark Pritchard MP to advise that the Parish Council are unanimous in not moving the post box from it current location.

Cllr Kiernan advised the Parish Council of the recently launched T&W Pot Hole Buster.

Cllr Seymour advised the Parish Council of a new T&W website for local residents to report unanswered/unresponded queries, which will be picked up and monitored by the Customer Services Department.

2166/00 All Planning Matters

The Chairman brought this item forward for discussion as part of the public session with agreement from all attendees.

- W2010/0017 Land at Isombridge Farm, Isombridge – Conversion of redundant farm building into dwelling house and garaging
Mr Evans informed that Parish Council of his planning application at Isombridge Farm to convert redundant farm buildings into dwelling house and garaging and asked Cllr Seymour to 'green card' the application.
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council support the application whether or not it is within T&W Council's Core Strategy, it is meeting the local need for housing and is a specialist facilities needed by the applicant. Cllr Seymour to 'green card' the planning application.

- W2010/0005 Londgon Livery, Tern Lane, Londgon upon Tern – Erection of a horse walker/exercise structure
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council have no objections to this application
- W2009/0985 6 Sunningdale, Rodington - Erection of a single storey front extension and installation of a balcony to front has been refused by T&W Planning Department.

2167/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Perkin

2168/00 Declaration of Interest

Nothing to declare.

2169/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 January 2010

The Chairman amended the minutes of the meeting of 6 January 2010 to show that Cllrs Ashton, Perkin and Tudor were not present at the meeting. Following this amendment the minutes of the meeting of 6 January 2010 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.

2170/00 Clerk's Report

- **Church Road, Rodington**

The Clerk has chased David Hanley, T&W Council, regarding payment for the invoice for the resurfacing work on Gilbert Mount, Church Road, Rodington. Cllr Kiernan confirmed that this invoice would be paid by 7 January 2010.

Resolved: The Clerk to pay Enstone Johnson the outstanding invoice for the work once the payment from T&W Council has cleared.

- **Planning Matters**

Below is an update on outstanding planning applications:

Application No.	Applicant	Description	RPC Response	Committee Outcome
Type	Correspondence details	Location	Date needed by T&W	Date
Date	Committee/Delegated	Planning Officer		
W2009/0985	Mr Gary Egerton	Erection of a single storey front extension and installation of a balcony to front	No objections	Permission Refused
Full Planning 10 NOV 2009	RAM Architectural 4 Aldridge Close Priorslee Telford TF2 9SB Delegated	6, Sunningdale, Rodington, Shropshire. Tom Lewis 380380		
W2009/0993	Mr Paul Knowles	Erection of detached outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation	No objections	
Full Planning 11 NOV 2009	The Ellerdine Partnership Heath House Middle Lane Cold Hatton Heath TF6 6QA Delegated	Coppice House, Rodington Heath, Shropshire. Elizabeth Attwood		

- **Highways**

The Clerk contacted T&W Highways Department to inform them that the new village name sign is incorrect. A revised sign has now been erected reading 'Longdon upon Tern'.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

Davies Stone Masons have quoted £40 for a 4"x6" burial plot marker showing the reserved plot number. This cost will be added to the total payment of a reserved plot and dug into the turf to enable grass cutting to continue. A new sign has been put on the gates at Rodington Cemetery to advise that vehicles are not allowed in the cemetery.

- **Playbuilder**

The Clerk has contacted Clare Turner, T&W Playbuilder Project, requesting costs for seating and dog bins for the new play area. The order for the play equipment has been made but an installation date is not yet known. Once known, posters will be displayed in parish noticeboards to advise residents.

Resolved: The Clerk to put this item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting on 3 March 2010.

- **Deeds for Rodington Village Hall**

The Clerk has been in touch with Sharon Clayton who has advised that the deeds for Rodington Village Hall were already stored at the Yorkshire Bank when she was in post.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to Yorkshire Bank to advise of current situation.

- **2010/11 Precept**

Following the last meeting, the Clerk forwarded the completed Precept paperwork to T&W Finance Department.

- **The Windmill in Rodington**

The Clerk has spoken to the Stella James, T&W Council Conservation Officer who has informed that windmill in Rodington is not a listed building. The Clerk has also spoken to Carol Reed, T&W Asset & Property, who is yet to confirm if the windmill is owned by TW Council. To date, an update has not been received. The Parish Council could apply for a lottery grant to renovate the windmill and the Conservation Officer could advise on appropriate design and materials.

Resolved: The Clerk to forward details to T&W Customer Services Department via the on-line service.

2171/00 Financial Statements

- **Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet**

The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 31 December 2009 until 25 January 2010 showing a calculated balance of £8,464.25 with 2 un-presented cheques for Mr K Roberts amounting to £938.00 and Rodington Village Hall Committee amounting to £14.00. 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 January 2009 showing:
 - total income of £0.47 of bank interest
 - total expenditure of £359.40
- Accounts for Payment
Listed below is the list of payments and transfers for January 2009, which unanimously approved and authorised by Cllr French and Cllr Osborne:

Authorised Bank Transfer from BMM Account to Treasurers Account

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
25.1.10	BMM	IBT	£500.00
		Total	£500.00

Authorised Cheque Payments from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
25.1.10	Post Office Ltd	100089	£42.60
25.1.10	SLCC	100090	£118.00
		Total	£160.60

Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
25.1.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£171.03
25.1.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£15.27
25.1.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£12.50
		Total	£198.80

- The accounts were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr French seconded by Cllr Osborne, unanimously agreed by the Council and approved and signed by the Chairman and Cllr Osborne.
- 2010/11 Cemetery Maintenance
The Parish Council approved the 2010 quote received from Mr Roberts for 14 grass cuts at Rodington Cemetery amounting to £938, no increase from last years charges. This was proposed by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr French.
Resolved: The Clerk to write to Mr Roberts to inform him of the continuation of his contract and to ask if the pathway in front of the 1st row in the cemetery could be cleared and to also find out how he is disposing of his grass cuttings.
- Grant Requests
The Chairman suggested that all future grant requests would be judged on merit when received throughout the year and said that grants should be given to benefit residents in the Parish.
A grant request from Hope House for £100 was proposed by Cllr Tudor, seconded y Cllr Broderick and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.
Resolved: The Clerk to forward £100 grant to Hope House Childrens Hospice.

2172/00 Supporting Vulnerable Communities Project

This project aims to provide access to information and raise awareness about the range of support services available for those local citizens most vulnerable to the effects of the recession. Telford & Wrekin Council has provided a small fund to enable a number of community groups/organisations to help with this. The Parish Council can apply for funding to deliver a range of project activities by submitting a declaration of expression of interest form.

Resolved: The Clerk to return the expression of interest form.

2173/00 Draft SALC Constitution Consultation

The Chairman updated the Parish Council on the proposed changes to the SALC constitution.

Resolved: Councillors to respond direct to SALC with their comments.

2174/00 Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6 April 2010 at 7.00 pm with the normal Parish Meeting to follow.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact T&W Highways Department to attend this meeting.

2175/00 Community Fruit Garden

The Chairman advised that the fruit trees had now been planted but would need watering regularly.

Resolved: Cllr Johnson to include an article in the next Parish Newsletter asking for volunteers to water the trees.

2176/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

- Cllr Broderick attended a Budget Consultation meeting.
- Cllr Tudor attended a PACT meeting which advised that a salt bin be purchased for the road on the approach to Rodington Village Centre.

Resolved: The Clerk to get costings for the next Parish Meeting on 3 March 2010.

- Cllr Osborne attended the Rural Roads meeting and confirmed that structural patching on Tern Lane is included in the schedule of work for rural road.

2177/00 Correspondence

All correspondence received during January 2010 to be circulated amongst Councillors and returned to the next meeting.

2178/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 March 2010 at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

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

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date:.....