

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 2009 at 7.00 pm at Rodington Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2111/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and CPOs S Coombes and N Saxton to the meeting along with members of the public present.

2112/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

CPO Coombes informed the Parish Council about the possibility of using a Dome Hawk Camera which could be erected at Rodington Village Hall for a short period to enable West Mercia Police to deal with Anti Social Behaviour in the Village. This would incur a cost of approximately £1500 which could be funded by the Parish Council. The camera would be in the location for an 8 week period before being reviewed. The erection of a lamp post to accommodate the camera is included in the cost and could provide light around the building and benefit the Village Hall in the long term. The Dome Hawk Camera could then be used at any time in the future for a cost of approximately £350.

The Chair said that the Village Hall committee needs to approach the Parish Council and ask for a contribution towards this. Cllr Johnson asked about the effectiveness of a camera from within the building which could possibly be purchased more cheaply. The Chair expressed concerns about the on-going costs of providing a lamppost.

Cllr French thanks CPOs Coombes and Saxon for their time and effort.

Resolved: CPO Coombes to meet with Rodington Village Hall and report back to the Parish Council. The Clerk to investigate the on-going costs of providing a lamppost.

2113/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors J Perkin and L Tudor and Borough Councillors T Kiernan and J Seymour.

2114/00 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Johnson declared a prejudicial interest under item 2117/00 of the agenda for payment for the production of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Johnson did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

Cllr Broderick as Treasurer of Longdon upon Tern Village Hall Committee declared a prejudicial interest under item 2117/00 of the agenda for payment for room hire. Cllr Broderick did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

Cllr Ashton declared a personal interest under item 2118/00 for planning application for The Wharf House, Rodington. Cllr Ashton left the meeting for this item.

2115/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 2 September 2009 were proposed as a true record by Cllr French and seconded by Cllr Johnson. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

2116/00 Clerk's Report

- **External Audit**

The Clerk received formal notification from the external auditors, Mazars, who have approved Rodington Parish Council's external audit paperwork. They would like to draw to the attention of the Parish Council the need to include in future years audit paperwork explanations of all significant variances in income and expenditure. This is down to there being over a 10% discrepancy between the 2007/08 Clerks Salary and 2008/09 Clerks Salary and 2007/08 Grants Donated and 2008/09 Grants Donated.

Following this meeting the Clerk will display on all Parish Council noticeboards the 'Notice of conclusion of audit and right to inspect the Annual Return' for a period of at least 14 days.

- **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		
W2009/0586	Mr Michael Edwards	Erection of a barn with hardstanding and fencing	No objections	Permitted
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	Permitted
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 contacted T&W Highways Department to ask why only a section of kerbs had been laid in Rodington Heath. No response to this query has been received to date.

The Clerk has also reported to T&W Highways Department that a tractor and trailer has gone across the grass triangle in front of the church in Rodington and created a pot hole, which appears dangerous.

- **Footpaths**

Cllr Osborne has put together a consolidated list of all outstanding footpaths matters which is to be forwarded to Jaswant Sidhu.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

Unfortunately, the Clerk has been unable to complete the working procedure for Rodington Cemetery which will now be presented to the next meeting.

The Clerk has been contacted by the family from Marsh Green who are in the process of reserving 4 burial plots at Rodington Cemetery. They have asked if they can plant a tree at the foot of each burial plot to symbolise something the family have done together before a family member passes away. Due to this the family would be happy to maintain the upkeep of the plots.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform the family that they will be unable to plant trees at the foot of their burial plots in the cemetery.

The Clerk contacted the stone mason to confirm that cemetery users can choose the colour and style of plaques and movable flower pots can be placed in the Garden of Rest as long as they can be lifted during grass cutting.

The gates at the cemetery have again broken. The Clerk reported this to a mobile welder and is still waiting for the work to be completed. There is also some damage to rabbit fencing allowing the rabbits to get into the cemetery and eat the flowers! Again, this is being looked at.

Resolved: Rabbits in the cemetery to be put on the agenda for the Parish Council on 4 November 2009.

- **Playbuilder**

Unfortunately, the public consultation event due to take place in mid October 2009 has had to be postponed due to unforeseen problems with the tender documentation. This will hopefully be re-arranged for mid November 2009.

The Chair included an addendum to the Parish Newsletter informing local residents of the developments to the play area in Rodington.

- **Fruit Trees in Rodington**

The Clerk informed Rob Jevons at T&W that the Parish Council would like to purchase 12 fruit trees, made up of a collection of apple, pear, plum, damson and cherry trees. The Clerk has also informed Rob Jevons that the Parish Councils preferred location for the fruit trees is on the site of the old village hall in Rodington. The Parish Council are now waiting for Rodington Village Hall Committee to formally agree this proposal at their meeting on 12 October 2009.

- **Post Box at Rodington Heath**

Mr Smith has again been in touch regarding the post box at Rodington Heath. He is currently in the process of consulting a solicitor regarding the legalities of relocating the post box and aims to attend the next Parish Council on 4 November 2009

- **Metal Detector Knife Gun**

The Clerk informed Waters Upton Parish Council that the Parish Council are unable to financially contribute towards the metal detector knife glove for use by the Police.

- **Continued SALC Membership**

The Clerk informed Wrekin Area Committee that if the Parish Council receives the same level of competence, then they will sign up in principle to the proposal for WAC to take over the support and guidance currently undertaken by SALC.

2117/00 Financial Statements

- Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 24 August 2009 until 5 October 2009 showing a calculated balance of £10,809.16. 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 September 2009 showing:
 - total income of £4,681.31 made up of precept, bank interest and cemetery charges
 - total expenditure of £398.90
 - VAT reimbursement of £18.00
- The Clerk circulated a list of payments and transfers for September 2009. All payment and transfers were authorised by Cllr French and Cllr Osborne:

Authorised Bank Transfer from Treasurers Account to BMM Account

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
05.10.09	Treasurers	IBT	£4,500.00
		Total	£4,500.00

Authorised Cheque Payments from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
05.10.09	Church Times	100079	£50.00
05.10.09	Mazars	100080	£138.00
05.10.09	Post Office Ltd	100081	£42.80
		Total	£230.80

Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
05.10.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	£170.83
05.10.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	£15.27
		Total	£186.10

Approval was also given for two further payments and expenditure accounts to be amended to reflect this:

- T2 Enterprises - £347.89
- Longdon upon Tern Village Hall - £10.00
- 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.
- Funding for extra provision for the Playbuilder project will be discussed and decided at a future meeting, once the design for the area is agreed.

2118/00 All Planning Matters

W2009/0736 The Wharf House, Rodington - Conversion of existing outbuilding (office) to residential unit with first floor extension, attached garage and external alterations
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council have concerns that the building is a commercial premises, and there is not enough commercial property in rural areas and by granting planning would reduce this even further. The Parish Council would also like to point out that if this application is passed, then The Piggeries should be reconsidered for planning approval.

W2009/0745 Highbury Villa, Drury Lane, Rodington - Erection of a single storey side extension to existing annex accommodation
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council are concerned that the plans are creating an additional property in an area of no development as outlined in the Core Strategy.

2119/00 Road Maintenance in Rodington

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to spend £500 towards the repair and make good of the road at Gilbert Mount, Church Road, Rodington, following the tender and instructions received from T&W Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact T&W Council and the contractor to proceed.

2120/00 Dome Hawk Camera

Discussed under item 2112/00.

2121/00 Princess Royal Hospital

The Chair informed the Parish Council of letters received from Mark Pritchard MP and Cllr Andrew Eade requesting support for their campaign to save services at Princess Royal Hospital.

Resolved: Cllr Johnson to include in the next Parish Council newsletter.

2122/00 Changes to Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

The Chair went through the letter and questionnaire received from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service highlighting proposed changes to services.

Resolved: Cllr Osborne to complete and return the questionnaire.

2123/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

Cllr Johnson reported on the recent WAC meeting, attended by Victor Brownlees, T&W Chief Executive who spoke about road maintenance, CO2 omissions and the devolution of powers to Town and Parish Councils. A Parish Charter Review Committee has also been set up

2124/00 Correspondence

All correspondence received during September 2009 to be circulated amongst Councillors and returned to the next meeting.

2125/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4 November 2009 at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date:.....