

# Rodington Parish Council

## Council Meeting

**Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2011 at Rodington Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors B Ashton, M Crump, J French, C Johnson, D Johnson, T Osborne, J Perkin.

**Clerk:** Alison Hinks.

### **2388/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

### **2389/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern**

C Johnson updated the meeting on the recent road works due damaged black sewers pipes collapsing in Longdon upon Tern. Voids under the tarmac were also found which prolonged the work. Due to this work there was then a clean water pipe leak and further voids under the tarmac found which could close the road in the future. It was also reported that contractors had damaged the tarmac road owned by Mary Jones which has been reported by the road owner but yet to be fixed.

**Action: The Clerk to report the potential for further road closures in Longdon upon Tern.**

B Ashton reported potholes in the road from Bull Ring towards The Dell, Rodington.

**Action: The Clerk to report to the pothole buster.**

### **2390/00 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Borough Councillor J Seymour and T Kiernan who both had prior engagements.

### **2391/00 Declaration of Interest**

C Johnson declared a personal interest in item 2389.

### **2392/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2011**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 July 2011 were proposed as a true record by J French and seconded by T Osborne. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

### **2393/00 Clerk's Report**

- **Affordable Housing in Rodington**

Nothing to report

- **Highways**

The Clerk reported the potholes at Lower Bank and on Isombridge Lane.

The Clerk received a complaint from a local resident about who frequently cycles between home and Somerwood and have had a number of 'near misses' with cars between Rodington Heath and Sunningdale. This is due to the fact that the trees on the inside of the bend have

never had any attention since they were planted and the pruning is carried out only by passing vehicles. I contacted T&W Council who visited the site and said that the trees are the responsibility of the landowner. Although they do not think that the trees are a problem to road users and the flow of traffic keep the trees back off the road and do not need pruning.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

**Resolved: The Clerk to ask Mr Roberts to quote for cutting back the hedge and trees at the front entrance of the cemetery.**

- **Rights of Way**

Following a meeting that Cllr Kiernan had with the Leader of the Council the Clerk has spoken to Jaswant Sidhu to express that Rodington PC do not want the lane off Manley's Lane to be changed into bridleway status and would like it to remain as a right of way. This is also the view of the Leader of the Council. Mr Sidhu advised that Mr Manley will need to withdraw his application.

Resolved: The Clerk to ask Jaswant Sidhu to write to Mr Manley/the Parish Council to confirm the status of lane off Manley's Lane before the application is withdrawn.

- **Play Equipment at Rodington Playing Field**

Following a meeting that Cllr Kiernan had with Becky Eade and the Leader of the Council regarding the new ball court at Rodington playing field the Clerk has contacted Cllr Arnold England, the cabinet member responsible for play. Cllr England confirmed discussions that he had with Becky Eade and said *"When I came into office in May, I was pleased to 'sign off' the previous administration's play equipment strategy, I saw no reason to tinker with it. That said, I am aware that the budget is committed for this financial year. Next financial year looks bleak indeed in this regard. Should there be any additional funds or savings, then I will consult on where they would be best spent, but until that arises, there are no funds to support additional spend in Rodington. Becky's is looking into costs for maintenance and will I am sure get back to you"*.

Becky Eade confirmed that what she *"agreed with Cllr. Kiernan and Cllr. Sahota was to contact Janet French to find out exactly what price the parish had been quoted from TWS to maintain the new ball court and see if this could some-how be reduced, for example some Parish's train up volunteers to undertake the weekly inspections"*.

- **Planning Issues**

Application No.	Description	RPC Response	T&W Response
	<p><b>Location</b></p> <p><b>Planning Officer</b></p>		
TWC/2011/0413	<p>Erection of a single storey side extension to form enlarged kitchen</p> <p>The Ivy, Grove Lane, Rodington, Shropshire, SY4 4QP</p>	No objections	Full approval granted
TWC/2011/0478	Change of use of agricultural building to servicing, repair and storage of motor vehicles and installation of mezzanine floor	No objections with conditions that the permission is attached to the	Refused

	10 Rushmoor Lane, Bratton, Telford, Shropshire, TF5 0DA	current user	
TWC/2011/0611	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, rear dormer windows to create ancillary accommodation and other internal and external works associated with refurbishment of house. Erection of a detached triple garage and the retrospective application for the temporary siting of 2no. caravans (Full Planning)  Villa Farm, Grove Lane, Rodington, Shropshire, SY4 4QP	No objections although the PC would like to point out that the application is in the name of Mr R Perks who is not the property owner	
TWC/2011/0631	Extension of existing car park to create an additional 16 parking spaces  Land adjacent to, Bulls Head Inn, Rodington, Shropshire, SY4 4QS	No objections with conditions that the permission is attached to the current leaseholder	

- **Community Fruit Garden**

Work still outstanding.

- **Footpaths**

The Clerk has reported the blocked footpath from Manley's Lane to Roden, by Somerwood Stud Farm.

- **Financial Audit of Account**

Mazars, the external auditors, have signed off the audited accounts for 2011/12. Following the meeting on the 7 September 2011 the Clerk will display the notice of audited account on all noticeboards throughout the parish.

- **CiLCA**

The Clerk has again failed two modules of the CiLCA, feedback is as follows:

Module 9: Agenda Setting – *the summons to members to attend the annual meeting has not been included. The statement that the next meeting is on 17 May 2012 is not correct. This is the date of the next annual meeting. Note it is not an annual general meeting. The normal business can follow after that which is dealt with annually in accordance with Standing Orders. Therefore there is no reason why the minutes of the previous council meeting should be signed at the annual meeting. There is no proper summons to members on the agenda for the meeting on 2 March 2011. Resolutions have been made on items discussed under Public Session. Note that the Council can only discuss matters which are included on the agenda. Any items raised by the public which need a decision by the Council should be included on the agenda for the following meeting. Also note that the press and public are excluded using the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

Module 17: Insurance – *the insurance is clearly not reviewed at the Annual Meeting as it is not on the agenda for the meeting held on 18 May 2011.*

The Clerk has to resubmit before 21 January 2012. The Parish Council expressed their disappointment after all the Clerk's hard work.

**2394/00 Financial Statements**

- Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet  
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 27 June to 24 August 2011 showing a calculated balance of £13,293.59. 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 £1.48 from bank interest.
  - total expenditure of £659.13 outlined below.
  
- Accounts for Payment  
Listed below is the list of payments and transfers for July and August 2011, which unanimously approved and authorised by J French and T Osborne:

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

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
07.09.11	BMM	IBP	£500.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£500.00</b>

**Authorised Cheque Payments from Community Account**

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
07.09.11	Mazars	100143	£162.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£162.00</b>

**Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Community Account**

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
07.09.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£170.83
07.09.11	Post Office Ltd	IBP	£42.80
07.09.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£270.83
07.09.11	Post Office Ltd	IBP	£42.80
07.09.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£50.00
07.09.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£19.87
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£497.13</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.

**2395/00 All Planning Matters**

- 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

**Resolved: The Clerk to report no objections to Telford & Wrekin Planning Department.**

**2396/00 Response to consultation on Rodington Cemetery**

Councillors went through an email received regarding the suggested changes to the Garden of Rest at Rodington Cemetery.

**Resolved: Councillors unanimously voted to not change the current style of the Garden of Rest.**

**2397/00 Your Money Your Projects Community fund 2011-12**

Councillors went through the proposals for the Your Money Your Project Community Fund.

**Resolved: Councillors unanimously agreed to consult with local residents via the Parish Newsletter but the Parish Council were mindful to apply for extra money towards the play equipment funds.**

**2398/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors**

Nothing to report.

**2399/00 Correspondence**

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

**2400/00 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting to take place on Wednesday 5 October 2011 at 7.30 pm at Rodington Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed:.....  
Chairman

Date:.....