

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 September 2010 at 7.30 pm at Rodington Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2244/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Parish and Borough Councillors to the meeting.

2245/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

Cllr Broderick reported a further two accidents in the village of Longdon upon Tern since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Broderick reported the overgrown hedgerow by The Bucks Head at Long Lane, opposite The Moorings.

Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Environmental Maintenance Department.

Cllr Tudor reported that the road sign for 'Roden' at the Sunningdale turning to Roden has still not been replaced.

Resolved: The Clerk to again report to T&W Highway Maintenance Department.

Cllr Tudor reported a further road sign missing by The Chapel directing to Rodington Heath.

Resolved: The Clerk to again report to T&W Highway Maintenance Department.

Cllr Tudor reported a pot hole at the end of Drury Lane, Somerwood.

Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Highway Maintenance Department.

The Clerk reported that a resident from Rodington reported the need for road kerbing in Sunningdale and also the need for the road to be gritted along the route of the School Bus.

Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Highways Maintenance Department.

Cllr Perkin reported that Cllr Kiernan met with residents of Sunningdale. Repairs to the junction of Sunningdale will be included in T&W road maintenance programme.

Residents to lay new hardcore to Sunningdale which is an unadopted road.

2246/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr L Tudor and Borough Councillor T Kiernan.

2247/00 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Johnson declared a prejudicial interest under item 2250/00 of the agenda for payment for the production of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Johnson did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

2248/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 July 2010

The minutes of the meeting of 7 July 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.

2249/00 Clerk's Report

• Highways

Amanda Roberts, T&W Highways Dept has provided the following update:

Speed Enforcement Sites

Officers from the Council and the Safer Roads Partnership have carried out a joint site visit and the only suitable site they can find is a hard standing area in front of the residential property of 'Jamescroft', which is opposite the bus lay by. This site would allow speed enforcement in the direction of the Tayleur Arms only. The other sites which were looked but were unsuitable (due to line of site or insufficient length of approach) were:-

1. Tayleur Arms Car Park
2. Gateway, Long Waste
3. Bus Lay-by (only as a last resort and if mini buses are used)
4. Gateway in the 40mph section looking towards red house barns.

No enforcement is currently possible in the bridge direction due to the proximity of the change in speed limit) and a lack of approach distance/visibility from a suitable site.

The SRP are currently monitoring speeds at the lay by, but as stated above this is not a suitable point for enforcement.

Regarding contacting the owners of Jamescroft, would the Parish Council prefer to make the approach? If we are to write to them, can you supply a contact name? If this isn't possible we will simply write to 'the resident', but we feel a personal letter would be better received.

Local Safety Scheme

Nick Kitchen has contacted the Parish Council regarding local safety engineering in Longdon on Tern.

Boundary Signs

The standard sign design has been agreed. T&W have had a large number of requests but I have asked for a Rodington boundary sign to be included on the list. Our traffic engineers have confirmed that the Council has a budget specifically for providing boundary signs on a 50/50 funding split with Parish and Town Councils. As soon as costs an email will be sent with the proposed sign and the cost of manufacturing and installing it. In the meantime, are you able to provide a plan showing the required location? If it is easier I can meet someone on site and we can mark a plan up.

Resolved: The Clerk to recommend that T&W Council approach residents of Jamescroft.

The Parish Council expressed their anger that T&W Council are trying to make the road safety problems in the Parish the responsibility of the Parish Council. T&W Council

have not progressed with any of the proposals put forward by the Parish Council at their meeting with the Leader of T&W Council in February 2010.

- **Planning Matters**

Below is an update on outstanding planning applications:

Application No.	Description	RPC Response	Committee Outcome
Type	Location		Date
Date	Planning Officer		
TWC/2010/0067	Siting of 10no. residential mobile homes (outline) The Moorings, Land adjacent, Long Lane, Telford, Shropshire	Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is against the core strategy, the area will be over development, the site is a green field site, there are insufficient amenities in the area for an additional 10 homes and Planning Officers have expressed previous concerns to the unsustainability of the adjacent site in Long Lane.	Decision yet to be made
TWC/2010/0278	Land off, Long Lane, Crudgington, Shropshire, TF6 6HD - Erection of a single storey timber stable block and new ménage	Parish Council support the application although they do consider that flood lights may be a problem for the adjoining properties at Tree Fields.	Decision yet to be made
TWC/2010/0295	The Piggeries, Rodington, Shropshire, SY4 4QN - Conversion of existing barn into residential	Parish Council unanimously support the application to restore an eye sore in the centre of Rodington, which will bring affordable housing to a rural area.	Decision yet to be made

Resolved: Cllr Seymour to contact T&W Planning Department regarding the Piggeries.

- **Right of Way**

Jaswant Sidhu, T&W Council Rights of Way Department, has provided the following update:

- Footpath no.1, Longdon upon Tern – work is to begin mid October 2010 on improving the footpath and installing car parking spaces on the grass area off the road. Once this is completed talks will begin with the landowner regarding the permissive route to the aqueduct and the possibility of a picnic area near the aqueduct. The siting of the information board to be positioned by this area to inform people about the footpaths, the aqueduct and local history in Longdon upon Tern will be done once the landowner has been contacted.
- Bull Ring, Rodington – the information board in this area will be done at the same time as the information board in Longdon upon Tern.
- Manleys Lane – following consultation with T&W Legal Department, T&W Rights of Way Department have decided to create a new public right of way. As on-one owns this land, a notice will be displayed for the public to respond

- Footpath no.3, Longdon upon Tern – T&W Rights of Way Department have been in touch with the land owner of the next field to request that the right of way is moved onto his land. The owner would like commercial price for this stretch of land. T&W Council Legal Department have since written to the land owner that footpath no.3 is sited on and ask that the footpath is unblocked.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Jaswant Sidhu to suggest that the lane off Manleys Lane is designated as a bridle way. The Clerk to also speak to Jaswant Sidhu about moving footpath No3 to the otherside of The Old Manor, on Mary Jones Lane at Red House Farm.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

The Clerk is waiting for quotes from three local tradesmen to replace the gates at Rodington Cemetery. To date, the Clerk has not received a reply.

- **External Audit**

Mazars, the External Auditor has returned the Annual Return with no comments for improvement. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return Notice will be displayed on all Parish noticeboards following this meeting.

- **Road Sign - Sunningdale**

The Clerk has reported to T&W Highways Department that the finger post road sign has been knocked down at the end of Sunningdale, Rodington.

- **New Noticeboard**

The new noticeboard for Sunningdale has now been installed and payment is to be made to Manley's Joiners.

- **Meeting with Carolyn Oakes**

The Clerk met with Carolyn Oakes on 15 July 2010 and discussed the issues raised by Rodington Parish Council in the Parish and Town Councils Survey. Following this meeting, the Clerk sent a list of outstanding pot holes in the Parish.

- **Parish & Town Council Meeting**

The Clerk attended a meeting for all Parish & Town Council Clerks and Councillors on 15 July 2010 to discuss the meeting structure currently in place for Parish & Town Councils. The Clerk argued the need for all meetings to review their terms of reference and to consider the number of meetings currently in place for Parish & Town Councils. The outcome of the meeting was to create a further meeting for parish and town council clerks and councilors to meet away from SALC and T&W Council.

- **SLCC**

At the Spring 2010 meeting of SLCC a decision was made to send a resolution to the Society to express Shropshire's concern with the Institute of Local Council Management. The concerns were with the purpose of the Institution, the elitism around joining the Institution and the way in which individuals had to renew their subscription to the Institution. Nick Randal from SLCC responded to Shropshire to say that the resolution was not received in time for the AGM and the correct procedures were not followed. There is an emergency meeting of SLCC on 15 September 2010 to discuss current emails sent for which the Clerk has decided to abstain.

- **PACT Panels - Partners and Communities Together**

The Clerk has informed Judith MacPherson that Cllr Broderick and Cllr Tudor will present Rodington Parish Council at the PACT Panel.

- **Telford & Wrekin Scrutiny Work Programme**

The Clerk has put forward the following suggestions to T&W Scrutiny Work Programme: rights of way, footpaths, signage, road safety, no response/updates by council employees to queries raised.

- **New Grit Bins in Rodington**

T&W Council Environmental Maintenance have confirmed that they will be installing the new grit bin outside Rodington Court during October 2010. An invoice will be sent follow installation.

2250/00 Financial Statements

- **Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet**

The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 29 June 2010 until 31 August 2010 showing a calculated balance of £11,398.00. A copy of the bank statement is available to members.

- The Clerk went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the months of July and August 2010 showing:

- total income of £0.63 from bank interest
- total expenditure of £1371.13.

- **Accounts for Payment**

Listed below is the list of payments and transfers for July and September 2010, 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
31.08.10	BMM	IBT	£1200.00
		Total	£1200.00

Authorised Cheque Payments from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
31.08.10	Post Office Ltd	100109	£42.80
31.08.10	Post Office Ltd	100110	£42.80
31.08.10	Manleys	100111	£531.10
31.08.10	Mazars	100108	£158.62
		Total	£775.32

Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
31.08.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£170.83
31.08.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£170.83
31.08.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£25.84
31.08.10	T2 Enterprises Ltd	IBP	£377.21
31.08.10	Longdon upon Tern Village Hall	IBP	£10.00

	Total	£754.71
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Resolved: The Parish Council agreed a pay Rodington Village Hall Committee £28 for room hire.

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

- Grant Requests
The Parish Council discussed a number of grant requests from local organisations. Cllr Osborne proposed that Rodington Village Hall receive £750 towards the recent repair work following a water leak. This grant will be reviewed later in the year. This was seconded by Cllr Osborne and unanimously approved by the Parish Council.
Resolved: The Clerk to pay Rodington Village Hall £750.

2251/00 All Planning Matters

- TWC/2010/0426 Erection of lean to agricultural building to house horses and hay at Silverdale Farm, Somerwood, Rodington
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council raised that the proposed lean to agricultural building is not a field shelter and has a closed front. All other similar applications have been rejected. The property already has a barn erected for this purpose. A hedge line may have to be removed to accommodate this new building.

2252/00 Review of Mobile Library

The Parish Council saw this service as essential for rural areas and suggested that it is advertised more widely, offering advertising in the Parish Newsletter. Councillors also suggested that the service is extended a little further into the village of Rodington, stopping at Sunningdale.

Resolved: The Clerk to report back to Marilyn Higson, T&W Council.

2253/00 Bulbs and Trees

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Rob Jevons, T&W Council is currently asking all Parish Councils if they require him to purchase bulbs and trees for the parish.

Resolved: The Clerk to order daffodil bulbs for the new community orchard in Rodington, the Bull Ring in Rodington and the top of Long Lane in Longdon upon Tern.

2254/00 Enhancement/Delegation of Services

The Clerk informed the Parish Council as a recent email from Caroline Oakes, T&W Council asking if Parish Council's are interested in taking on the responsibility of certain services currently undertaken by the Borough Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform Caroline Oakes that at this moment in time the Parish Council would not want to take on the responsibility of the services outlined in her letter.

2255/00 Local Boundary/Parish Signs

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the outline plans for new road signs throughout the borough.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Council Highways Department that Councillors expressed concern that the village of Longdon on Tern, which is within the Parish of Rodington, will have 'Welcome to Rodington' on the village boundary sign. This could cause confusion to motorists and Councillors would like new boundary signs to state the name of the village and not the name of the Parish.

2256/00 Proposed Local Road Safety Scheme

The Clerk went through the recent update to T&W Council proposed local road safety scheme which includes improvements to Longdon upon Tern. The Parish Council agreed that it was the Borough Council's responsibility to move forward with improving road safety in Longdon upon Tern and that the Parish Council are disappointed that things have not moved forward quicker.

2257/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

Cllr Seymour informed the Parish Council that T&W Council will know on 20 October 2010 their budget allocation for 2011/12 and can then move forward with budget plans for the next financial year.

2258/00 Correspondence

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

2259/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for Wednesday 6 October 2010 at 7.30 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date:.....