

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 January 2011 at 7.00 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2298/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Parish Councillors to the meeting.

2299/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

Cllr French welcomed Rod Reynolds, Partnership Manager and Wendy Harris, Team Leader, from the Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia to the meeting. Mr Reynolds said following recent traffic monitoring, 80% of drivers driving through Longdon upon Tern drive at 41 mph in the 30 mph zone, with 15% of this figure well above this limit. Due to this Longdon upon Tern is to become part of a 6 month programme of regular monitoring and enforcement with the aim to reduce drivers speed limits by 50-60%. Prosecution will take place if drivers are speeding over 10% of the speed limit. First time offenders will be offered a speed awareness course instead of an £80 fine and 3 points on the licence. Mr Reynolds said that parish Councillors need to be able to defend their decision to involve the Safer Roads Partnership as local people will be caught speeding and will be prosecuted. The Road Safety Partnership van will visit Longdon upon Tern 3 times a week for 1½ hours per visit as from w/c 10.1.11. They will analyse the peaks and the troughs of the speed and will report back to the Parish Council at their Annual Parish Meeting in April 2011.

Cllr Seymour to report to T&W Council that some residents of Rodington PC did not receive the leaflet informing of changed days for recycling and bin collection over the Christmas period.

Councillors to inform the Clerk of potholes throughout the Parish.

2300/00 Apologies

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

2301/00 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Broderick declared a prejudicial interest under item 2304/00 on the agenda for payment for the hire of Longdon upon Tern Village Hall. Cllr Broderick did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

Cllr Johnson declared a prejudicial interest under item 2304/00 of the agenda for payment for the production of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Johnson did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

2302/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 December 2010

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 December 2010 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Perkin and seconded by Cllr Osborne. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

2303/00 Clerk’s Report

- **Highways**

The Clerk passed on to Katy Jenkins, Communications Manager at the Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia the quote from the Chairman for their press release regarding the introduction of mobile speed enforcement in Longdon upon Tern.

- **Planning Matters**

Below is an update on outstanding planning applications:

Application No.	Description	RPC Response	Committee Outcome
Type	Location		Date
Date	Planning Officer		
TWC/2010/0654	Erection of extension to outbuilding	Parish Council has no objection to the application	No decision to date
Full Planning	New House, Longdon-Upon-Tern, Telford, Shropshire TF6 6LQ		
04 Nov 2010			

- **Right of Way**

Nothing to report.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

There has been a burial at the cemetery early January 2011. The burial plot has was purchased over 15 years ago and rightly or wrongly cremation remains placed in the plot at the time of purchase. The undertaker and the grave digger have been very helpful and advised me that as long as the cremation remains are not removed from the grave the burial can take place. The stonemason had to remove the memorial stone and a new inscription will be added to this. I have advised the stonemason that there is a small charge for this.

- **£££ for Projects**

Caroline Oakes, T&W Council, has confirmed that the Parish Council has been awarded £500 toward a bench for the community fruit garden at Rodington Playing Field. Once the money has been received, the Clerk will purchase the bench from Greenwood Trust to match the benches by the play area.

- **Rodington Playing Field**

Parks and Open Spaces, T&W Council, have contacted the Clerk regarding the poplar trees next to the new play area at Rodington Playing Field. The new play area has been put too close to the poplar trees and the very nature of the tree and the fact that there are water pipes under the trees means that the trees need to be removed. Severn Trent Water also needs to do further work to the pipes and will bear the cost of removing the trees and T&W Council will replace with more suitable trees.

- **CiLCA**

The Clerk has contacted SALC for the paperwork to resubmit the CiLCA modules that I failed. SALC suggest that the Clerk sends the modules to look over before they are resubmitted. They also suggested that the Clerk also sends the modules to John Ward for final checking. Mr Ward will charge per hour but he is fully conversant with what the examiners are looking for. The clerk has six months to complete from the date of my resubmission form.

2304/00 Financial Statements

- **Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet**
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 23 November 2010 until 4 January 2011 showing a calculated balance of £13,289.07. A copy of the bank statement is available to members.
- The Clerk went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the months of December 2010 showing:
 - total income of £0.75 made up of bank interest.
 - total expenditure of £1,288.90.
- **Accounts for Payment**
Listed below is the list of payments and transfers for December 2010, which unanimously approved and authorised by Cllr Perkin and Cllr Osborne:

Authorised Bank Transfer from BMM Account to Community Account

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
4.1.11	BMM	IBT	£1,500.00
		Total	£1,500.00

Authorised Cheque Payments from Community Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
4.1.11	Post Office Ltd	100120	£42.60
4.1.11	SLCC – CiLCA Management	100121	£90.00
4.1.11	KJD Roberts	100122	£938.00
4.1.11	Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust	100123	£22.00
		Total	£1,092.60

Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Community Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
4.1.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£171.03
4.1.11	Alison Hinks	IBP	£15.27
4.1.11	Longdon upon Tern Village Hall	IBP	£10.00
		Total	£196.30

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 Vice Chairman. Councillors also agreed to pay Rodington Village Hall Committee an invoice for £15.00.

- **2011/12 Precept**

Cllr French signed the 2011/12 Precept paperwork requesting a precept of £9,292.

Resolved: The Clerk to forward the complete paperwork to T&W Council by 31 January 2011.

2305/00 All Planning Matters

- TWC/2010/0822 Willow Vale, Longdon-upon-Tern, Shropshire, TF6 6LQ - Proposed detached double garage and conversion of existing double garage to form habitable annex accommodation

Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Council that the Parish Council strongly object to this applications as it will be over development of the site, with an additional property being created on the site. Councillors are advised to look at the history of applications on this site and request that this application is 'green carded' and goes to Plans Board.

2306/00 Play Equipment at Rodington Playing Field

To be discussed at the next meeting.

2307/00 Allscott Sugar Factory Site

The Clerk advised that Withington Parish Council have written to Rodington and Wrockwardine Parish Councils to ask to meet to discuss any proposals for the Sugar Factory Site. Cllr Johnson has advised that Cllr Kiernan confirmed that to date there has been no interest in the site. Cllr Seymour said that the British Wildlife Trust is hoping to acquire some of the land.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to Withington PC to propose that a meeting is held once a potential buyer and scheme is known.

2308/00 T&W Planning Survey

Caroline Oakes, T&W Council, had asked for this item to be put on the agenda to be discussed but unfortunately, the planning survey has not yet been received. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

2309/00 'Our Future' A Shared Vision for Telford & Wrekin Engagement Event – 3.2.11

The Clerk advised the Parish Council about this event being run by the Leader of the Council. Information on the event is available for Councillors interested in attending.

2310/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

Cllr Seymour informed the Parish Council that she attended the PCT Board on 2.12.10.

Proposals are currently out for consultation, with responses needed by the end of March 2011 and public meeting are being arranged.

Cllr Seymour informed of the first Health & Wellbeing Board attended by local GP Consortium, Doctors and T&W Council.

Cllr Seymour also informed of the T&W Council budget consultation currently underway which will have an effect on local services.

2311/00 Correspondence

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

2312/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for Wednesday 2 February 2011 at 7.30 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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