

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 July 2010 at 7.30 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2230/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Parish and Borough Councillors to the meeting.

2231/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

Cllr Kiernan said that residents of Sunningdale, Rodington Heath, had been in touch regarding resurfacing the road to the front of their properties. This is an unadopted road in the Parish. The area has been measured and a quote for a maximum of £3,000 received. A site meeting between residents, Cllr Kiernan and David Bell is arranged for 10.30 am on 15 July 2010. Cllr French said that residents would need to consider financially contributing towards this work themselves. Cllr Johnson proposed that the Parish Council make a £500 contribution to this project (identical to that made towards Gilbert Mount, Rodington) as a one off payment and any decisions made do not set a precedent for the future.

Resolved: An update to be given at the next Parish Council meeting on 1 September 2010 when Councillors would discuss making a financial contribution in line with that given for Gilbert Mount, Rodington.

Cllr Tudor said that the finger post road sign which had been knocked down at the end of Sunningdale, Rodington and previously reported to T&W Highway Maintenance Dept has not yet been replaced.

Resolved: The Clerk to chase T&W Council Highway Maintenance Dept.

Cllr Tudor informed the meeting of positive feedback received about the new play facilities at Rodington Playing Field.

Cllr Tudor reported a pothole on the bend before Sunningdale. Cllr Kiernan confirmed that he had reported this to the T&W Pothole Buster.

2232/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Perkin and Borough Councillor J Seymour.

2233/00 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Johnson declared a prejudicial interest under item 2236/00 of the agenda for payment for the production of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Johnson did not leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

2234/00 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 June 2010

The minutes of the meeting of 2 June 2010 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr Broderick. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

2235/00 Clerk's Report

- **Rodington Playing Field**

Following discussions at the last meeting about ways to consult with the older teenagers in Rodington, the Clerk has set up a Rodington Parish Council facebook page and already have three friends! The Clerk will update this page with dates of meetings and news from meetings. The Clerk has also put together a flyer/poster to ask this group of the community what facilities they would like in Rodington which will be displayed on parish noticeboards.

- **Highways**

The Clerk has emailed Amanda Roberts, Road Safety Team Leader, T&W Council during May 2010 for an update the summary following her meeting with Rodington Parish Council in April 2010 and the following response has been received:

Issue	Comment
Request for a boundary sign for Rodington	<p>Passed to the traffic management team for investigation and implementation if feasible.</p> <p><i>T&W Council: New look boundary signs are currently being designed for use across the borough. Parish to receive proposed design when available.</i></p>
Missing give way sign and pothole at Walcot Mill bridge.	<p>This is within the borough and has been reported to highways maintenance. The Parish Council will receive updates via the Highways Maintenance monitoring system.</p>
Speeding from High Ercall into the 30mph limit	<p>I had misinterpreted the information supplied by my colleagues.</p> <p>The data relating to speeds in the 30mph limit was inbound from High Ercall <u>not</u> from Shawbirch.</p> <p>The purpose of wanting to carry out enforcement from the Tayleur Arms is specifically to address the issue of speeding into the 30mph limit from this direction.</p> <p><i>T&W Council: Following investigation the police have confirmed that they are unable to enforce at the Tayleur Arms as this is within 2/10th of a mile from the speed limit change.</i></p> <p><i>However, funding is available for works on the B5063 and we will investigate central hatching/verge markers to make the carriageway appear narrower and thereby reduce speeds.</i></p>
Request for footpaths either side of the bridge at	<p>This has been added to the feasibility work that we will carry out this year.</p>

Longden on Tern.	<i>T&W Council: As part of the funding available for the B5063, a scheme will be investigated to physically narrow the carriageway across the bridge and to provide pedestrian facilities. . We anticipate that the work will be carried out this financial year, if the scheme is feasible and consultation is successful.</i>
Condition of the footpath at the church in Longdon on Tern	Rob Jevons has confirmed that the work of clearing the overgrown footpath will be completed during this financial year. I
Request for a speed limit on Sugden Lane.	We are not able to do this: The built up part of Sugden lane is already governed by a 30mph limit and national traffic regulations mean we cannot install a 30mph limit on rural roads that are not built up.
Request for a speed limit on the Avenue	I have checked our records and the Avenue is Council-owned but is not adopted highway. We are unable to introduce a speed restriction unless the road is adopted and has a recognised speeding problem. We are looking at how the Council can support residents and offer advice on how to address issues on unadopted roads in Council ownership. As soon as we have more information available relating to the Avenue we will inform the Parish. <i>T&W Council: No further comment at this stage.</i>
The road between Grove Farm and New House Farm is in a poor condition.	This has been reported to highways maintenance. The Parish Council will receive updates via the Highways Maintenance monitoring system.
Why is the lay-by in Longdon on Tern not suitable for the Safer Roads Partnership to carry out speed enforcement?	The cameras require a straight line of site and because of the bends in the road, the camera may not be able to record speeds accurately from this location. My colleague has now spoken to the Safer Roads Partnership about the potential for using non-highway land (eg private verges) as an enforcement location. They are now going to investigate this. I will update you when we have some more information on this. <i>T&W Council: The lay-by in the 30mph section is currently used as a bus stop. The verge in the 40mph section requires straight line of sight (see additional comments below).</i>
Residents may be willing to	I have passed this information to the traffic team and they

give up space in front of their houses if needed for enforcement	<p>will investigate it with the Safer Roads Partnership if required</p> <p><i>T&W Council: Safer Roads will enforce from private land with the landowner's permission. The residents will need to make themselves known to the Parish so further investigation can be made as to the land's suitability. Any contact details should be forwarded to Nick.kitchen@telford.gov.uk</i></p>
Were the traffic lights in place when the speed readings were taken?	<p>Yes, but as the data shows there is a speeding problem we do not need to repeat the survey before we can take action.</p> <p><i>T&W Council: Speed Indicator Signs (SIDS) has been in place since April 2009. They consistently show a high 85%ile speed of 41mph in the 30mph limit as vehicles enter the village from the High Ercall direction.</i></p>
The speed indication devices (SIDS) don't always flash – are the batteries running out too early?	<p>Usually SIDs are only left on site for 7 days and we have not had any other complaints about dead batteries but we will investigate this issue.</p> <p><i>T&W Council: The SIDS can be set to flash at different speed tolerances not necessarily exactly at 30mph. They are often set to reflect Police enforcement levels of 10%+ 2mph if there is a high 85%ile speed. In these cases, the units will not flash unless vehicles are exceeding 35mph in a 30mph area.</i></p>

Resolved: The clerk to contact Amanda Roberts to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction in the strongest possible terms to the lack of developments in Longdon upon Term despite a meeting with Cllr Eade and Ward Councillors.

• **Planning Matters**

Below is an update on outstanding planning applications:

Application No.	Applicant	Description	RPC Response	Committee Outcome
Type	Correspondence details	Location		Date
Date	Committee/Delegated	Planning Officer		
TWC/2010/0067		<p>Siting of 10no. residential mobile homes (outline)</p> <p>The Moorings, Land adjacent, Long Lane, Telford, Shropshire</p>	<p>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.</p>	Decision yet to be made

TWC/2010/0172 Full Planning 26 Apr 2010	Mr C Vanezi Mr Jacob Sedgemore Compton Wharf Bridgnorth Road Compton Wolverhampton WV8 1EL Delegated	Erection of a two storey rear extension 2, Ellabrook House, Marsh Green, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6NE Tom Lewis	Parish Council object to this planning application: - the proposed extension was out of keeping with the rest of the property, - an extra entrance was being added to the property, - extending the property could cause drainage difficulties in Marsh Green already identified due to the development opposite this property, - other applications in the parish have conditions attached to the application.	Refused
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- **Right of Way**

The Chairman and the Clerk met with Jaswant Sidhu T&W Council Rights of Way Department and Cllr Tracy Hope on 15 June 2010. The following actions were agreed:

- Footpath no.1, Longdon upon Tern – the grass area off the road would be cleared for 3 car parking spaces and an information board be positioned by this area to inform people about the footpaths, the aqueduct and local history in Longdon upon Tern. The current permissive route to allow walkers to the aqueduct to be firmed up with the land owner together with the possibility of a picnic area near the aqueduct.
- Bull Ring, Rodington – an information board be sited in this area to inform people of the rights of way in Rodington and information about the village.
- Manleys Lane – T&W Rights of Way Department have already received a modification request from Mr Manley which is currently in the system. These requests are being dealt with in date order. T&W will make a judgement on the information given and put forward an order which can be appealed against by local residents.
- Footpath no.3, Longdon upon Tern – T&W looking at diverting the right of way to along the edge of the next door field and have asked the land owner to remove the fence which blocks the right of way. A sign new post to show the footpath will be installed.

Resolved: The Clerk to get an update from Jaswant Sidhu for the Parish Council meeting on 1 September 2010.

- **Rodington Cemetery**

There has again been a burial this month at Rodington Cemetery and the family have also reserved a burial plot at the cemetery.

The Clerk has informed Mrs Warren-James that the Parish Council do not want to set a precedence and allow kerbed memorials in the cemetery but the family are very welcome to purchase a bench and position it under the tree, behind the graves she has purchased. She thanks the Parish Council for allowing her to do this and is going to keep me updated on progress.

The Clerk has chased Mr Smout for his quote to replace the gates at Rodington Cemetery. To date, I have not received a reply.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact other tradesmen to get quote for new gates.

- **External Audit**

The Clerk has forward the External Auditors Annual Return to Mazars and displayed the external audit notice on all parish noticeboards from 16 June 2010 for 2 weeks.

- **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 Clerk has ordered a replacement noticeboard from Manley's Joiners for Somerwood.

- **Meeting with Carolyn Oakes**

Carolyn Oakes has requested a meeting with the Clerk following on from the Parish Survey Meeting that she attended in March 2010. She would now like to follow up various issues that were raised by Parish and Town Councils in the survey and in order to resolve these issues she needs to gain more information from me as to why the Parish Council is dissatisfied with certain services or the way we are communicated with. The Clerk is meeting with Carolyn on 8 July 2010 at 3.00 pm at Civic Offices.

- **Parish & Town Council Meeting**

A meeting for all Parish & Town Council Clerks and Councillors has been arranged by WAC to look at the meeting structure in place for Town & Parish Councils and if a difference regime would be better. This meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss the working relationship between local town and parish councils and with Telford & Wrekin Council. The meeting is taking place on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 7.00 pm.

2236/00 Financial Statements

- **Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet**

The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 27 May 2010 until 28 June 2010 showing a calculated balance of £11,655.40. A copy of the bank statement is available to members.

- The Clerk went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the month of June 2010 showing:

- total income of £440.15, including the purchase of two burial plots at Rodington Cemetery and bank interest.
- total expenditure of £293.55.

- **Accounts for Payment**

Listed below is the list of payments and transfers for June 2010, which unanimously approved and authorised by Cllr French and Cllr Osborne:

Authorised Cheque Payments from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
28.06.10	Post Office Ltd	100106	£42.60
28.06.10	G H Davies	100107	£40.00
		Total	£82.60

Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
28.06.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£171.03

26.05.10	Alison Hinks	IBP	£39.92
		Total	£210.95

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed a part payment of £200 in August 2010 to Cllr Johnson for the production of the Parish Newsletter, with the remainder of the payment being settled upon receipt of invoice in September 2010.

- 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 Johnson.

2237/00 All Planning Matters

- TWC/2010/0278 Land off, Long Lane, Crudgington, Shropshire, TF6 6HD - Erection of a single storey timber stable block and new ménage
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council support the application although they do consider that flood lights may be a problem for the adjoining properties at Tree Fields.
- TWC/2010/0295 The Piggeries, Rodington, Shropshire, SY4 4QN - Conversion of existing barn into residential
Resolved: The Clerk to inform T&W Planning Department that the 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.

2238/00 Rural Housing Need Survey

Fiona Stewart, T&W Council has requested a workshop style meeting to look at possible site for affordable housing in the Parish. Cllr Johnson confirmed that he has included an update in the next Parish Newsletter, including an appeal from residents to come forward to express an interest in affordable housing.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Fiona Stewart to propose 7.00 pm on 11 August 2010 for a joint meeting with Rodington Parish Council and T&W Council. The Clerk to investigate refused planning application for possible sites for development.

2239/00 Telford & Wrekin Scrutiny Work Programme

T&W Council are currently looking at the next Scrutiny Work Programme and have asked Parish & Town Councils to submit ideas.

Resolved: The Clerk to put forward the following suggestions: rights of way, footpaths, signage, road safety, no response/updates by council employees to queries raised.

2240/00 PACT Panels - Partners and Communities Together

Judith McPherson, Local Police Officer for Rodington Parish is requesting a representative from Rodington Parish Council to sit on the new PACT Panel for the ward.

Resolved: The Clerk to inform Judith MacPherson that Cllr Broderick and Cllr Tudor will present Rodington Parish Council at the PACT Panel.

2241 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

- Cllrs Johnson and Osborne attended the T&W Housing Needs Survey Information Evening where Cllr Johnson was a keynote speaker. It was highlighted that the main obstacle is getting the approval of local residents.
- Cllr Broderick attended the T&W Rural Forum which has a new Chairman, Richard Bruce.

22242/00 Correspondence

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

2243/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for Wednesday 1 September 2010 at 7.30 pm at Rodington Village Hall.

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

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