

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4 March 2009 at Rodington Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

2020/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and 3 members of the public to the meeting.

2021/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

Mr Lewis asked the Parish Council if they had reported the poor state of the road in the Parish to T&W Highways Department. Cllr French said that Cllr Keirnan has recently met with T&W highways Department to express the Parish Council's concerns and the Parish also have a list of reported potholes in the Parish which is regularly chased by the Clerk. Mr Lewis also expressed his concern about the amount of water and mud on the roads in the Parish. Cllr Ashton said that the blocked drain outside the village hall had been cleaned but it is the roots of the trees that have damaged the drains, causing the flooding. Cllr Seymour said that T&W Council have allocated £9 million from the 2009/10 budget to repair the roads across the borough.

Mr Lewis said that during the recent road works in Rodington Heath a residents has had to have a soak away put in their garden and has lost trees. Cllr Seymour suggested Mr Lewis write a formal complain to her and she would take this up with T&W Highways Department.

Mr Lewis asked if there were any plans to update the play area at Rodington Village Hall. Cllr French said that T&W had recently received a grant to upgrade play areas across the borough and the Parish Council hoped to be allocated money from the grant. Mr Lewis also asked if there were any further developments on a youth pod in Rodington Village. Cllr Johnson said that the majority of residents who attended the public meeting were not in favour of a youth pod. Cllr French said that the Parish Council receive grant applications from the Village Hall Committees and would hope that they would look at improving facilities for young people in the Parish. Cllr Tudor said that local residents did offer to start a programme of events for young people for which the Parish Council could allocate some money.

Resolved: Cllr Johnson said that an article to request ideas for young people's activities would be put in the next Parish Newsletter but any developments in the Parish would need to be community led to be successful. The Councillors expressed their support for such projects.

2022/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Borough Cllr T Kiernan.

2023/00 Declaration of Interest

Nothing to declare

2024/00 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 4 February 2009 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Osborne. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

2025/00 Clerk's Report

The Clerk went through the report identifying the main points:

- The Clerk has not yet heard from T&W Planning Department regarding the appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of a first floor extension, exterior alterations and conversion of existing barn to a single detached dwelling (use class C3) with associated works at The Piggeries, Grove Lane, Rodington, Shropshire.

Resolved: Cllr Seymour to chase T&W Planning Department .

- Elizabeth Atwood, T&W Planning Officer, has confirmed that Katrina Baker, Wrekin Area Committee, will be notifying the Parish Council of the dates for the training to be undertaken by T&W Planning Department.
- T&W Planning Department Enforcement Officer is investigating the complaint received about the spot lights at the livery stables, Tern Lane, Longdon upon Tern.
- T&W Planning Department Enforcement Officer is investigating the complaint received about the bungalows at Wier Oakes, Sugden.
- The Clerk has contacted the Chief Executive's Office at T&W Council to ask that a projector is purchased on behalf of the Parish Council to enable planning applications to be viewed electronically at the meeting. To date, no response has been received from the Chief Executive.
- All outstanding potholes throughout the Parish have been reported to Cllr Kiernan who will be chasing with T&W Highways Department.
- Jaswant Sidhu, T&W Footpaths Department, will be undertaking a site visit on 6 March to look at the relocation of the bridle path through Allscot Mill Farm.
- I have received a copy of an Order of Council dated 11 February 2009 giving notice of a representation made by the Secretary of State for Justice that burials should no longer take place at St Bartholomew's Churchyard in Longdon upon

Tern. Cllr Broderick confirmed that it is the intention of St Bartholomew's Church to pass on the maintenance of the Churchyard to the Parish Council who will in turn pass on to T&W Council.

- I have received a payment for a new memorial in Rodington Cemetery for T H E Williams. The Undertaker will notify me of the date the new memorial will be erected.
- The Royal Mail has confirmed that they do not want the post box in Rodington Heath relocating to Rodington Village Hall due to security. Mr Smith from Rodington Heath has asked that the Parish Council write to the Royal Mail to agree that it is Royal Mail customers who turn their cars on his drive which has subsequently worn away the tarmac.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Royal Mail to acknowledge the difficulties Mr Smith has with cars turning on his drive.

- Cllr Kiernan has confirmed that Shawbury Parish Council is upgrading their youth pod and the old pod is free to any Council that is prepared to dismantle it.

Resolved: The cost to dismantle and re-erect the youth pod is not allocated in the Parish Council's 2009/10 budget.

- The Clerk requested that a SLCC Clerks Manual be purchased at the cost of £45 which explains the role and responsibilities of the Clerk and would give essential information needed for the Clerks role.

Resolved: Councillors agreed for the Clerk to purchase the SLCC Clerks Manual.

2026/00 Financial Statements

- Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation for the month of February 2009 showing a calculated balance of £601.24 in the Treasurers Account and £3,886.99 in the BMM Account as at 24 February 2009. The Clerk confirmed that there were two outstanding cheques for payment amounting to £59.00. A copy of the bank statement is available for consultation by members.

The Clerk also went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the month of February 2009.

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

- Accounts for Payment
The Clerk circulated a list of payments for the month of February 2009. The accounts for payment were unanimously approved, cheques signed and internet transfers agreed.

2027/00 All Planning Matters

- W2008/1343 – Erection of a single detached dwelling with detached garage (Reserved Matters application) AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED at Wharf Cottage, Longdon upon Tern, Shropshire

Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council were unable to identify from the plans if the planning application had been amended. The Parish Council object to a patio area being build over the canal line and a door which opens directly onto the canal line. It is the Parish Council's priority to protect the line of the Newport to Shrewsbury Canal.

- W2009/0113 – Erection of first floor extension to side and rear at 4 Longdon upon Tern, Shropshire.

Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council have not objections to the proposed plans.

- W2009/0175 – Erection of an attached double garage with accommodation above

Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council have expressed their concerns because of the impact on the neighbours property. They felt that the size of the new garage and accommodation above would crowd the site and the building is very close to the road.

2028/00 Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 April 2009 at 6.30pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall. Please note the usual monthly Parish Meeting will be held after the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish AGM will be held on Wednesday 6 May 2009 at Rodington Village Hall.

Resolved: The Clerk to invite Mr Michael Barker, Head of Planning at T&W Council to make a presentation at the meeting. Cllr Perkin to invite Charlotte Bone from T&W Transport Department to give an update on the Twister Bus Service.

2029/00 Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Re-instatement

Cllr French took members through the papers for the proposed developments along the canal in Longdon upon Tern received from Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Shrewsbury & Newport Canal Trust to invite them to meet with the Parish Council before the Parish AGM at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 6 May 2009.

2030/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

Cllrs Johnson and Osborne attended the SALC Wrekin Area Committee meeting. The Parish Charter was discussed and will be brought into effect from 31 March 2009.

Cllr Perkin attended the Transport Meeting and the Rodington Village Hall Committee Meeting – nothing to report on either meeting.

2031/00 Correspondence

T&W Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment has been received to review the land within Rodington Parish that is available for potential development.

Resolved: To be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting on 1 April 2009.

SALC have put together a draft proposed structure for SALC following SCC becoming a Unitary Authority, along with new Wrekin Area Committee Terms of Reference.

Requests for feedback on the draft T&W Equality and Diversity Scheme for 2008-11.

All other correspondence was placed in the black bag for circulation to members.

2032/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for Wednesday 1 April 2009 at 7.30 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall. Planning applications will be made available to view between the AGM and the usual Parish Meeting.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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