

Rodington Parish Council

Council Meeting

Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 January 2009 at Rodington Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Alison Hinks.

1096/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Vice Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

1097/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern

Cllr Johnson chaired the Parish Meeting until Cllr French arrived. She was late as she had attended the T&W Parish Forum from 6.00 pm at Civic Offices.

Cllr Broderick advised the Parish Meeting of recently reported speeding traffic through Longdon upon Tern and an accident which happened before Christmas on the hump back bridge in Longdon upon Tern.

Cllr Seymour said that she had been approach by a resident of Longdon upon Tern who did not have a kerb in front of her house and was also concerned about speeding cars through the village.

Concerns were raised that the owners of Silverdale Farm, Somerwood, have erected a 6 foot fence on the edge of agricultural land.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact T&W Planning Department to enquire about the erection of 6 foot fence on agricultural land.

The Clerk reported that Rodington Parish Council had been contacted by the T&W Head of Leisure and Culture to request a meeting to look at the play facilities in the Parish. T&W had been allocated funding to build 25 play facilities throughout the Borough over the next 2 years, targeted at 8-13 year olds. Cllr French and the Clerk have arranged to meet with T&W Council on Tuesday 20 January 2009 and will report back to members at the next Parish Meeting on 4 February 2009.

1098/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Borough Cllrs Terry Kiernan.

1099/00 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Perkin declared a personal interest in the matter of fencing being erected by the owner of Silverdale Farm, Somerwood, under matters for concern by members of the public.

2000/00 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3 December 2008

The minutes of the meeting of 3 December 2008 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Perkin and seconded by Cllr Johnson. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Vice Chairman.

2001/00 Clerk's Report

The Clerk went through the report identifying the main points:

- The planning application for the erection of a steel framed farm vehicle store at The Villa Drury Lane, Rodington (W2008/1194), has been approved by T&W Planning Department.
- To date there had been no decision on the planning application for the erection of two single storey side extensions at The Bungalow, Isombridge, Longdon upon Tern (W2008/1270).
- The Parish Council has received a planning application for the erection of a single detached dwelling with detached garage at Wharf Cottage, Longdon upon Tern (2008/1343), and the Parish Council's concerns have been forwarded to T&W Planning Department. The layout of the property includes (i) a garden terrace extending over the canal bed, (ii) a back door opening directly to the canal bed. The Parish Council believe that the plans have been drawn up with no consideration for the preservation of the canal line and would compromise the proposed restoration of the Shrewsbury to Newport Canal. Cllr Johnson said that as part of the Parish Plan research, residents of Rodington Parish said that they wanted to keep the original route of the canal if there were proposals to extend the Shrewsbury to Newport canal.

Resolved: The Clerk to forward details of the planning application for Wharf Cottage, Longdon upon Tern, to Cllr Seymour who will investigate further.

- The Parish Council have also received an amended description to a planning application for the installation of a replacement flue and new doors and windows to rear elevation and windows to front elevation at 3 Rodington Court, Rodington (W2008/0414) - no objections were raised by the Parish Council.
- W2008/0167 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 – to date no update has been received from T&W Planning Department.

- Unfortunately, Elizabeth Atwood, T&W Planning Officer is unable to attend a Rodington Parish Council meeting to discuss planning guidelines around agricultural buildings due to child care commitments.

Resolved: The Clerk to request a convenient afternoon meeting with Elizabeth Atwood and Parish Councillors.

- The clerk confirmed that outstanding pot holes in the Parish had been reported to T&W Highways Department but unfortunately to date, no updates had been received. Cllr Ashton said that some pot holes had been filled in.

Resolved: The Clerk to update the pothole progress report for the next meeting on 4 February 2009.

- The Clerk has received confirmation from Kevin Price, T&W Highways Department that they would be undertaking a site visit to Somerwood to look at the possible erection of a nameplate to assist visitors to the village.
- Jaswant Sidhu, T&W Footpaths Department has confirmed that the missing Bridleway sign post at the Rodington end of Footpath no. 6 will be replaced during the course of this financial year. Blocked footpath no. 3 from Longdon upon Tern to Allscott is still being investigated. A site visit with a contractor is taking place on Thursday 16 January 2009 to discuss a new stile for Footpath no. 16 at Longdon upon Tern.
- The Clerk confirmed that a quote has been received from Mr Roberts for the maintenance to Rodington Cemetery for 14 grass cuts throughout 2009 amounting to £938.

Resolved: The Clerk to confirm with Mr Roberts that the Parish Council agree the maintenance quote for 2009.

- The Clerk confirmed that she had now made a start on her CiLCA portfolio looking at the roles and responsibilities of the Parish Council and employments issues for the Clerks role.
- The Clerk confirmed that she had received a progress report from Stuart Freeman, T&W Highways Department regarding the proposed SIDs SLA. Unfortunately, T&W Highways Department are unable to confirm that the scheme will be in operation in 2009/10 and are unable to give definite costings.

Resolved: The Clerk to forward Cllr Seymour details of the SIDs Programme proposed at the joint T&W Highways Department and Rural Parishes meeting on 20 October 2008.

- Following recent discussions with Martyn Withnall, T&W Transport Department, regarding the suggested change through Rodington to the route of the 519 bus service, T&W Transport Department have received confirmation that Arriva do not want to change the route of the 512 bus service. Arriva were very concerned as the service is well used from Marlbrook Way and they feel that the Parish

Council proposals will isolate passengers in Roden. They also feel that the road is unsuitable.

- The Clerk confirmed that she has written to the Collections Planning Manager at the Royal Mail in Shrewsbury to advise that the Parish Council would like the post box in Rodington Heath to remain in its current location and the post box located at the end of Drury Lane in Somerwood to be moved back to its original location. To date, no response has been received. An update will be given at the next Parish Council meeting on 4 February 2009.

Resolved: The Clerk to also chase the Royal Mail regarding the relocation of the post box in Londgon upon Tern.

- The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone message from Cllr Aiden, Atcham Parish Council, complimenting Rodington Parish Council's Newsletter which was sent to him by Cllr Ashton. Cllr Aiden was very impressed with the standard of the newsletter and said that 'Atcham Parish Council have a long way to go to reach this standard'.
- Caroline Oakes, T&W Locality Manager for Newport and Rural Areas, will be attending the next Rodington Parish Council meeting on 4 February 2009 to give a presentation about the Parish Charter and give the Parish Council the opportunity to discuss the Charter in order for members to endorse it and sign up to the Charter by the end March 2009. This meeting has been arranged for 7.00 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Caroline Oakes to request a copy of the draft Parish Charter and circulate to Councillors to read before the next Parish Council meeting on 4 February 2009.

- The Clerk is to attend the next SLCC Branch Meeting arranged for Saturday 17 January 2009 at Shrewsbury Town Football Club. Alan Fairchild MBE will be attending to give a presentation on cemetery management, finance, audit and an update on the Society. Also on the agenda is the ever popular 'talking shop', where Members' Indemnity against breaches in the Code of Conduct will also be discussed.
- Cllrs Broderick, Johnson and Osborne to represent Rodington Parish Council at the next Rural Forum arranged for 21 January 2009 at Edgmond Village Hall. The Leader of T&W Council; Councillor Andrew Eade, Councillor Adrian Lawrence and the Corporate Director of Resources will be giving presentations and will join in on a questions and answers session on the T&W Council's budget proposals for 2009/10 and 2010/11.

2002/00 Financial Statements

- Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation for the month of December 2008 showing a calculated balance of £336.24 in the Treasurers Account and £5,686.30 in the BMM Account as at 31 December 2008. The Clerk confirmed

that there was one outstanding cheque for payment amounting to £31.00. 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 December 2008.

The accounts were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Perkin, 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 December 2008. The accounts for payment were unanimously approved, cheques signed and internet transfers agreed.
- Parish Precept 2009/10
The Clerk went through the suggested Precept for 2009/10 showing a projected annual spend of £8,958 and suggested a request for a 5% increase to the 2009/10 precept amounting to £9,292. The Clerk confirmed that as at 31 December 2008 the Parish Council 2008/09 budget had a projected underspend of £2,573. Cllr Johnson suggested that the 2008/09 underspend be carried forward to the 2009/10 budget as contingency, giving a 1/3 contingency for the Parish Council's overall running costs.

Cllr French pointed out that if the Parish Council was successfully chosen as an area to receive funding for new children's play equipment, a maintenance budget would have to be built into the annual base budget.

Cllr Perkin informed Councillors of a young person from Rodington who was currently training to swim in the 2012 Olympics, who could benefit from a grant from the Parish Council. The Chair confirmed that all grant requests would be discussed and agreed at the next Parish Meeting on 4 February 2009.

Resolved: Cllr Perkins to invite the family to put forward a request for a grant to support the training programme of this young person in Rodington. The Clerk to check the Section 137 rules regarding grants to individuals. The Clerk to also check if an email has been received from Longdon upon Tern Village Hall Committee for a grant proposal for £1,000 towards maintenance of the Village Hall.

Cllr Broderick proposed the request to T&W Council for a 5% increase to the 2009/10 Precept and the proposal that the 2008/09 budget underspend to be carried forward to the 2009/10 financial year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Johnson and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to complete and return the Precept documentation to T&W Council by 31 January 2009.

2003/00 All Planning Matters

Dealt with under item 2001/00 – Clerk’s Report.

20041089/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors

Cllrs French attended T&W Parish Forum which discussed T&W Budget for 2009/10 and also electronic planning applications. It was noted that Town & Parish Councils would have to have specialist equipment to view planning applications on-line at monthly meetings.

2005/00 Correspondence

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

2006/00 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for Wednesday 4 February 7.30 pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall. Please note that Caroline Oaks, Telford & Wrekin Council Locality Manager for Rural Areas will be attending from 7.00 pm to give a presentation on the Parish Charter. Planning applications will be made available to view from 6.30 pm. Planning applications will be made available to view from 6.30 pm.

As the business of the meeting had been concluded the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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