

# **Rodington Parish Council**

## **Council Meeting**

**Minutes of Rodington Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2009 at Rodington Village Hall upon the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.**

**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.

### **2046/00 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

### **2047/00 Public Session and Matters of Concern**

Dennis Rogers, Shrewsbury to Newport Canal Trust attended the meeting to present to members the Trust's proposals for the canal developments in Longdon upon Tern. It was emphasised that the development is a community housing project to enhance the local community and developers private funding could help to pay for the renovation of the aqueduct and bridge. Private funding is yet to be secured.

Cllr French asked about the initial plans to develop this area as a marina basin. Mr Rogers said that this would have meant a detour from the original canal line and RPC had specifically requested to maintain the original line of the canal, as much as possible. Cllr French pointed out that the land behind the Taylour Arms would be better positioned for moorings. Cllr French said that there was concerns from a local farmer that the proposed housing would cut off fields on his farm and the amount of houses proposed were treble the size of the village, having implications on current amenities in the village. Cllr Broderick pointed out that current T&W planning regulations could cause problems for housing developments in this area. Mr Rogers said that the land in questions was identified as part of the T&W land development plan. There were also proposals to take advantage of tourism by building a shop and a visitor's centre. Cllr French said that the community in Longdon upon Tern do not want the area regenerated. Cllr Osborne said that the proposed development of 60 houses would not be acceptable and an alternative plan would be need to be resubmitted. Mr Rogers said the Canal Trust would not be moving forward with plans to develop the canal in Longdon upon Tern within the next 5 years but the proposals submitted were a starting point. It would be difficult to convince the local authority the need for development and an Enabling Policy was needed in the LDF.

Cllr Johnson asked if a survey had been carried out on the aqueduct. Mr Rogers is in the process of approaching a structural engineer to do this. Cllr Johnson said that as part of the Parish Plan local residents had said that they support the development canal but the current proposals could change this. Cllr Osborne requested that an alternative plan be presented to the Parish Council.

Cllr Seymour informed the meeting of the recent resignation of the T&W Chief Executive, Steve Wellings.

### 2048/00 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Borough Cllr T Kiernan.

### 2049/00 Declaration of Interest

Nothing to declare.

### 2050/00 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 1 April 2009 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Perkin. The proposals were unanimously approved and the minutes accordingly signed by the Chairman.

### 2051/00 Clerk's Report

- All outstanding planning applications are listed below:

Application No.	Applicant	Description	RPC Response	Committee Outcome
Type	Correspondence details	Location	Date needed by T&W	Date
Date	Committee/Delegated	Planning Officer		
W2009/0113 Full Planning 06 FEB 2009	Mr Pete Crump  Mr Richard Little 14 Woodside Drive Radbrook Shrewsbury SY3 9BW  Delegated	Erection of a first floor extension to side and rear  4, Longdon-On-Tern, Shropshire  Elizabeth Attwood 380380	The Parish Council have not objections to the proposed plans.	Decision unknown
W2009/0175 Full Planning 24 FEB 2009	Mr & Mrs Knowles  The Ellerdine Partnership Ms Jacqueline Bleach Heath House, Middle Lane Cold Hatton Heath Telford TF6 6QA  Delegated	Erection of a attached double garage with accommodation above  Coppice House, Rodington, Shropshire  Elizabeth Attwood 380380	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.	Withdrawn
W2009/0205 Full Planning	Mr Keith Leeke  Lawnside Lower Road Harmer Hill SHREWSBURY SY 3QX  Delegated	Erection of two storey front extension, replacing existing front porch and bay window  The Old Rectory, Rodington Heath, Rodington  Elizabeth Attwood 380380	No objections	Approved
W2009/0243 Full Planning	Mr Emrys Rowlands Thornhill Road The Mount SHREWSBURY SY3 8YE  Delegated	Erection of a single storey extension to rear  Pelistry, Rodington Heath, Shropshire  Tom Lewis 380380	No objections	Decision unknown
W2009/0211 Full Planning	South West Law Ltd 1 Hide Market West Street	Siting of static caravan, one touring caravan and two sheds	The Parish Council expressed concerns as the area is a green field site	Decision unknown

	Bristol BS2 0BH	5 Marsh Green, Rodington, Shropshire	and will extend Marsh Green which has been protected against development. There are no shops within the vicinity and there is no transport available for children to get to School	
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- T&W Planning Department Enforcement Officer has visited the livery stables, Tern Lane, Longdon upon Tern regarding the recent complaint about the floodlights but is unable to see the problem and has requested more details.
- T&W Planning Department Enforcement Officer has visited Wier Oakes, Sugden regarding the recent complaint. The construction of the new building is still in the process of being completed and the Enforcement Officer will visit again to ensure compliance to the conditions of the planning application.
- All outstanding potholes throughout the Parish have been reported to Cllr Kiernan who will be chasing any outstanding potholes with T&W Highways Department.
- The Clerk has reported to Jaswant Sidhu, T&W Footpaths Department, the moved footpath at Isombridge Farm, Isombridge. To date, no response has been received.
- Jaswant Sidhu is in the process of following up the plans to adopt the lane in Somerwood as a public right of way. The Clerk also reported the building rubble that had been dumped along this lane to T&W Highway Maintenance Department.
- Play Area in Rodington - John Stevens, T&W Play Area Management and Development Officer, who has been notified by a local resident that there is an issue with flooding in the vicinity of the play equipment at Rodington. This flooding was caused by tree roots causing a problem with the drainage pipes and has now been fixed by Severn Trent.
- T&W Council have contract the Clerk about the proposed planting of fruit trees within the Parish. The Parish Council need to identify land within the parish available and commit to purchasing some of the fruit trees and T&W Council pick up the maintenance of the trees. It is proposed that local residents are consulted, particularly the younger people in the parish, to get involved with the planting, which is expected around October 2009. The Clerk will update when more details are known.
- The Clerk will be attending a SALC Community Engagement training event on 13 May 2009 at Civic Offices and will report back to the next Parish Meeting on 3 June 2009.
- The Clerk has received a request for equestrian grazing land in the areas of Rodington, Longdon on Tern, and surrounding areas.
- **Resolved: The Clerk to inform that Cllr Tudor is aware of some land that may be available.**

- T&W Council will be formally taking over the maintenance of St Bartholomews Churchyard. The arrangement will be that the Church Warden will contact T&W Council when needed.

## 2052/00 Financial Statements

- **Bank Reconciliation and Spreadsheet**  
The Clerk went through the bank reconciliation from 1 April until 5 May 2009 which is laid out in a new format, showing a calculated balance of £7,823.29. The Clerk confirmed two outstanding cheques for payment amounting to £38.00. A copy of the bank statement is available to members.
- The Clerk also went through the RPC Income and Expenditure spreadsheet for the month of April 2009 showing:
  - total income of £4,865.46
  - total expenditure of £585.56
  - VAT reimbursement of £52.03
- The Clerk circulated a list of payments and transfers for April 2009. Again this is shown in a new layout and outlined below. All payment and transfers were authorised by Cllr French and Cllr Osborne:

### Authorised Bank Transfer from Treasures Account to BMM Account

Date	Drawn From	Bank Reference	Amount
05.05.09	BMM	IBP	4500.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£4500.00</b>

### Authorised Cheque Payments from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
05.05.09	NALC	100065	13.50
05.05.09	Telford & Wrekin Council	100066	18.21
05.05.09	Post Office Ltd	100067	42.20
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£73.91</b>

### Authorised Internet Bank Transfers from Treasures Account

Date	Payee	Bank Reference	Amount
05.05.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	169.30
05.05.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	15.27
05.05.09	Alison Hinks	IBP	34.48
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£219.05</b>

- The accounts, including the new layouts, 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.
- **Grant Request**  
Unfortunately, a resent request for grant monies will have to be turned down as Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 does not allow payments of grants to individuals.

- **2008/09 Year End Account**

The Clerk circulated the details for the 2008/09 year end accounts which will now be forwarded to the internal auditor for consideration along with other documentation as requested.

- **2009/10 Insurance Renewal**

The new insurance schedule needs to include an extra notice board.

**Resolved: The Clerk to update the insurance schedule in line with the Asset Register.**

### **2053/00 All Planning Matters**

- W2009/0343 – Installation of 2no. solar panels on the side roof slope of property at 2 Drury Lane, Rodington.

**Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council has no objections to the proposed plans.**

- W2009/0285 – Erection of an agricultural building at lad at Sugden Farm, Sugden

**Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council has no objections to the proposed plans.**

W2009/0344 - Erection of a porch/covered way to rear (Retrospective) at 2, Drury Lane, Rodington, Shropshire.

**Resolved: The Clerk to report to T&W Planning Department that the Parish Council has no objections to the proposed plans.**

- Update from Cllr Seymour on W2009/0211 - Siting of static caravan, one touring caravan and two sheds at 5 Marsh Green, Rodington, Shropshire. Following a case put forward to T&W Planning Board, a site visit is to take place and Environment Health and the Environment Agency are to put together a report for next Planning Board.

### **2054/00 T&W Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

Cllr French informed the meeting of the land put forward for development in Rodington. Members were advised that this information was available to view on T&W Website.

### **2055/00 Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

Cllr French informed the meeting that the report highlights that Rodington PC has less maintenance, disabled access and rights of ways than some of the other Parish Councils.

**Resolved: The Clerk to refer Jaswant Sidhu to this report.**

### **2056/00 Update of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the update of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was a recommendation in the 2008/09 External Auditors Report.

**Resolved: The Clerk to contact SALC to clarify the upper limits for tender applications.**

### **2057/00 Risk Assessments**

The Clerk informed the meeting that risk assessments for activities undertaken by the Rodington PC was a recommendation in the 2008/09 External Auditors Report. All risk assessments need to be reviewed annually.

### **2058/00 T&W Freephones within the Parish**

The Clerk informed the meeting of recent correspondence asking Rodington PC for their views on a T&W Freephone within a secure building in the Parish. This would enable residents to contact T&W Council departments free of charge. Councillors were not in favour of having a T&W Freephone within the Parish but suggested a poster to advertise the freephone number should be displayed on all Parish noticeboards.

**Resolved: The Clerk to request Freephone Information posters for all noticeboards.**

### **2059/00 Code of Conduct Training**

The Clerk informed the meeting of recent correspondence receiving regarding proposals for future Code of Conduction Training.

**Resolved: The Clerk to respond to T&W Council that Rodington PC would be interested in Personal and Prejudicial Interests training and Register of Interest training.**

### **2060/00 Reports on Meetings Attended by Members and Ward Councillors**

Nothing to report.

### **2061/00 Correspondence**

TWS Review Meeting to be attended by Cllr Osborne.

Rural Forum arranged for 10.06.09 to be attended by Cllr Johnson

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

### **2062/00 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Rodington Parish Council is arranged for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 June 2009 at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall.

The business of the meeting was concluded and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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