

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on the 6th July 2010
commencing at 7.00 p.m.

154/10 PRESENT

Councillors P Smart (Chairman), P H Durling (Vice-Chairman), C S J Harrison, G I Moore, J Smart, M J Smith, S Thomas and A Twyford.

Also present: C Potts – Clerk.

155/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Councillors R K Austin, R G Dickens, M D Grindrod, W A M McClements, R R Plenderleith and L M Wilkes.

156/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor G I Moore declared a prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 11, Hadley Regeneration Consultation, due to her role as manager of Hadley Under and Over 5s Nursery which operates a charity shop from a unit in the Hadley Centre.

157/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

P C Jenny Nally, Cllr Karen Blundell and 1 member of the public were present.

Mr Oliver Healey spoke on the subject of the Regeneration of Hadley Centre and stated that the proposals would cause disruption to traders, would cause traffic and parking problems particularly relating to deliveries to the proposed supermarket, and would cause noise pollution affecting residents.

The Council agreed to hear comments from Councillor Moore in respect of the regeneration consultation under the terms of Paragraph 12(2) of the code of conduct when that item in the agenda was reached.

PC Nally commented on the success of the Village Green Fun Day and thanked the Parish Council for staging the event. Councillor Harrison informed PC Nally of issues relating to groups of teenagers being abusive to people attending evening programmes at Hadley Learning Community.

158/10 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 1st June 2010 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

159/10 MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 15TH JUNE 2010

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 15th June 2010.

RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and adopted.

160/10 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported the following:

- Renewed concerns about the future of Haybridge Hall. The Chairman had contacted the Director of Housing of Wrekin Housing Trust who had assured her that there were no plans affecting Haybridge Hall at the present time.

- An enquiry by a former councillor relating to concessionary bus travel for senior citizens. Free travel is only available under the scheme after 9.00 a.m., and this impacts on elderly people who need to attend appointments at the Princess Royal Hospital early in a morning when significant travel costs can be incurred. The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Borough Council to pass on these concerns and to ask that a review of the scheme takes place to consider how those affected could be assisted.

161/10 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH

There were no reports.

PLANNING

162/10 Applications for consideration

RESOLVED that the undermentioned applications be dealt with as follows:

1. TWC2010/0253 & 0264 – erection of a conservatory (full planning and listed building applications), Hadley Park Windmill, Hadley Park, Telford – object on the grounds that the proposal is contrary to saved policy HE16 of the Wrekin Local Plan (Alterations and additions to listed buildings). The proposed addition of a conservatory to this unique listed building is completely out of character with the appearance and setting of the building, and would adversely affect its essential form, character and special interest. The addition is not considered to be necessary in the interests of the long term survival of the building.

2. TWC2010/0268 & 0269 – retention of an ATM (full planning and advertisement applications), Spar, Leegomery Centre, Pool Farm Avenue, Leegomery, Telford – no objection.

163/10 Permissions granted (for information only)

NOTED that Telford & Wrekin Council has granted permission in respect of the following:

TWC2010/0094 – display of 1 No. internally illuminated pole mounted display unit, Trench Lock 24/7 Fuel & Shop, Trench Lock, Telford.

164/10 Public speaking at Plans Board Meetings

The Council received information about the introduction of public speaking at Telford & Wrekin Council Plans Board meetings. The Council is required to authorise a member or officer to speak on its behalf whenever it wishes to take advantage of this facility. The Clerk can be authorised to represent the Council at any time, but members will need to be authorised for specific applications.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to represent the Council at meetings of the Borough Council Plans Board, and that the Council will in future, when considered appropriate, authorise a member to represent the Council at the relevant Plans Board meeting whenever it requests a referral to the Plans board under the green card procedure.

165/10 TWC2010/0133&0134 (2 dwellings and demolition of section of listed wall at Apley Castle) - authorisation to speak on behalf of the Council at Plans Board.

RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council will speak on behalf of the Council at the relevant meeting of the Plans Board in respect of the above applications.

166/10 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

NOTED that the Borough Council has made a Tree Preservation Order in respect of one mature Oak tree and three Lime trees situated to the side and rear of 8 Greenfinch Close, Apley, Telford, and confirmed a Tree Preservation Order made on the 26th November 2009 in respect of one Oak tree situated at 74 Hadley Park Road, Hadley, Telford

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council received a report which included a bank reconciliation to 31st May 2010.

167/10 RESOLVED that the report be approved and that the following expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council under the terms of Financial Regulation 3.4 is ratified:

| Amount <u>excl. VAT</u> | Details |
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| £23.00 | Sage (UK) Ltd – payslips for use with payroll software (<i>s.111 LGA 1972</i>) |
| £144.15 | PP Electrical - Replace faulty hand dryer, toilets CFCC (<i>s.19, Local Govt. (Misc. Provns.) Act 1976</i>) |

168/10 Guaranteed Investment Account maturity

RESOLVED that on maturity of the Council's Co-operative Bank Guaranteed Investment Account on the 8th July the sum of £25,000.00 is withdrawn from that account and transferred to the Public Sector Reserve Account; that the resulting balance of the Guaranteed Investment Account of £175,913.51, plus interest accrued to the date of maturity, is re-invested in the Guaranteed Investment Account for a further three month term at the rate currently quoted of 0.59% p.a. (noting that this rate is subject to fluctuation between now and the 8th July); and that the Council confirms that the investment is within the terms of the Council's Investment Policy.

169/10 Payments

Councillor P H Durling had verified against invoices etc. the cheques to be drawn and payments to be made.

RESOLVED that

(i) the drawing of cheques numbered 301621 to 301640 and payment of direct debits in favour of Edf Energy, UK Fuels Ltd, and Neopost Ltd., totaling £6517.93 and as detailed in the approval list contained in the report, is authorised

(ii) Councillors J Smart and M J Smith are authorised to sign the cheques to be drawn with the exception of cheque number 301634 for which authorisation is given to Councillors P Smart and J Smart to sign.

170/10 HADLEY CENTRE REGENERATION CONSULTATION

The Council considered the Hadley Centre regeneration proposals which have been published for consultation.

Councillor G I Moore, having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, spoke under the provisions of paragraph 12(2) of the council's Code of Conduct and left the room immediately afterwards. Councillor Moore stated that the Hadley Under and Over 5s charity shop which had been set up to generate funds for the maintenance of the nursery had become a valuable community facility with 50-70 visitors daily and up to 120 on market days. It provided an affordable place for local people to purchase items. She felt that the shop should be retained in the new centre for these reasons.

Councillor Moore left the room at this point.

A discussion took place and the following points were raised:

- Consideration should be given for First Point and Wrekin Housing Trust sharing a unit
- Provision needed to be built in at the planning stage for appropriate infrastructure for floral and lighting displays
- Concerns that the proposals did not include provision for the launderette or charity shop
- The supermarket must be willing to incorporate the Post Office into its premises
- The sustainability of businesses during construction works
- Lack of a High Street focus

It was proposed that a further meeting be requested with Borough Council Estates & Investment officers to seek answers to these questions and to clarify what amendments would be feasible in order to bring forward an acceptable proposal.

RESOLVED that the Council defers making its response to the consultation to a later meeting of the Council, and that the Clerk is instructed to arrange a meeting with the two Borough Council officers responsible for the scheme to answer questions and clarify options available, to take place at Castle Farm Community Centre during a weekday daytime.

171/10 PARISH WARD REVIEW

The Council was informed that the Borough Council has now issued draft proposals for a review of the warding arrangements of the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Ward in accordance with proposals put forward by the Parish Council. The Parish Council had been asked to confirm its agreement to the proposed changes.

The proposals are that the present Hadley and Leegomery Parish Ward be divided into three parish wards – the Hadley Castle, Hadley Manor and Leegomery parish wards – for the purposes of elections to the parish council; that the ward boundaries be as outlined in the maps previously confirmed by the Parish Council (minute 416/09); that there should be four councillors for each of the new parish wards, and that the commencement for these new arrangements would be the next ordinary elections of parish councillors in the Borough. The resulting number of electors in each new ward would be approximately: Hadley Manor – 2,543; Hadley Castle – 2,460 and Leegomery – 2,584, with the existing Apley Castle parish ward having 2,390 electors unaffected by these proposals.

RESOLVED that the Council confirms its agreement to the published proposals for the revision of warding arrangements in the Hadley and Leegomery Parish Ward.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

172/10 Grant application for improvements to the Village Green

The Chairman outlined proposals for the submission of an application for a grant from SITA Trust under the Landfill Communities Fund scheme to fund environmental improvements to Hadley Village Green to include new seating, lighting, bins, pathway resurfacing and planting schemes. Quotations and specifications will need to be obtained to quantify the sum required, which it is estimated will be in excess of £10,000.00. The next round of grant applications will begin in January, with decisions communicated in May. Under the terms of the scheme the Council would need to contribute 11.5% of the grant sum, and provisions would therefore need to be made in the budget for 2011/12 for this.

RESOLVED that the Council will submit an application to SITA Trust under its larger grants scheme to fund improvements to Hadley Village Green as outlined above, the detail to be confirmed once quotations and specifications are available, and that the Council will include provision for its required contribution in its budget for 2011/12.

173/10 Planting on Perry Way – deterring anti-social behaviour

The Chairman reported the outcome of negotiations with the Borough Council in respect of the provision of a suitable fence on a section of Perry Way to the rear of new properties in The Nettlefolds, Hadley. This is intended to deter anti-social behaviour currently affecting those properties and the Parish Council is asked to confirm that it will provide suitable plants and/or shrubs to create a screen against the fence.

RESOLVED that the purchase of ivy and clematis plants at a cost of £61.88 be authorised, and that the Council will also fund the purchase of three Sorbus trees, the cost of which is yet to be confirmed, all to be planted along the fence referred to above, the cost of planting to be met by the Borough Council. (*s.31, Local Government & Rating Act 1997*).

174/10 Litter and dog waste bins

RESOLVED that

(i) the budget provision for Environmental Improvements be increased by £1060.00 to be vired from the contingency budget provision to permit expenditure on additional litter/dog waste bins at a cost of £265.00 per bin as required throughout the year;

(ii) authorization is given for the provision of two new litter/dog waste bins – one at Near Vallens, Hadley, and one at Hadley Park Road, Hadley; the bin at Hadley Park Road to be purchased at a cost of £265.00, and the bin at Near Vallens to be provided by transferring a bin from another location; both bins to be installed by and serviced by Telford & Wrekin Council in partnership. (*ss. 5 & 6 Litter Act 1983*).

175/10 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Council considered what issues or services it could put forward to be included in the next Borough Council scrutiny work programme.

RESOLVED that the Council will suggest the following for inclusion in the next Borough Council scrutiny work programme:

Review the concessionary travel scheme for senior citizens in respect of the start time, currently 9.00 a.m. which results in senior citizens who need to travel to the Princess Royal Hospital for early appointments incurring significant costs, with a view to an exemption for those traveling to the hospital or some other means of allowing the concessions to apply to such travel.

176/10 SUMMER RECESS – DELEGATED POWERS (s.101, Local Government Act 1972)

RESOLVED that delegated authority is granted to the Clerk, and in the event of his absence the Administrator deputising for the Clerk, to make decisions on behalf of the Council and to take actions as necessary in respect of matters of an urgent nature during the summer recess period 7th July 2010 to 7th September 2010, such decisions and actions to be subject to consultation with the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of the Council as appropriate. (*s.101 LGA 1972*).

177/10 LICENSING ACT 2003 - AGE VERIFICATION POLICY FOR CASTLE FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLVED that a draft Age Verification Policy to meet the requirements of an additional mandatory condition being applied to Premises Licences in issue that will come in to force on the 1st October 2010, as submitted to the Council, is approved and adopted by the Council.

178/10 TELFORD AND WREKIN DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY 2010 - 2013 CONSULTATION

The Council was informed that the above draft strategy is about all aspects of housing in Telford & Wrekin covering a three year period 2010 – 2013. It has been approved for consultation by the Borough Council's cabinet and comments are required by August 6th. In view of timescales and the summer recess it was

RESOLVED that members should submit any comments they wish to make to the Clerk, and the Clerk will collate comments received and respond on behalf of the Council.

179/10 MEETINGS, CONFERENCES ETC.

The Council **NOTED** the dates and times of the following:

- Hadley area People's Partnership (HaPPi) meeting – Thursday 8th July 2010 at 12.00 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Hadley
- Telford & Wrekin Council Mayor's Civic service – 11.00 a.m. Sunday 18th July 2010 at St Peter's Church, Priorslee.
- Meeting for all Parish & Town Council Clerks and Councillors - an opportunity to discuss the working relationship between local councils and with Telford & Wrekin Council. It is proposed that this meeting takes place on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 7.00p.m., at Progress House, Stirchley.
- Wrekin Area Committee (WAC) – Wednesday 1st September 2010 at 7.00 p.m., venue to be confirmed.

180/10 NEXT CYCLE OF MEETINGS

The Council **NOTED** the dates of the following meetings:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and General Purposes Committee • Council | <p>20th July 2010 7th September 2010</p> |
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The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.