

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on the 5th April 2011
commencing at 7.00 p.m.

08/11 PRESENT

Councillors P Smart (Chairman), P H Dickens (Vice-Chairman), E J Austin, R K Austin, R G Dickens, M D Grindrod, C S J Harrison, W A M McClements, G I Moore, R R Plenderleith, J Smart, S Thomas, A Twyford and L M Wilkes.

Also present: C Potts – Clerk of the Council.

09/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED that apologies are accepted from Councillor M J Smith.

10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

11/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present together with PC Bellamy of the Hadley and Local Policing Team.

POLICING

PC Bellamy reported that police are carrying out regular patrols 24 hours a day at present to monitor the situation relating to recent events in the Leegomery area.

BUS SERVICES

Mrs Harper asked for the Council's support in taking action to persuade Arriva Midlands to re-instate a recently cancelled section of the No. 25 bus route. This matter was included in the agenda at a later item and the council **resolved** to alter the order of business in order to deal with it at this point.

The Council heard that the bus operator (Arriva Midland) had changed the route of the No. 25 service at the beginning of this year so that it now terminates at the Princess Royal Hospital before starting its return route via Hadley to Telford Town Centre. Previously the service had continued to Wellington, traveling along North Road and Bridge Road thereby providing a link with shops on the west side of Wellington. This had been invaluable to elderly people living in the area around the northern end of Hadley Park Road, being their only bus link of any description. Mrs Harper and Cllr. Austin confirmed that the matter has been raised at the last Bus User Group meeting but no progress has been made. The Council considered what action it could take and

RESOLVED

- to write to Morrisons supermarket and to Wellington Town Council emphasizing the loss of business to Wellington and to Morrisons in particular that the reduction in service will have caused and asking that those bodies write to Arriva supporting the request for action to reinstate the cancelled section of the service on two days per week, for two or three journey's on each day
- to write to Arriva Midland setting out the case for a limited service on the cancelled section of the No.25 route on two days per week
- to request Telford & Wrekin Council to continue to press Arriva Midland take the above action.

12/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 1st March 2011 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

13/11 I CAN 2 PROJECT

The Council received a presentation by Eric Swanborough, the Operations Manager of the I can 2 project, on proposals to establish a new youth club in Leegomery catering for disabled young people. Mr Swanborough talked about the success of the I can 2 project which provides leisure activities for disabled young people. The proposal is for a youth club/activity club for juniors with disabilities in the Hadley/Leegomery catchment area, for one night a week over the next 12 months. The set up costs and the cost of 2 members of staff and room hire for the period would be £3000.00. It is also planned to have 2 or 3 volunteers helping. The project will be run by a voluntary group called DISKS-TELFORD.

A report by the Clerk had confirmed that the Council could, if it wished to do so, provide such support using its powers under section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, and that any sum agreed would require an adjustment to the Youth Provision Budget by viring the required sum from the general fund reserve.

RESOLVED that the Council will make a grant of £3,000.00 to DISKS-TELFORD for the purpose of establishing and operating a youth club provision for disabled young people to be based at Leegomery Centre, subject to confirming that this group is formally constituted; and that the sum of £3,000.00 is to be vired from the General Fund Reserve to the Youth Provision budget heading for this purpose.

14/11 MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 15TH MARCH 2011

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 15th March 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and adopted.

15/11 MINUTES OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 28TH MARCH 2011

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on the 28th March 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and adopted.

The Chairman referred to minute 519/10 and asked that the Council's thanks are passed to all members of staff for their commitment and hard work for the Council.

16/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported the following:

- An invitation to all members to attend the St. George's Concert to be held at Hadley Methodist Church on the 16th April
- Many compliments received about the new Parish boundary and gateway signs

17/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH

The council received a report following attendance by the Clerk at a meeting of the Markets Steering Group held on the 18th March.

PLANNING

19/11 Applications for consideration

RESOLVED that no objection be made in respect of the following:

1. TWC/2011/0155 – proposed tree works at 2 Goshawk Drive, Apley, Telford.
2. TWC/2010/0159 – erection of a side extension for a single garage, 43 Kingfisher Way, Apley, Telford.
3. TWC/2010/0160 – application for prior notification under part 24 of the GPDO for erection of a 15m high telecommunications monopole with 6 antennae and equipment cabinet, Hortonwood 30, Hortonwood, Telford.
4. TWC/2010/0166 – erection of a part two storey rear and first floor side extensions, 7 Woodpecker Close, Leegomery, Telford.

20/11 Permissions granted (for information only)

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

1. TWC/2010/0421 – erection of part single part two storey extension at rear to provide further living accommodation, 4 Cavell Close, Apley, Telford.
2. TWC/2011/0023 – three storey office building and re-cladding of north and east elevations of existing workshop following demolition of existing office annex, portakabin office and cycle store, Hadley Castle Works, Hadley, Telford.

21/11 Permissions refused (for information only)

NOTED that Telford & Wrekin Council has notified the following:

1. Refusal of certificate of lawful use – 40 Castle Street, Hadley, Telford, re: change of use to hot food takeaway, alterations and refurbishment to shop fronts and demolition of existing fish and chip shop and abattoir building.

22/11 Notice of Appeal

The Council was informed that notice has been received of an appeal against the Borough Council's decision to refuse permission in respect of the following:

TWC/2010/0585 – change of use from van rental storage facility to used car sales area, 42 High Street, Hadley, Telford.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's statement to the Plans Board in respect of this application is submitted to the Planning Inspector together with photographic evidence of the impact made on the local area by a previous business of the same type operated on the site.

23/11 Appeal decision

The Council received a notice confirming that an appeal against the borough council's decision to refuse permission in respect of the following has been dismissed:

TWC/2010/0133 (planning) and TWC/2010/0134 (listed building) – erection of 2 No. dwellings with demolition of 2.6m section of wall to allow vehicular access, Watkins Nursery, Apley Castle, Telford.

Councillors noted that the Planning Inspector was not only of the opinion that the appeal subject would have compromised the setting of the listed wall but also that the larger scheme for which consent had been granted for 18 dwellings within the walled garden, together with demolition of part

of the wall, would also compromise its setting and the report implied that this consent too should have been refused. The Parish Council had objected to that application on heritage grounds, and it was proposed and

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the Chief Executive of Telford & Wrekin Council expressing the Parish Council's grave concern over the decision to grant consent, and in particular the content of the reports to Plans Board which recommended approval of the scheme and failed to protect this heritage asset.

FINANCIAL REPORT

24/11 Bank reconciliation and expenditure for ratification

The Council received a report which included a bank reconciliation to 28th February 2011.

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:

<u>Amount excl. VAT</u>	<u>Details</u>
£44.90	Staff Mileage Claim C Potts Nov – Mch
£52.08	Staff Mileage claim C Henderson – Apr 2010 – Mch 2011 (<i>ss.111 & 214 LGA 1972</i>)
£46.26	Came and Company – additional insurance premium re: increase in sums insured under Council Insurance Policy – Fidelity Guarantee increased by £20,000.00 to £335,000.00, office contents increased by £3367.68 to £8,000.00. (<i>s.114 LGA 1972</i>)
£36.00	AVG Technologies – renewal of antivirus protection for office Computers (<i>s.111 LGA 1972</i>)

25/11 Guaranteed Investment Account renewal

RESOLVED that the sum of £50,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Co-operative Bank Public Sector Reserve account to its Guaranteed Investment Account and that the resulting balance of the Guaranteed Investment Account of £201,725.78 plus interest due to the 7th April is reinvested for a three month period.

26/11 Payments

Councillors J Smart and R R Plenderleith had verified against invoices etc. the cheques to be drawn and payments to be made.

RESOLVED that the drawing of cheques numbered 301894 to 301918 and payment of direct debits in favour of TalkTalk Business, Severn Trent Water and Neopost Ltd., all payments totaling £9205.14 as detailed in approval lists contained in the report, is authorised; and that Councillors R G Dickens and J Smart are authorised to sign the cheques to be drawn.

27/11 ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Council reviewed its Annual Investment Strategy and

RESOLVED that the Annual Investment Strategy for 2011/12 as submitted be approved.

28/11 £££S FOR PROJECTS GRANT AGREEMENT

RESOLVED that Councillors R G Dickens and R R Plenderleith are authorised to sign on behalf of the Council an agreement in respect of a grant of £800.00 for Hadley Youth Café to be received from the Telford & Wrekin Council £££s for projects scheme.

29/11 STREET PARTIES

The Council **received** the response of Telford & Wrekin Council to the Parish Council's representations in respect of conditions attaching to applications for road closures for street parties. The Parish Council's comments had been taken account of.

RESOLVED that the response is accepted.

30/11 CONSULTATION – REVIEW OF CONDITIONS OF LICENCE FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

The Council was informed of a consultation by Telford & Wrekin Council on a review of conditions of licence for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licences. The Council was of the view that it was not sufficiently knowledgeable on the technical aspects of taxi licensing to be able to respond effectively.

31/11 TELFORD AND WREKIN COUNCIL – CHANGES TO TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Council received **for information** details of changes planned by Telford & Wrekin Council to transport services in Telford and Wrekin.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

32/11 DRAFT CCTV POLICY

RESOLVED that a draft policy to cover the operation and use of the CCTV system installed at Castle Farm Community Centre is adopted as submitted.

33/11 RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (ALC)

RESOLVED that renewal of the Council's subscription to the Association of Local Councils for Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin for 2011/12 in the sum of £1619.20 is authorised.

34/11 PARISH BOUNDARY SIGNS

NOTED that Telford & Wrekin Council has now confirmed that it will contribute the sum of £500.00 towards the boundary sign scheme for the Parish as previously proposed.

35/11 NEXT CYCLE OF MEETINGS

To note the dates of the following meetings:

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| • Annual Parish Meeting | 19th April 2011 |
| • Finance and General Purposes Committee | 19th April 2011 |
| • Village Green Fun Day 2011 Sub-Committee | 26th April 2011 |
| • Annual meeting of the Council | 17th May 2011 |

In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked Councillors Sean Thomas and Lisa Wilkes, both of whom are retiring from office following the local elections, for their contributions to the work of the Council during their terms of office.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.