

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on the 6th September 2011
commencing at 7.00 p.m.

206/11 PRESENT

Councillors M J Smith (Chairman), R G Dickens (Vice-Chairman), R K Austin, A Bentley, H P Dickens, J Harrison, A M Houghton, W A M McClements, L A Murray, R R Plenderleith and J Smart.

Also present: C Potts – Clerk of the Council; Councillor Karen Blundell, Borough Council Ward Member for Apley Castle.

207/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED that apologies are accepted from Councillors M D Grindrod, G I Moore, L A Savage and A Twyford.

208/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

209/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present. The following matters were raised:

Pat Smart spoke about the excellent examination results achieved this summer by students of Hadley Learning Community. The school has achieved a level of 95% of students having 5 or more GCSE passes at grades A* to C.

All members agreed that the school has achieved excellent results and the Clerk was asked to write to the Principal, Dr. Eatough, with the Council's congratulations.

Pam Houghton informed the Council that young people in Leegomery, and in Hurleybrook Way in particular, have told her that they want somewhere that they can go to meet that will provide them with an alternative to gathering in public areas. Councillors confirmed that there is already youth provision at Leegomery Centre provided by the Borough Council with financial support from the Parish Council, and that the Parish Council has its own youth club on Wednesday evenings at Castle Farm Community Centre in Hadley. It seems that many are unaware of the provisions available despite communication via local publications, internet and other means.

The Clerk is to contact the Youth Service to arrange for Mrs Houghton to be able to speak directly to the Development Worker to consider how to reach the young people concerned, and investigation will be made in to additional locations and media for publicising the provisions that exist.

210/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 5th July 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

211/11 MINUTES OF PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE 12TH JULY 2011

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Events Committee held on the 12th July 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and adopted.

212/11 MINUTES OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 19TH JULY 2011

The Council **considered** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 19th July 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes are approved and adopted.

213/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported the following:

1. Local Policing – PC Brenda Bellamy will be leaving the Hadley and Leegomery Local Policing Team to be replaced by PC Dan Harris, the date to be confirmed.
2. Invitation to Wellington Town Council Civic Reception on 1st October.
3. Confirmation received that the Borough Council will proceed with phase one of the regeneration scheme for Hadley Centre which was published in 2010. A planning application is expected in this respect in the next two months and the works will commence in June 2012.
4. Meeting with Blockleys Brick Ltd – members confirmed that this will be held on 13th September.

214/11 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – MATTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE PARISH

Councillor R G Dickens reported his attendance at a meeting of the Borough Council Plans Board held on the 3rd August at which he presented the Parish Council's objections to application reference TWC/2011/0391. Councillor Dickens informed the Council that very little discussion had taken place about the proposal and he felt that the Plans Board did not take account of the Parish Council's concerns.

215/11 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL - YOUR MONEY, YOUR PROJECTS FUNDING

Members had received details of the Borough Council "Your Money, Your Projects" fund, which provides the sum of £1,000.00 for each ward member to determine how to spend on projects within their wards.

All of the ward members for Hadley and Leegomery and Apley Castle wards were present and they informed the council that two proposals had come forward so far for Hadley and Leegomery and one for Apley Castle. The ward members will now meet to discuss the proposals together with any others that come forward, with a view to reporting back to the next meeting of the Parish Council to consult before submitting final proposals to the Borough Council.

216/11 ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING SUMMER RECESS

The Council received a report detailing planning applications dealt with under delegated authority during the summer recess period.

RESOLVED that items dealt with under delegated authority as detailed in a report received by the Council are ratified.

PLANNING**217/11 Applications for consideration**

RESOLVED that the under-mentioned applications are dealt with as follows:

1. TWC/2011/0685 – erection of a conservatory (part retrospective), 33 Oakworth Close, Hadley, Telford – no objection.
2. TWC/2011/0700 – erection of a part single and part two storey extension at rear and a single storey extension at rear of garage, 4 Cavell Close, Apley, Telford – no objection.

218/11 Permissions granted (for information only)

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

1. TWC/2011/0391 – modification of conditions 13 & 14 on Planning Permission W2006/0747 to change hours of operation to allow units Nos. 11 & 12 to operate from 7.00 am – 7.00 pm on Monday, 5.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 5.30 am – 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, Units 11 & 12 Hadley Business Park, Hadley Park Road, Hadley (permission personal to existing operating company whilst occupying those units).
2. TWC/2011/0438 (advertisement) – display of various signs etc., former Enterprise Garage site, Trench Lock, Telford.
3. TWC/2011/0456 – change of use to taxi booking office with parking area to rear, Unit 10, Trench Lock 2, Trench Lock, Telford.
4. TWC/2011/0476 – change of use of open space to private garden land and parking space with erection of 1m. high fence, 165 Hurleybrook Way, Leegomery, Telford.
5. TWC/2011/0483 – conversion of garage to office/ancillary use for exiting residential home, Coniston House, 134 Haybridge Road, Hadley, Telford.
6. TWC/2011/0498 – erection of a two storey side extension, 3 Red Kite Close, Leegomery, Telford.
7. TWC/2011/0513 – erection of a two storey and first floor side extension, 5 Eider Drive, Apley, Telford.

219/11 Permissions refused (for information only)

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

1. TWC/2011/0378 & 0380 – Full Planning and Listed Building refusals in respect of the erection of a single detached house with associated parking, former Watkins Nursery, Apley Castle, Apley, Telford.
2. TWC/2011/0430 – erection of a two storey extension to side and rear, 2 Pool Meadow, Hadley, Telford.

220/11 Applications withdrawn (for information only)

NOTED that the following application has been withdrawn:

1. TWC/2010/0790 – 2 blocks for up to 6 units for A1 retail, A2 financial and professional, A3 restaurants and cafes and A5 hot food takeaway uses – outline application, Enterprise Garage, Trench Lock, Telford.

FINANCIAL REPORT

221/11 Bank reconciliation and expenditure for ratification

The Council received a report which included bank reconciliations to 30th June and 31st July 2011.

RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations to the 30th June and 31st July 2011 are noted, 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>	<u>Details</u>
£45.00	Community Council of Shropshire – charge for Localism conference
£290.00	The Sign Shop – Parish Council letterheads.
£20.00	Association of Local Council – training event charge. (<i>ss. 111 & 112, LGA 1972.</i>)
£180.00	Nobridge Nurseries, charge for watering eight planters through summer (<i>s.96 Highways Act 1980</i>).
£90.00	The Sign Shop – replacement of two parish council logos on sponsored Police vehicles (<i>s.31, LGRA 1997</i>).
£104.66	Market Drayton Mowers – repairs/servicing cemetery equipment.
£100.00	S P Holding Services – empty septic tank at Cemetery Lodge (<i>s.214, LGA 1972</i>)

222/11 Internal Controls

RESOLVED that the report on Internal Controls for the period 1.4.11 to 30.6.11 is accepted.

223/11 Payments

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

RESOLVED that

(a) the drawing of urgent cheques numbered 302031 to 302050, payment of salaries by BACS totaling £4490.67 and payment of direct debits in favour of TalkTalk Business, British Gas, Eon and Titan Telecoms, all payments totaling £9230.62 and as detailed in the payments list submitted with the report is ratified;

(b) the drawing of cheques numbered 302051 to 302061 and payment of direct debits in favour of Eon, TalkTalk Business, UK Fuels Ltd., and Neopost Ltd., all payments totaling £6873.29 and as detailed in the approval lists submitted with the report is authorised;

(c) Councillors R G Dickens and J Smart are authorised to sign the cheques to be drawn.

224/11 RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S LETTER REGARDING CHILD POVERTY REPORT

The Council **received** the response by Telford & Wrekin Council to the Parish Council's letter in respect of a press report on child poverty in Telford & Wrekin.

RESOLVED that the response be noted.

225/11 PARISH CHARTER REVIEW

RESOLVED that Councillor J Smart will represent the Parish Council at a meeting to be held on 15th September to discuss the review of the Parish Charter.

226/11 PACT (PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER) MEETINGS

The Council **noted** that the next PACT meeting for Hadley and Leegomery will be held on Thursday 29th September 2011 at Leegomery Community Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m. Councillor McClements informed the council that he had made a report to the police recently about children as young as 4 years old being allowed to play unsupervised on a traffic island at Teresa Way/Shoveller Drive, Apley. This subject has been reported previously and the Council's representative Councillor Harrison was asked to raise this at the PACT meeting.

227/11 EQUALITY POLICY

RESOLVED that a draft Equality Policy submitted to the Council for approval be adopted.

228/11 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011 – REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR.

The Council **received** the report of the External Auditor in respect of the audit of the Council's Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2011. No matters have been raised by the auditors and therefore the Council is not required to consider any further action.

RESOLVED that the report of the Council's External Auditor for the year ended 31st March 2011 be approved.

The Council recorded its thanks to the Clerk and Administrator for the preparation and submission of the accounts.

229/11 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

RESOLVED that expenditure of £75.00 in respect of adding a picture gallery facility to the council's website, and the addition of £25.00 in this respect in future years to the annual hosting charge, is authorised.

230/11 MEETING, CONFERENCES ETC.

The Council **noted** the following:

- Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Charity Appeal launch – cheese and wine evening Monday 12th September, Reception Suite, Civic Offices, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. (Invitations previously circulated to all members).
- Royal Air Forces Association Wrekin Branch Battle of Britain Service – 6.00 p.m. Sunday 25th September at St. Georges Parish Church, Telford.
- Hadley and Leegomery PACT meeting - 6.00 p.m. Thursday 29th September at Leegomery Community Centre.

231/11 NEXT CYCLE OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the dates of the following meetings are confirmed:

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| • Finance and General Purposes Committee | 20th September 2011 |
| • Council | 4th October 2011 |

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.