

## CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2011 MINUTES

A meeting of the Full Council was held on Tuesday 20th September 2011, at 7.15pm at Condover Group Dwellings, Brook Close, Condover.

Councillors In Attendance: Mr A R Tudor (Chairman); Mrs E Francis (Vice-Chair); Mr M Bradbury (late arrival); Mrs P Haynes; Mr D Lane; Mrs J Powell; Mrs J Jackson; Mrs D Evans.

Also in Attendance: Andrew Smead-Curd; Condover Hall Manager (JCA); Claire Alford (Chair of NNWP); Cllr Tim Barker (SC); and 5 members of the public.

71.11 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the agenda.

72.11 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - The following declarations of interest were made by councillors:

Councillor	Personal	Reason
AR Tudor	√	Min Ref: 83.11 Planning Ref: 11/02788/FUL Applicant known to councillor.
D Lane	√	Near neighbour of Condover Hall
J Jackson	√	Condover Village Hall ; NNWP Sub Committee member
D Lane; E Francis	√	Condover Sports Committee; NNWP Sub Committee members
J Powell; P Haynes	√	Condover Youth Club
AR Tudor	√	Min Ref 87.11; as involved in the complaint.
M Bradbury	√	Min Ref 87.11; as involved in the complaint.

73.11 APOLOGIES – The Chairman reported Cllrs L Crowhurst; D Oakley; J Farley apologies due to personal commitments. These were accepted and approved by the Council members.

74.11 PUBLIC SESSION – The Chairman invited members of the public to speak. Condover residents are invited to express their concerns about issues relating to JCA activities at Condover Hall; whilst the Council is to report back on correspondence received to date from JCA.

Mr Powell spoke of his concerns that the Council had written an offensive letter to JCA with regard to the “noise issue”. He felt that the positive aspects of JCA’s ownership of the hall was being over looked and that “Condover residents concerns” as quoted was incorrect as this did not reflect the views of all Condover residents but “immediate residents” should be quoted instead.

Andy Smead- Curd explained that he had not received individual complaints from residents, but was willing to ask for Environmental Officers to measure and advise about the levels of the noise at the hall.

The Chairman reported that at the July meeting it had been agreed by Council that a letter would be sent by the Council to JCA Managing Director and that the JCA response would be made known to the community; this had been actioned using the Council’s website. Council members and residents proceeded to discuss the way forward as comments made suggested that the majority of the village did not consider that the “noise disturbance” was an issue which should be followed up by the Parish Council (PC). It was suggested that a

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Residents Action Group be formed by the residents most concerned and that they meet with JCA representatives. The Clerk was asked to formally suggest this to all interested parties. Cllr Tim Barker offered to act as Chairman at such meetings; whilst Cllr Lane and Tudor offered to attend if required to do so. Andy Smead-Curd supported the proposal.

Mr Morris a Ryton resident reported on a planning application he proposed to make in Ryton. The Council were of the opinion that the planning application described was much more in line with the Ryton Village Design Statement as the scale of the property had been appropriately reduced to a 2 bedroom property (130sqm) which meets the housing needs of the village. It was also considered to be an attractive property much more in line with existing properties. The PC did however point out that their official response can only be made when they have been notified by SC of its validation and discussed the detailed planning application submitted.

A Dorrington resident summarised her planning application (Ref 11/03734/COU) and answered questions posed by councillors.

- 75.11 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Draft minutes of the PC's 16th August meeting were considered. Min 70.11 b. Was amended from "(.....~~Opposed~~ to Abstained EF.) The amended minutes were then confirmed unanimously by the Council as accurate and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.
- 76.11 NNWP SUB COMMITTEE – Claire Alford reported on the Condover Wildlife Park and expressed the Committee's disappointment that the park had not opened during the summer holidays. She went on to report that:
- The ROSPA inspection had failed and remedial work was taking place.
  - The Committee needed PC help in dealing with the moles; which had become a problem at the site.
  - Three poplar trees required felling.
  - All bird and bat boxes were in the process of being installed.
- 77.11 FINANCE COMMITTEE – The Chairman reported that due to the length of full council meetings members of the Finance Committee would be asked to attend Finance meetings held prior to the full council meeting in future. He confirmed that the External Audit had confirmed the accuracy of the Council's 2010-11 accounts; which were now to be displayed.
- 78.11 POLICE REPORT – None available. However the Council expressed their concern that the Dorrington – Condover lane was being used as a diversion when accidents occurred on the A49. The lane is far too narrow to support this and previously this had been acknowledged by the Police and Highways Agency. (Evident from the 3 accidents which had occurred recently that this had been ignored.) The Council agreed that the Chief Constable should be informed of this and the SC /A49 Liaison Group. Cllr Francis also asked that the extension of the 30mph speed restriction after Bayston Hill going south on the A49 also be considered by the Group as it would mitigate the probability of a serious accident occurring at the Condover turn.
- 79.11 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT - Cllr Tim Barker summarised recent events. *Cllr Barker then left the meeting. Cllr Bradbury arrived having attended the helicopter liaison meeting at Shawbury on behalf of the Council.*
- 80.11 LOCAL REPORTS – Dorrington Village Hall Report – The Chairman reported that the village hall's recent SC grant application had been unsuccessful; Condover Sports Field Committee; Cllr Lane reported that the Committee had applied to the LJC for funding; Cllr Powell reported on the success of the Condover Challenge Cup presentation evening.

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## 81.11 *Numbering Error*

82.11 CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING & SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED – The Clerk highlighted a number of important items which included a number of national consultations which the PC agreed not to respond to due to tight deadlines. It was also agreed that individual councillors would contact the Clerk as to whether they wished to attend the ALC AGM and SC & SALC training events. (See Appendix A.) Cllr Bradbury gave a summary of the flood forum event and helicopter liaison meeting at Shawbury.

## 83.11 PLANNING

(a) The Council considered the following planning applications :

Ref. No: 11/03734/COU Unit 9 Dorrington Business Park Main Road Dorrington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7JP; Change of Use from Office Use to Beauty Salon

**The Council resolved without dissent to support the application which would create employment and business in a rural settlement.** (Proposed AT; Seconded DL.)

Ref. No: 11/03749/FUL The Hollies Farm Ryton Dorrington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7NA; Erection of single storey extension to south elevation and single storey extension to east and north elevation; alterations to first floor windows to south elevation

**The Council resolved without dissent to make no comment.** (Proposed AT; Seconded DE.)

Ref. No: 11/02788/FUL Bridge Inn Dorrington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7ED ; Erection of a conservatory to side elevation

**The Council resolved without dissent to support the application which would create employment and business in a rural settlement.** (Proposed AT; Seconded EF)

Cllr Francis highlighted her concerns regarding the number of static homes at Pigeon Door; which she believed violated planning permissions. Council agreed that the matter should be brought to the attention of Cllr Barker.

(b) Notification of status of SC planning application decisions made to date. (Appendix C)

## 84.11 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY MATTERS – The following local issues were reported:

- a. Dorrington RoW and The Bank/Fold Footpath Maintenance quotes- The Clerk reported that SC had confirmed receipt of the Council's notification of the RoW problem near the railway bridge on Station Rd. She had spoken to two contractors with regard to quoting for the maintenance work required on The Bank /Fold foot path.
- b. Street lamps – Cllr Evans reported that the street lamp at the Shutt Dorrington was out of operation.
- c. Condover Bridge – Please refer to the Clerk's report for further details; repair work is scheduled for 2012/13.

85.11 SC Consultation Live Life – Your Way Consultation – Council decided that members and the public were free to respond as individuals.

86.11 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – Additional Urgent Items  
Cllr Evans reported that a resident Mrs Titley had expressed her concerns regarding the speeding traffic on Station Rd; Dorrington and the safety of youths playing on the village hall car park in Dorrington. These were noted by the Council.

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## **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS :**

Council resolved without dissent that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by s.100 LGA 1972) the press and public be asked to leave the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the remaining item of business to be transacted, which includes discussion on a complaint made. (Proposed DL; Seconded JP.)

- 87.11 CPC COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE– See attached report Appendix D.  
Cllr Lane summarised the outcome of the Committee's meeting on 31/8/2011 and the resulting confidential report which had been circulated to all interested parties and the complainant in early September. He stated that the Committee was of the opinion that they had completed a thorough review of the complaint in accordance with Council procedures and that further time and council resources should not now be spent on it by councillors and the Clerk. He proposed that should the complainant appeal or correspond further on this issue; the Council should reiterate this. (Proposed DL Seconded JP; Unanimously supported by members.)  
Council noted that no response or acknowledgement of receipt of the decision and supporting documentation had been received from the complainant to date.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m. and confirmed that the next council meeting would be held on 12th October 2011 at 7.30 pm at Dorrington Village Hall.

Confirmed as accurate:...MR AR TUDOR      CHAIRMAN      Date.....12 OCTOBER 2011

Appendices which support meeting:

- A - Clerk's report and summary of PC communication
- B - *No appendix*
- C – Planning application report
- D - CPC Complaints Committee report