

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 2011

A meeting of full council was held on Wednesday 9th March 2011, at 7.15 p.m. at Stapleton Village Hall.

Councillors in Attendance: Cllrs AR Tudor (Chairman); M Bradbury; D Evans; J Powell; P Haynes; J Jackson; D Lane; D Oakley; E Francis.

Also in attendance: Sue Hackett (Clerk); SC Cllr Tim Barker and Mr R Betton (Public)

159.10 WELCOME & APOLOGIES - The Chairman opened the meeting and announced that apologies had been received from Cllr B Cousens & L Crowhurst – Personal commitments and Cllr J Farley- Work commitments.

These were accepted and approved by the council.

160.10 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST– The following declarations of interest were received:

Cllrs Powell & Haynes – Personal interests in Condover Youth Group as they were members of the committee.

Cllr Jackson – Personal interest in Condover Village Hall and NNWP as she was a member of both committees.

Cllrs Lane; Francis; Jackson – Personal interest in Condover Sports Ground Committee & NNWP Sub- Committee as they were members of the committees

Cllr Bradbury – personal interest in NNWP Sub-Committee as he was a member of the sub-committee. Personal & Prejudicial interest in item Min 176.10 as he was making the request.

Chairman lifted standing orders to enable the public session to take place at 7.17pm.

161.10 PUBLIC SESSION – Mr Betton described why work had stopped at the NNWP site in Condover and asked why planning conditions had not been adhered to by contractors. Cllr Lane explained with the agreement of the NNWP and SC a Project Manager had been appointed to oversee the project. After further discussion as to the responsibilities of CPC; SC and the Project Manager Mr Betton continued to express his disappointment in the proceedings to date. These were noted by councillors.

The Chairman closed the public session at 7.40pm and reinstated standing orders.

162.10 POLICE REPORT – Unavailable. Cllr Evans reported local concerns over 3 cars parked at Lower Fold which were causing an obstruction to use of the pavement. Police to be informed.

163.10 PARKING ISSUES AT CONDOVER – Cllr Haynes reported on a meeting with the Head teacher of Condover School; CSO Baron; school governors; staff and Cllr Powell and herself. Having fully discussed the issues and measures already taken by the school to encourage parents to park sensibly when dropping and picking up pupils the councillors were of the opinion that the school had done all it could to improve the situation. It was agreed by council that in future parish council communication with regard to parking issues should be directed at parents and therefore an article had been prepared for the school newsletter. **Cllr Powell read the latter out to councillors and its publication was unanimously agreed.**

164.10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - **Draft minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 9/2/11 were formally approved (unanimous) as accurate** and the

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Chairman was instructed by the council to sign them as correct. (Proposed EF; Seconded MB.)

- 165.10 Cllr Bradbury the Chairman of Planning Committee reported on the meeting held on 28/2/11; re planning applications considered and LDF draft policy.
- 166.10 Cllr Lane reported on the Condover Natives & Nature Woodland Park Sub Committee meeting held on 1/3/11. Draft minutes yet to be circulated.
- 167.10 PLANNING - The Clerk confirmed that no new planning applications had been notified to the council. The Clerk summarised the planning application decisions notified to the Council. See Appendix A.
- 168.10 HIGHWAYS & ST LIGHTING:
- Report by Cllr Cousens on Ryton highway issues - Unavailable
 - Cllr Bradbury reported that Stapleton highway issues were in hand.
 - Cllr Francis reported on a fly tipping incident to be relayed to SC.
 - It was agreed that Cllr Bradbury would attend the A49 Road Safety Groups meeting on Sat 13/3/11.
 - The council agreed to support Hill View; Dorrington request for a salt bin.
- 169.10 NOTICE BOARDS – Condover councillors expressed their thanks for the new notice board. Council agreed that public notices could be displayed on the board if there was room. Dorrington councillors agreed that no action was to be taken with regard to the present location of the board on the shop wall and that there was no requirement for a notice board opposite the village hall.
- 170.10 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED & CLERK'S REPORT- Appendix C. The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council the Mid Wales Nat Grid Connections Project newsletter and community meetings being held in the area. Councillors noted the extent of the project.
- Councillors noted the number of emails received by the Clerk from a resident in the parish. The Chairman suggested that taking in to account the Council's recent experiences the adoption of an Unacceptable Behaviour policy was prudent. He went on to read out the policy of a local council. **The parish council unanimously agreed to adopt and implement the policy as read (see Appendix C).**
- 171.10 LOCAL REPORTS
1. Condover Sports Ground Committee – Report by Cllr Lane on drainage concerns on the car park.
 2. Ryton Village Hall – Report unavailable.
 3. Condover Village Hall/Condover Social Club Lease – Cllr Jackson reported that lease had been agreed by both parties. See supplementary Agenda Item 177.10 a.
 4. Dorrington Village Hall – In Cllr Farley's absence the Clerk reported that all councillors had been invited to the DVH Committee's Annual meeting on 30th March 2011 at 7.00pm. This was noted. She went on to add that the council had been requested to assist the VH in its purchase of sporting equipment. Having discussed in detail the matter the council agreed to fund short term the purchase of equipment to the value of £926.30 excl VAT. (Proposed DO; Seconded DE; For 4 Abstentions 5.)
- 172.10 PARISH NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –The Chairman proposed that the meeting should be centered on the youth of the parish and stated that he had invited Condover & Dorrington Youth Groups to present at

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the meeting. This was unanimously agreed by all councillors. Cllr Francis expressed her appreciation of the Condover Youth Club's DVD. It was agreed that this should be included at the APM. Council also agreed the inclusion of the article put forward by Mrs Russell in the parish newsletter. It was agreed that the newsletter be 6 pages long to accommodate additional articles.

- 173.10 SC CHARTER WITH PARISHES – **Having given due consideration to the matter the Council agreed to signing up to the Charter.**
- 174.10 DORRINGTON A49 HIGHWAYS REPORT- Cllr Barker reported that he expected a date for the meeting with HA, CPC and the MP to be confirmed in the near future. He also confirmed that the matter was an agenda item on the April SC/HA partnership meeting which he would attend.
- 175.10 SC REPORT – Cllr Barker reported on the Council's Budget and creation of the 4 new senior management posts with salaries in excess of £140K. This was noted by the council. He also described changes to SC planning application procedures with regard to parish council comments.
- 176.10 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS – Following discussion as to the needs of the parish it was agreed that Condover ward councillors would outline a specification requirements by July 2011 and similarly Dorrington ward councillors would do the same for Dorrington. This would enable the Clerk to seek quotes during the summer recess and an appointment of a new contractor at the September council meeting. The Clerk reported that Mr Jones no longer wished to continue providing the service at Dorrington. Cllr Evans confirmed that the council's mower had been retained by him but required considerable attention. Cllr Oakley proposed that as an interim measure his employee should be approached to step in until a suitable contractor was appointed. **This was unanimously agreed to by the council.**
- 176.10 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
- a. Condover Village Hall/Condover Social Club Lease – The Clerk reported that she had recently received the final lease which was required to be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chair of the Council. **The council unanimously agreed to instruct both parties to sign the lease.** (Proposed MB; Seconded DL.)
 - b. Cllr Bradbury outlined the progress of the Reconfiguration of Hospital Services in Shropshire and his conversation with the MP. **Following some debate it was agreed that the council's previous decision (Min) be overturned as circumstances had significantly changed and that the council respond copying the MP with regard to their concerns about the likely closure of the children's and maternity wards at Shrewsbury Hospital.** It was believed that funding should be found to carry out the necessary repairs required to bring the wards up to the required standard particularly as NHS had benefited from the sale of the Copthorne site to developers. (Proposed DL Seconded EF ; Abstention AT .)
 - a. Cllr Bradbury outlined his proposals for the creation of a ROC Museum in Stapleton. **Having examined the circulated documentation his outline proposals were agreed to in principle by the majority.** (Proposed DE; Seconded EF. Please note Cllr Bradbury did not vote on this proposal and councillors present declared a personal interest as they knew Cllr Bradbury well.)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm and thanked everyone for attending. The next council meeting is to be held on 13th April 2011 at Ryton Village Hall

Confirmed as accurate..... Date.....