

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 13th January 2009/10

A full council meeting was held on Wednesday 13th January 2010, at 7.30pm at Dorrington Village Hall, Dorrington.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr A R Tudor (Chairman)	Mr D Oakley	Mr D Lane	Mr M Bradbury	Mr P Haynes
Mrs J Powell	Ms B Cousens	Mrs J Jackson	Mrs L Crowhurst	

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk – Mrs S Hackett Councillor Tim Barker ; Rachel Johnson – Shropshire Council (SC); CSO D Baron. By invitation members of the Parish Plan Steering Group Mrs K Mould and Mrs C Brown

149.09 WELCOME & APOLOGIES – The Chairman opened the meeting and reported that the following councillors had sent their apologies:

Cllr E Francis – indisposed

Cllr J Farley – personal commitments

PC Harte – other commitments.

These apologies were accepted and approved by the council.

150.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Lane – expressed an ongoing personal and prejudicial interest in Condover Social Club and Condover Grounds Management Committee

Cllr Jackson – expressed an ongoing personal & prejudicial interest in Condover Village Hall Committee and Condover Grounds Management Committee.

Cllr Cousens- expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in MIN 163.09 as she lived opposite the property.

151.09 PUBLIC SESSION – No issues arose.

152.09 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 11/11/09 and Finance & Planning Committee meeting held on 9/12/09 as circulated to members for consideration were formally approved by the council and duly signed by the Chairman.

153.09 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON DECEMBER PARISH SURGERY MEETING – The Chairman summarised events and concluded that advice received from the SC Monitoring Officer supported that councillors had dealt with the matter appropriately.

The Chairman then with the agreement of those present rearranged the scheduled agenda due to requests and the poor weather conditions.

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154.09 POLICE REPORT – CSO David Baron gave a summary of the incidents reported in December:

4 incidents of burglary, 2 in Dorrington, 1 at Condover Ind Est; 1 in Condover.

He also reported that mud on the main Condover lane when cleared through the application of water has become a hazard due to prevailing adverse weather conditions. Councillors discussed this issue which was recognised as an ongoing problem in the parish. Cllr Barker confirmed that a leaflet was available from SC on the matter. CSO Baron agreed to continue to monitor the situation and it was agreed that an article should be included in the Parish Newsletter.

155.09 CONDOVER YOUTH - BMX TRACK & PLAYBUILDER PROPOSALS

a. Rachel Johnson reported that a response from SC was not expected for another month as a committee had been formed to formally appraise the funding applications. At the council's request Cllr Barker agreed to follow up whether SC would be prepared to lease the land from Mr Jones rather than the parish council. After some discussion it was agreed that the council should write to Mr Jones thanking him for his kind offer and updating him on the project.

b. Rachel went on to inform the council that the "Condover Parish Youth Club" had been formed and had applied for grant funding from LJC for start up costs and equipment (£900). However if approved the funding would not be available until late February, which posed operational concerns for the group which planned to meet regularly with effect from 20th January. In order to ensure the project commenced on time she requested a loan from the parish council of £260, which covered insurance and start up costs. She went on to provide details of the numbers of youths and volunteers participating. Cllr Bradbury proposed that the loan of £260 be made for a period of 3 months. This was seconded by Cllr Powell.

Resolved without dissent: A temporary loan of £260 be made by CPC to the Condover Parish Youth Club.

c. Rachel stated that a meeting was scheduled for 12/2/10 in order to explore whether a Dorrington Youth Group could be formed. Notices had been distributed by councillors and the Clerk during the holidays.

d. Wreckie Rangers - Rachel reported that two events had been organised for the Spring half term details were to follow.

156.09 SHROPSHIRE CONSULTATIONS:

a) Charter for Effective Local Government in Shropshire - The Clerk explained that the Charter was in effect a policy which described how parishes and SC would work together. She cited examples and stated that a response was expected by mid March 2010 and that parish councils would be asked to sign up to the document. She suggested that a number of councillors examine the document in more detail and feed back to main council in February. She stated that she was also surprised that this wasn't being coordinated by

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SALC. Councillors noted her comments and asked her to review the document for the next meeting.

- b) Proposals for Condover PC to pilot community engagement at LJs particularly in relation to LDF Consultation and hubs and clusters – Cllr Barker explained the pilot scheme. Following his explanation as to the fundamental changes in the application of planning policy should settlements be designated hubs and clusters and the shortly to be announced land allocation policy the council agreed that it was in the best interests of the parish that they take part in phase 1 of the pilot.

Resolved without dissent: the parish council wish to be involved in the first phase provided the Parish Plan and resulting Village Design/Development statements for each settlement lead the process and are accepted by SC as current results arrived at through community engagement. Additional community engagement would require two meetings to be held in each of the larger settlements of Condover and Dorrington.
(Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Lane.)

It was agreed that a working party which included both PP steering group members and councillors would meet to collate the Village Design/Development Statements for each settlement. And that the Clerk would ensure hard copy maps were provided for this purpose. Proposed meeting date 18/1/10 at 7.15pm venue to be decided.

Cllr Barker and Rachel Johnson left the meeting.

- 157.09 GONSAL QUARRY PLANNING APPLICATION – The Clerk informed the council that no application had as yet been formally submitted. She would continue to make provisional bookings at Condover village hall to ensure the public meeting could be held at Condover. Notices to this effect had been kindly displayed by Condover councillors as requested by a resident.
- 158.09 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Nothing new to report by Cllr Tim Barker
- 159.09 PARISH PLAN - Kirsten Mould reported that it was encouraging to find that so many actions as identified by the Parish Plan were being addressed by the council and community. She went on to add that it was important to communicate this to the community and ensure the Action Plan was regularly updated. Following some discussion as to the best methods of accomplishing this it was agreed by council that:
- a. **The Parish Plan should regularly feature in the Parish Newsletter.**
 - b. **The Parish Plan Action Plan should be reviewed by the council at least annually at main council meetings and results and progress communicated to the Steering Group.**
- Kirsten also stated that she would be contacting volunteers who had shown an interest in setting up a community website.
- 160.09 LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE- Cllr Lane reported that 4 grants had been submitted from groups situated in the parish and that he would be attending the meeting which was to be held next Tuesday (19/1/10).
- 161.09 HIGHWAYS & FOOTWAY MATTERS

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1. The council decided to make the following responses to HA in respect of:

(a) Dorrington Pedestrian Crossing – Reiterate that having carried out a Parish Plan the need for a pedestrian crossing in Dorrington was an overriding priority and would be continued to be pursued by the council on behalf of the community.

(b) Council noted that a risk appraisal had been carried out which supported the need for the third lane being introduced at Long Gardens, Stapleton.

(c) Council noted that the Dorrington village boundary dictated the location of the 30mph village boundary in Dorrington however were interested to know whether 40mph limits could be introduced and whether these would support the extension of a pavement. Clerk requested to ask HA Officer to attend a site visit at Dorrington.

2. Stapleton speed restrictions enforcement had been delayed as a result of an objection by a member of the public.

3. Dorrington Recreational Ground footpath update- The Clerk stated that she had received confirmation that this was due to be done by 31/3/10.

4. Drainage improvements in Condover up date. The Clerk stated that she had received confirmation that this was due to be done by 31/3/10.

5. Cllr Crowhurst gave a summary of the meeting with Mr Franklin and SC Officer regarding yellow lines in Church Rd. Overall Council agreed that the compromise reached in the circumstances improved the situation.(Cllr Oakley disagreed.)

6. Cllr Powell reported that bad parking outside Condover preschool had resulted impaired visibility at the “T” junction on Station Rd. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the preschool.

7. Dorrington; Church Rd – Grit bins were reported as being needed to ensure access to Dorrington Drs Surgery. Clerk to contact SC.

162.09

CLERK’S REPORT INCLUDING COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

Please refer to report at Appendix B. It was agreed that Cllr Bradbury should attend the Emergency Planning Meeting in February and that Cllrs Cousens and Jackson would consider the SC public convenience consultation on behalf of the council and respond via the Clerk.

163.09

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – (a) The following recent planning applications were considered by the council:

Planning Ref	Site	Proposal	CPC Resolution & Comments:
09/03808/FUL	Duck Hall, Little Ryton	Erection of two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and annex.	No comments
09/03630/FUL	Grove Lodge Little Ryton	Erection of two storey extension to rear	The extension is supported as is believed to be in keeping with its surroundings
09/03378/FUL	4 Grange Close Condover	Erection of a detached garage (modification to previously approved SA/06/0402/F)	The council has no issues with the proposals.

Cllr Cousens declared a personal & prejudicial interest and took no part in the council’s decision relating to planning application ref 09/03630/FUL. Cllr Cousens left the meeting:

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Resolved without dissent: That comments should be submitted as shown above in respect of the planning applications.

Cllr Cousens returned to the meeting.

(b) The planning application decisions as reported at Appendix A were noted by the council:

- 164.09 FINANCE REPORT – In the absence of Cllr Farley the Chairman presented p the parish council's 2010/11 Budget recommended by the Finance Committee. The proposed annual spend of approx £39,000 be financed by a precept of £32,000 which was be approved by the council. This represents a 2.6% increase compared with last year's precept but only slight increase taking into account current B-D properties as advised by SC. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Oakley.

Resolved without dissent: That the council's precept for 2010 be £32,000 and that the presented budget for 2010/11 be approved. (See Appendix C)

- 165.09 CONDOVER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE/ CONDOVER SOCIAL CLUB LEASE – Cllr Lane updated the council on the outcome of the license application. The Clerk confirmed that legal advice had been provided by SC Legal Services in respect of issues raised in the Village Hall Committee letter received on 6/1/10. Council agreed that a letter should be sent in response stating that legal advice had been obtained and acknowledged that acting as Custodian Trustee the Parish Council has no authority to change the terms of the lease between the custodian trustees of the Social Club and Village Hall against the Village Hall Management Committee's wishes. However as a Parish Council it overall supported the licensing amendments sought by the Social Club and that this decision had been reached through a democratic and transparent process. The Parish Council hopes that the Social Club and Village Hall Committee will liaise and present mutually agreed terms for the new lease which can be forwarded to the Parish Council's solicitors in the near future.
- 166.09 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010/11 – Dates to be agreed at next council meeting. Planned date for Annual Parish Meeting Monday May 2010. Venue yet to be decided due to delays arising from new Ryton Village hall build.
- 168.09 SALC NEW CONSTITUTION – Cllr Bradbury and the Clerk to reported that the final revised constitution would be circulated when received and that it mainly recognised that the 5 area committee structure would remain and that a management committee would be introduced. Cllr Bradbury was thanked for his involvement in representing the parish council.
- 169.09 WEST MERCIA CONSTABULARY – The Clerk reported that the council had been invited to a public consultation meeting this evening.
- 170.09 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
a. Cllr Cousen's requested that Parish Paths Partnership funding of £250.00 be included in the Parish Council's accounts as a restricted fund when received. The Clerk confirmed that this was normal practice.

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Resolved without dissent that the PP3 funding be treated as a restricted fund within the parish's accounts, for the sole purpose of PP3 projects.

(Proposed by Cllr Cousens seconded by Cllr Bradbury).

- b. Cllr Lane requested that the council consider making the 2010-11 budgeted maintenance grant to Condover Recreational Committee in February enabling the committee to manage a cash flow problem.

Resolved without dissent that the 2010-11 budgeted maintenance grant Of £8XX be paid to Condover Recreational Committee in February. (Proposed by Cllr Oakley and seconded by Cllr Bradbury.)

- c. Cllr Lane advised the council that Tina Gore had agreed to act as Shropshire Chronicle's press correspondent for Condover.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm and announced that the next full council meeting was to be held on 10th February 2010 at Condover Group Dwellings.