

Madeley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Madeley Parish Council held on Monday 13th March 2006,
at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley, commencing at 7.00pm

**PRESENT: Councillors: R Evans (Chair) R Coldicutt, D Davies, P Doyle,
D Edwards, H Evans, G Green, J Jones, A Mackenzie,
C Muddiman, E Swift, M Swift.**
Clerk

05/78 Apologies

Councillor Ian Baker -	Work commitments -	Approved
Councillor Peter Taylor -	Illness -	Approved
Councillor Dave Wright -	Illness -	Approved

Absent:

Councillor George Ashcroft

05/79 Remarks from the Chair

There were none

05/80 Declaration of Vacancy

A vacancy was declared for the Woodside Ward,

05/81 Public Discussion Time

No members of the public were present

05/82 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January were agreed and signed as a true record.

05/83 Committee Reports

83.1 Leisure & Community

Councillor D Edwards presented the report of the Leisure & Community Committee – noted

83.2 Environment

Councillor C Muddiman presented the report of the Environment Committee – noted.

It was observed that item E05/48 'Vehicle' was worded in a style which implied that two vehicles would be maintained by the parish. This had been discussed as an option only and no decision had been reached.

83.3 Finance & General Purposes

Councillor D Edwards presented the report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee – noted.

Recommendation (F05/46.1.1) – that a grant of £3,100 be made to Sutton Hill Church for the replacement of the main doors.

Councillor Edwards presented the recommendation and described the importance of the Church both as a place of worship and community facility. Security is essential to the success of the premises and the comfort of the users. The meeting was in complete agreement and: -

Resolved - that an award of £3,100 be made to Sutton Hill Church for the replacement of the main doors.

Recommendation (F05/48.1) – that the Coach House Working Group be referred to Full Council for consideration.

Councillor A Mackenzie declared an interest in the item and left the room during its consideration.

The Coach House Working Group had considered various options and had recommended that the Coach House be demolished and the land grassed over for possible future use. This option had been discussed at Finance and General Purposes Committee who had requested further consideration by Full Council.

Since the initial recommendation, a site visit had been made by John Fox, Conservation Officer for Telford & Wrekin. His advice was that permission to demolish would be unlikely.

Councillors recognised that the Coach House, being situated in a conservation area, has special protection but agreed that the demolition option should not be discarded on the strength of one opinion, and should be further investigated as the most practical solution to the problem.

Of principle concern is the safety of the building and Councillors further agreed that its condition needs to be known. Should the demolition option fail, the building must be made safe, and to do that a structural survey is needed. Financial assistance from the HERS scheme may be available.

Resolved – that a structural survey of the Coach House be commissioned and if appropriate, the building made safe and protected from further deterioration.

Resolved – that if the information from the structural survey indicates that building repair is impractical or uneconomic, the recommendation from the Working Group to demolish the Coach House is progressed.

83.4 Personnel

Councillor R Evans presented the report of the Personnel Committee – noted.

Councillors were reminded of their entitlement to attend any committee meeting regardless of membership, but without voting rights. They were further reminded that all policy documents require ratification through Full Council.

05/84 Budget & Finance

84.1 Expenditure Transactions Approval

Resolved – that expenditure transactions to March 06 be approved and authorised for payment.

84.2 Budget Comparison 2005/2006

Noted

05/85 Strategic Direction

The Clerk presented the Business Plan (Appendix A) and commented that endeavours to form partnerships with the Borough of Telford & Wrekin under the terms of Quality Parishes and the Parish Charter were ongoing.

85.1 Committee Vacancies

Vacancies remain on both Finance and General Purposes and Environment Committees. Comment was made that participation in committee work could be regarded as a duty of care and Councillors were urged to carefully consider their availability, to ease the pressure on quoracy.

85.2 Confirmation of Meeting Dates 2006/2007

The draft meeting dates 2006/2007 were approved and confirmed

05/86 Representation

86.1 School Governors

86.1.1 John Randall School

Councillor Liz Swift offered her services as the MLA appointed Governor to John Randall School.

Resolved – that Councillor Liz Swift be nominated to the post of Governor of John Randall School.

86.1.2 Woodlands Primary School

The Clerk offered her services as the MLA appointed Governor to Woodlands Primary School.

Resolved – that Kath Petty be nominated to the post of Governor of Woodlands Primary School.

86.1.3 Reconstitution of School Governing Bodies

All school governing bodies are obliged to re-constitute before September 06 and as part of that process will decide whether to include a MLA appointee or not. Serving Governors had indicated their interest in continuing in post and the Borough of Telford and Wrekin required confirmation from Madeley Parish Council.

Resolved – that the following names be re-submitted for appointment as a MLA nominated governor.

Mr P McCarthy – Madeley Infants

Cllr R Coldicutt – Sir Alexander Fleming

Cllr M Swift – William Reynolds Infants

Mrs S Lyttle – William Reynolds Junior

86.2 Appointment of Board Member to Park Lane Centre

Resolved – that Councillor Dave Davies be appointed as the Madeley Parish Council representative on the Park Lane Centre Board.

86.3 Reports from MPC Representatives

86.3.1 SALC Area Committee

Councillor Rae Evans reported that the meeting had advised on the hire of facilities to voluntary and community groups with information on various checks and sensible precautions. Further information had been distributed on Emergency Planning.

86.3.2 Local Transport Plan Workshop

Councillor Dave Davies reported that he had attended a question and answer session on the Local Transport Plan with a presentation from Carl Longland of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin

86.3.3 T&W Senior Citizens Forum

Councillor David Edwards reported that the Senior Citizens Forum continues to grow and was close to 1,000 in membership. The Forum is a vehicle of information distribution and the next meeting will look at benefits available to older people.

86.3.4 T&W CVS Voluntary & Community Forum

Councillor Edwards had been unable to attend.

86.3.5 Woodside Street Reps

The Clerk reported that the Street Reps had received a report from the police who had information on the reduction in some areas of crime. On the negative side a high level of criminal damage has been recorded. Attempts are being made to involve local people in the delivery of services by monitoring a proposed 'Estate Agreement' which will set out expected standards from agencies.

86.3.6 Park Lane Steering Group

The Steering Group has now concluded its business and will be replaced by a management committee and the Board, the chair of which is Dave Gill of Telford College of Arts and Technology. The Centre is an independent organisation (company limited by guarantee), and will apply for Charitable Status. The Centre Manager has been appointed and the building is being used, with groups gradually moving in and the café (run by the Pathways Project) open for business. More staff will be recruited and the vacancies are initially targeted at residents of Woodside.

86.3.7 Telford Crime Prevention Panel

Councillor Alan Mackenzie reported that the panel is a well attended group that has completed several successful initiatives including a garden shed security promotion and a beer mat campaign with information on 'Crime stoppers' and drink driving.

86.3.8 Woodside Forum

The Forum covered the same business as previously reported in the Street reps meeting.

05/87 Parish Profile

The Clerk presented the Business Plan (Appendix A) and advised Councillors that to improve the profile of the Parish a system of promotion is to be introduced. Following each committee meeting, suitable subjects for publicity will be identified, in consultation with the Chairs, and forwarded to the appropriate media outlet.

87.1 The Jan Snell Award

Ideas were requested for entry for the Jan Snell Award 2006.

Councillors suggested: -

The Living History Project and Environmental Improvements (including Bartlett Gardens, the Town Green, Madeley Community Orchard and Sutton Hill Allotments)

05/88 Correspondence

88.1 Telford Samaritans

Invitation to attend the AGM on Wednesday 26th April. Councillor Colin Muddiman to represent Madeley Parish Council.

88.2 Councillor John Sadler

Letter of thanks – noted

88.3 SALC

Availability of 'Quality Parish' lapel pins.

05/89 Information

Councillors were informed that the perpetrators of a recent break in at Alexander Fleming School had been apprehended as a result of evidence recorded on the CCTV system.

05/90 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Madeley Parish Council is the Annual General Meeting which is scheduled to take place on Monday 8th May, commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed..... Dated.....
(Chair)