

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 FEBRUARY 2012****Responsible Officer** Martin Stevens

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**Present:** Cllr Sue Beeston, Cllr Stephen Clifford Cllr Andrew Davies, Cllr Marius Coulon, Cllr Chris Dutton, Cllr Roger Hughes, Cllr Ron Lucas, Cllr David Minnery (Chairman), Cllr Michael Morgan, Cllr Chris Sharp, Cllr Nigel Woods and Cllr Paul Wynn

Approximately 80 people were in attendance at the meeting.

**1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Karen Calder, Cllr Brian Gillow Cllr Mike Hill and Cllr Derek Hodge.

Cllr Michael Morgan substituted for Cllr Derek Hodge.

**2. Notes**

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 12 October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Roger Hughes declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the application for a new toilet block by the Market Drayton Sports Association, covered under item 10 on the agenda.

**4. Announcements**

There were no formal announcements by the Chairman.

**5. Public Questions**

Fire Officer, Guy Williams reported the sad loss of a person who had died in a tragic fire in Market Drayton. This acted as a reminder of the dangers of fire, the house in question had been in close proximity to the Fire Station.

The Fire Officers advice was that fire alarms should be tested weekly. He was happy to supply literature to the Parish Councils and to the Market Drayton Senior Citizens Forum. It was imperative that properties were fitted with working smoke alarms. Several members of the public described problems in the area around Grosvenor Road. PC Mick Sturland stated that it was important to notify the Police with as much information as possible when incidents occurred. The Police were also working with the Council. The Community Action Officer reported that funds were being secured for CCTV in the area.

## **6. Parish Council Presentations**

Presentations were given from Norton-in-Hales Parish Council and Market Drayton Town Council.

## **7. Police Update**

PC Mick Sturland stated that an article had appeared in the press recently regarding the opening times of Police Stations. The decision had been taken at Hindlip Hall and was part of a streamlining process. The Police Station at Market Drayton had a phone outside which could be used at anytime.

## **8. Market Drayton Community Partnership**

Dr Richard Priestley, the Chairman of the Community Partnership gave a presentation on the Market Drayton Community Partnership.

## **9. Broadband Information Report Update**

The Chairman referred to the note that had been circulated with the agenda.

## **10. Funding Update**

**RESOLVED:** That the application by Hodnet Preschool Playgroup for IT equipment, including a computer, website design, computer support and interactive white board be deferred until the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That funding be granted as follows:

- A) Woore Cricket Club – To provide winter indoor nets and summer outdoor nets and equipment for the girls cricket team (£1,489.50)
- B) Cheswardine Parish Allotment Society – To provide suitable fencing to protect the new allotments scheme (£1,500.00)
- C) Adderley Parish Plan – To research, develop and implement the 2012 Parish Plan re-fresh for Adderley (£500.00)
- D) Market Drayton Library Club – To provide regular, free, professional homework help, mentoring, emotional support and IT facilities and support

to young people to assist them to complete their homework in a friendly out-of-school environment (£4,000)

- E) Fordhall Farm – To provide a Wildlife Observation Hide at Fordhall Organic Farm. The hide will enhance the three free nature trails, creating a quiet space for visitors to fully enjoy Fordhall's diverse wildlife (£3,140.00)
- F) Market Drayton Sports Association Ltd (formerly Greenfields) – To provide much needed toilet provision for this well used multi-disciplinary sporting provision site (£3,537.00)
- G) Market Drayton 10K Road Race – To provide an improved start gate and dropped kerb for the safety and success of the race and a complete set of metal re-usable signs for the road race (£3,606.84)
- H) To ring fence LJC 5 remaining budget from 2011-2012 to provide a fund for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

## **11. Diamond Jubilee**

The Committee Officer reported that the National celebrations for The Diamond Jubilee were taking place on the 2, 3, 4 and 5 June. The Lord-Lieutenant was delighted that many Parish and Town Councils across Shropshire would be holding their own special Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He stated that there was a special County Diamond Jubilee celebration taking place at Cosford on 12 July 2012.

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