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Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting on 4th April at Rodington Village Hall will be; Valerie Hulme from T & W Planning

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## Is Telford & Wrekin a “Co-operative Council”?

We quote from one of their documents on the subject

**Our priority is; Better Value for Money and a Stronger Community Focus**

Improving how we **communicate and engage** with people - linked to this sharing data across the Council and with partners and using this better to inform decision-making/develop services  
Improving the **effectiveness of partnership working**, including: - Voluntary/Community Sector, - Town & Parish Councils.

The mission statement for Community focus sounds great but consists of words, converting words into meaningful actions is a little harder.

Our October Newsletter pleaded the case for a focus on the need to improve Rural Broadband. To ensure our concerns and views are heard the leader of the Council is always sent a copy.

Response was zero, until we saw the announcement in the Shropshire Star “T & W scrapped plans and rejected government funding to improve Rural broadband as in terms of number of people who would benefit it was not worth the investment.” There was no Community consultation with Rural Parish Councils no approach to rural businesses to see how important Broadband is to their activities. However on the same day it was announced that a Hotspot had been set up in Madeley an urban area well served by

### RODINGTON HISTORY GROUP



The group would like to gather information from The local community...have you got memories of the area, or knowledge of past incidents and events that would be of interest?

Perhaps you have old photographs or documents that relate to Rodington in past times.

Any information would be welcome, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

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### GREAT NEWS

Our Clerk Alison Hinks has passed her CiLCA exam to become a fully qualified Parish Clerk.

What's CiLCA you may ask?

The certificate in Local council Administration.

Why are we so happy with this event, well she is the first Clerk serving Rodington PC to achieve this. PC Clerks have a duty to keep Councillors within all due processes of the law in their duties . Sounds simple but in fact duties on the untrained Parish Councillors have grown over the years so a trained hand is important.

Plus we can now press ahead to try to obtain "Quality Parish Council" status . This entails us meeting various criteria's of professionalism in the way we operate. Good for pride but more importantly opens doors to more project funding opportunities. (We Hope)

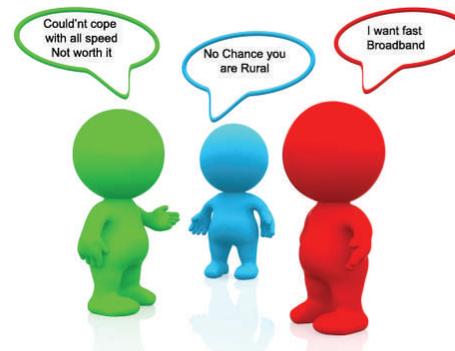
### Community Council cont'd

Cable and BT Broadband at sensible speeds. A Councillor proudly announced the sound byte "business say broadband is vital to their development". However I guess he forgot to ask what use a Public Hotspot is to business, because frankly it is not.

You may also remember we are trying to bring about the building of a small numbers of affordable houses within the Parish. Sadly we have to AGAIN report no progress with this issue. A response has been sought from Telford & Wrekin repeatedly without success.

T & W do try to consult, a recent leaflet went out called "ShapingPlaces" a simple questionnaire of 8 questions appeared somewhere because one was passed to our Chairperson however we were not sent one as a Council and not sure if any Rural parishes were sent one, perhaps they have mislaid our address.

So T & W Council we admire your mission to be a Co-operative Council but please remember when consulting to consult on ALL levels , with the elector, Parish Councils both Urban and Rural and interested bodies to the matter in hand. .



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Parish meeting will be held Wednesday 4th April 2012 at Rodington Village Hall.

**Commences 7.00 pm**

This meeting is for YOU and your attendance is warmly welcomed.

FAQ's

**What is the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting?** - The purpose is to enable registered electors to discuss parish affairs. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Parish Council (and higher tiers of local government) to explain their activities over the last year.

**Will I be able to ask questions and make resolutions?** Yes

**Who will chair the meeting?** - The Chairman of the Parish Council will chair the meeting.

**Is a resolution binding on the Parish Council?** No it is in legal terms persuasive only. However unless you attend and air your views we cannot take account of such views.

