

**Minutes of the Dormington Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday,
2 April 2013 in St Peter's Church, Dormington, at 8.00 p.m.**

Present: Mr N. Brewin (Chairman), Mrs C. Brewin, Ms C. Shearer, Drs J & B Wood

Apologies: None had been received

Mr Brewin welcomed those present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting

Mrs Brewin read out the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2012, which were agreed by all as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- **Hedge opposite Wellwood House** – The P.C. Clerk had written to Mr Williams on a couple of occasions but a reply had not been received. It was accepted that Hfds. Council could not issue an enforcement notice, due to the length of time which had elapsed, but the new P.C. Clerk will be asked to write to Mr Williams once more.
- **Churchyard access** – All emergency services had confirmed they had noted that access is only possible via the gate at the top of Walk Orchard. No further signage was considered necessary. The Lengthsman ensures the gate is kept clear of vegetation at all times.
- **Affordable housing** – In response to Dr B. Wood's enquiry, the Chairman confirmed that whilst the allotments will be administered by the P.C., the play area will be the responsibility of West Mercia Housing. Any Section 106 money from the Rugby Club development at Hampton Bishop is likely to be used to help to alleviate parking problems at Mordiford School. Mr Brewin added that it is hoped the Sufton Rise planning application will shortly be approved, with building work due to start later in the year.
- **Bus service** – The monthly service from Sufton Rise to Ross is still running. Two new services from Fownhope have also been introduced; one into and out of Hereford on a Friday or Saturday in the evening and the other to Ledbury.
- **Fencing round The Maltings play area** – Dr J. Wood will speak to Mrs Cole about plans for this to be re-painted, with materials supplied by DCAT.
- **Local Post Office** – Dr B. Wood enquired whether any new P.O.s are planned. Mr Brewin confirmed that facilities remain in Mordiford, despite the shop having shut. Dr Wood commented that there are no facilities between Ledbury & Hereford and wondered if a service could operate on a Monday in Bartestree, making use of the hair salon which does not open on Mondays. She offered to investigate.

Dormington Councillors' Update/Question Time

The Chairman presented his report for the year 2012-2013, giving an update on the Iron Room and Mordiford village 'green' and commenting on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations,

footpaths and work by the Lengthsman. He advised that Mrs Preedy has resigned as Clerk to the Parish Council and has been replaced by Mrs Bucknell, who works for HALC and is also Clerk to Wellington P.C. It was confirmed that villagers' opinions on Neighbourhood Planning will be sought in due course.

New issues/concerns

- Dr J. Wood reported that the stile leading out of the new orchard onto the main road is very overgrown with brambles. The Chairman will ask the Lengthsman to attend to this. Dr B. Wood commented that the Dormington sign near to Moor Mills is very dirty and again the Lengthsman will be asked to wipe it over.
- The Chairman advised that the affordable housing application had been held up due to an environmental issue regarding effluent flowing into the Lugg. This had been satisfactorily resolved, including plans for a reed bed if necessary in future.
- Ms Shearer commented on the continuing pressure on Councillors to undergo more and more training, which is naturally time-consuming. Mr Brewin added that he had recently attended a finance course, including electronic banking for Parish Councils.
- The Chairman said the P.C. is keen to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan, but that he did not wish to commit Councillors to a lot of work that is not necessarily appropriate for a small Parish Council such as Dormington & Mordiford.

Drs Wood thanked the Councillors for their continued hard work on villagers' behalf. Dr B. Wood said she had been most impressed with the latest issue of The Dragon.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.