



**DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP
PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012

Present

Nick Brewin - Chairman, Peter Davies, John Lee, John Litchfield, Brian Dukes, Cheryl Shearer, Ray Dickson, Lorna Radnor, Jan Ashton-Jones

In attendance

Melanie Preedy – Parish Clerk
Ward member Councillor Hardwick
5 Members of the public

Action

44. To accept apologies for absence - none

45. To receive declarations of interest

Nothing declared

46. To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th March 2012.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

47. To receive brief verbal reports from:

a) Kat La Tzsar sent a report via Cllr Brewin, it was noted that the planning application for affordable housing at Sufton Rise would be delayed by 1-2 months whilst an Alternative Drainage Strategy was being prepared. Cllr Shearer was thanked for speaking at Rural Housing Week.

b) PC Neil James sent his apologies but had advised Cllr Brewin of a recent domestic incident in Dormington which had caused some disturbance to neighbours.

c) Neighbourhood Watch update – Cllr Dukes reported a recent incident which had resulted in Police involvement.

d) Councillor Hardwick commented on the current consultation regarding the reduction of ward members from 58 to 54. A change to the size of the SSSI area at the Lugg meadows was being progressed. Cllr Hardwick is involved with the two large planning applications in Hampton Bishop and will be representing the views of the parish during the planning process. During a recent ward meeting with Herefordshire Council's CEO Chris Bull, the problem of parking was highlighted as a concern in Mordiford.

48. Public participation session – the following issues were raised:

- The new tenants of Mordiford shop introduced themselves and their plans for the shop, which include local farm produce and the continuation of the two Post Office sessions. Ideas for further stock are sought from residents. Likely to open in 4-6 weeks.
- A resident requested a copy of the final site layout for the affordable housing development. Cllr Brewin to check with Kat La Tsar before circulating.
- The current situation with the churchyard boundary wall was raised. Cllr Brewin informed the meeting that deeds had been received from the Old Rectory and that they would be looked at by a legal expert.
- Concern over large lorries using Mordiford bridge. Cllr Hardwick to pursue better signage and bear in mind when conditions are set for the AD application in Hampton Bishop.

Cllr Brewin

Cllr Hardwick

49. Financea) **Resolved:** The following payments were approved;

- Herefordshire Council, Hire of Hall for April, £45.00
- M Dyer, lengthsman duties, £125.95
- M Preedy, expenses, £26.33
- HALC training, £25.00

b) **Resolved:** Clerk to attend allotment training and General Power of Competence training

Clerk

c) **Resolved:** the current spend against the budget was noted along with a bank reconciliation.**50. Resolved:** the Clerk to obtain quotes for a wooden bench with a low table for Checkley Barn picnic site. Costs for a graveled area for the bench to sit on to also be sought.

Clerk

51. Cllr Radnor gave an update on arrangements for children's activities during the school holidays. Further information was still being sought on a couple of points.**Resolved:** Plans, including costings, to be presented to the next Parish Council meeting for approval.

Cllr Radnor

52. Cllr Dukes gave an update on Jubilee arrangements. Cllr Davies had raised funds through the clay pigeon shoot. Cllr Ashton-Jones was organising a raffle to raise additional funds.**Resolved:** Parish Council to organise the fun afternoon on the 3rd June and the Beacon event on the 4th June. The Clerk to investigate insurance implications.Cllr Dukes
Clerk**53.** Cllr Brewin provided an update from the recent meeting between the school and the Parish Council regarding the congestion around the school. The school is trying to address safety issues by raising road safety awareness during school and will be shortly employing a road safety person to cross children over the road. Two physical changes to

reduce the number of cars parked around the village were discussed, however the issue of cost and safety of pupils when on the playing field were raised as problematic.

Resolved: it was felt that the school should try to approach the Moon regarding parking permits during the morning. The Parish Council and Cllr Hardwick to pursue s.106 obligations from the Hampton Bishop rugby club application.

54. Highways and Footpaths

a) **Resolved:** the following defects to be reported to Amey;

- Dead fir tree on the 'island' opposite The Maltings.

b) No new work for lengthsman.

Clerk

55. Information and correspondence

a) HALC information was noted, in particular new Standards arrangements and General Power of Competence. An update on the placing of boulders at West Wood was provided. Cllrs Radnor and Shearer to complete HALC satisfaction survey.

b) The AONB Jigsaw project was discussed.

**Cllr Radnor
Cllr Shearer**

Resolved: Publicise project in next newsletter.

Cllr Dukes

56. Residents had raised concerns that mains water was not available in Checkley.

Resolved: Clerk to ask Welsh Water about their intentions to provide Checkley with mains water.

Clerk

57. The following items were put forward for the next meeting:

- Future use of Sufton Rise Playing Field

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date