



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs Ray Dickson (Vice-chairman), John Litchfield, Jan Ashton-Jones, Peter Davies, John Lee, Cheryl Shearer, Lorna Radnor and Brian Dukes

In attendance

Mel Preedy – Parish Clerk
Ward Member Cllr Hardwick
4 members of the public

Cllr Brewin arrived at 8.05pm.

Action

140. Apologies for absence

None

141. Declarations of Interest

- a) No declarations of interest were made.
- b) The Parish Council granted a dispensation to allow all parish councillors to discuss and set the precept. The dispensation would remain in place till 2015.

142. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd October 2012

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

143. To receive brief verbal reports from:

- a) Kat La Tzsar and Tina Wood had in their absence informed the Clerk that the landowner was in the process of signing the contract to sell the field. Once this was finalised the planning application for the affordable houses would be submitted.
- b) The Local Policing Team had sent a Newsletter in their absence.
- c) No further update was available from the Neighbourhood Watch.
- d) Cllr Hardwick reported that he had been part of a task and finish group looking at the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is a set amount of money developers are required to pay to contribute towards local infrastructure. The change from s.106 obligations towards CiL payments are likely to affect the current requirement for large developments to include 35%

affordable homes. Cllr Hardwick has been privy to negotiations around extending the rail link into Rotherwas for both public and freight use. It was noted that the 'Your Community Your Voice' event in Fownhope was one of the better attended, however the forums held relating to the Local Transport Plan had not been as well attended.

144. Public participation session – the following issue was raised:

- A query over the demolition work undertaken on 'The Salt Box Cottage' (or Wayside Cottage).

145. Finance

a) Resolved: The following payments were approved;

- M Preedy, expenses £53.52
- DC Gardening, Burial ground mowing £385.62
- Herefordshire Council, hire of hall (November) £20.00
- JR Barrell, mowing Checkley Common £280 (plus VAT)
- Fownhope Parish Council, Ross on Wye bus contribution £81.00
- Morgans & Sons, Checkley Barn bench £320.00 (plus VAT)
- Robert Marsh, repair of broken window in Iron Room £60.00
- Simple sites, website development £150.00

b) Cllr Shearer provided the rationale of the draft budget which had been considered by the Finance working group.

Resolved: The Parish Council are minded to keep the precept at the current level of £10,945, but will confirm at the December meeting.

c) **Resolved:** Kerry Diamond was appointed as the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

d) **Resolved:** The internal controls and risk assessment for the current financial year were reviewed and approved.

146. Parish Plan

a) Councillors discussed the pros and cons of continuing the lease on the Iron Room, which had recently sustained a damaged window.

Resolved: The lease would be terminated, in line with the terms set out in the lease. Profits from selling any assets would be put into the Dormington & Mordiford Youth Club account for the benefit of young people in the parish.

b) Resolved: Cllr Brewin, on behalf of the Parish Council, would speak to Major Hereford regarding leasing Mordiford Green.

147. Planning

a) Following application had been approved:

- Claston Farm, Dormington, Hereford, HR1 4EA. Proposed twin span agricultural building for housing cattle.

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Following discussions with the Planning Officer, Cllr Dickson was able to report that the demolition of Wayside Cottage was in line with regulations and that an application for a replacement dwelling was expected shortly. No concerns were raised over work at 'The Cottage', Priors Frome.

148. Consultations

a) **Resolved:** Councillors did not wish to see the introduction of an Allowance scheme.

Clerk

b) **Resolved:** The Parish Council would support the proposal for Backbury ward to be included within the Parliamentary constituency of Hereford and South Herefordshire, which is more consistent with the current locality approach to working outlined by Herefordshire Council.

Clerk

149. Highways

a) **Resolved:** The clerk was asked to chase the progress of the following highway defects:

Clerk

- Potholes on the C1293 (Checkly road)
- Potholes on the U72208 (Upper Dormington Road)
- Damaged culvert above Woodfields on the U72208
- Missing cat eyes along the B4224 between Mordiford and Hampton Bishop

It was noted that the Clerk had informed the Emergency services of how to access the properties at Walk Orchard via the Upper Dormington road.

The Clerk would chase up the progress on work needed on the footbridge into Mordiford School.

b) **Resolved:** The lengthsman was asked to unblock the drain at the Maltings, reposition the 'Bungalows' sign and cut further vegetation back at Walk Orchard.

Clerk

c) Cllr Litchfield, the Footpath Officer, gave an update on the current P3 spend and the work carried out to replace a large number of broken stiles with gates under a Wye Valley walk grant. Work was planned on cutting back paths within Haugh Wood and replacing further styles within Checkley.

Resolved: Enviro-ability would carry out the remaining P3 work.

Cllr
Litchfield

d) Two recent road traffic accidents on the C1292 between Mordiford and Dormington were discussed.

Resolved: Ray Wallace would be contacted to enquire whether any further traffic calming measures could be looked at, especially in light of the proposed development at Sufton Rise.

Clerk

150. Resolved: quotes for a new notice board at Priors Frome and costs for maintenance on the existing notice boards would be sought for the next meeting.

Clerk

151. Burial ground

a) Complaints had been received that children are playing in the burial ground when parents are waiting to pick children up from school.

Resolved: costs for a polite sign would be sought. The head teacher would be asked to include a note in the school newsletter.

b) **Resolved:** The application for a cremation tablet within the burial ground would be allowed.

c) **Resolved:** The burial ground policy would be amended to reflect that the burial of non-parish residents would be considered by the Clerk in consultation with the burial ground working group, on a case-by case basis.

152. Information and correspondence

The Clerk gave an update on current HALC training sessions. It was agreed that future meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

153. No items were raised for the next meeting.

Next meeting – Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Date

Cllr Radnor

Clerk