



## DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



### Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm

#### Present

CLLrs Ray Dickson (Chair), John Litchfield, David Lloyd

#### In attendance

Chris Bucknell – Clerk

Ward Cllr John Hardwick, 2 members of the public

Item	Minutes	Action
1.0	<p><b>To Receive Apologies for Absence</b> - Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones Cllr Richard Jones had resigned from the Parish Council due to ill health. This had been confirmed by his son and details had been sent to the Elections Team.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) There were no Declarations of Interest b) No written requests for dispensations had been received</p>	
3.0	<p><b>To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. <b>Resolved:</b> To change the numbering format of the minutes to reflect the page number and year (so as still to retain a unique page numbering system) but to number items in line with agenda.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>To receive brief verbal reports from:</b></p> <p><b>a) Police Update</b> Cllr Hardwick reported that he had spent some time with the police in Fownhope where local people had been encouraged to come and talk to representatives of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. 3 bungalows had been burgled in Fownhope and 3 suspects apprehended. More details would be in the next SNT Newsletter. The message from the police was that people should be vigilant and should not be afraid to report issues on 101. The local Neighbourhood Team were praised for their response rate.</p> <p><b>b) Neighbourhood Watch Update</b> The following report had been received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The police force had visited house in Pentaloe Close to encourage residents to discuss matters of concern, particularly cautioning against the dangers of responding to cold-callers.</li> <li>• Western Power has been working in the area of Mordiford Bridge and has left a number of wire stays and insulators just inside the gate of the closed churchyard, near the school. <i>Post Meeting Note: The Clerk has reported this to Western Power who will remove the items.</i></li> <li>• The owner of the property next to Mordiford Green continues to make bonfires with a particularly large fire on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This was causing concern to residents. It was noted that this could be reported to Herefordshire Council.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass clippings from Mordiford Green continue to be deposited along the banks of the Pentalo Stream. <i>Cllr Dickson would talk to Fred Davies.</i></li> <li>• Residents were pleased to note that a 'Beware of Riders' sign has been erected on the Woolhope Road just above Scutterdine Cottage. Many riders used this stretch of the road and the notice should improve safety. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for initiating this.</li> <li>• The Mordiford Post Office had once again failed to open. The latest occasion was on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• Major Hereford had authorised the installation of a series of short posts in front of Bridge House to create a narrow walkway between the front gate of Bridge House and the entrance to the closed churchyard. This was made necessary by drivers parking too close to the boundary wall of Bridge House.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Ward Member</b> Cllr Hardwick had attended the Cabinet Meeting where the Local Transport Plan had been discussed, including the link road and the bus services. Cllr Hardwick did not feel that the link road, on its own, would benefit traffic issues in Hereford but it was not until the road was complete would the full benefit be known. These proposals would now go forward to full Council in May. The sale of smallholdings had moved a stage forward with an agent being engaged to oversee the selling, the process for which would be in place by October. Cllr Hardwick confirmed there were no smallholdings in Dormington and Mordiford Parish.</p>	<b>RD</b>				
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Public Participation Session</b> There were no comments from the member of the public.</p>					
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>To Consider Planning Matters</b> <b>a) To Consider any Planning Applications</b></p>					
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	<p>The Agent (Julie Joseph from JCPC Ltd) and the Developer had attended the Annual Parish Meeting to give information regarding the proposals. The following is a resume of the main points.</p> <p>The plant will be running about 300 hours a year and will only come in when the network is low, which is anticipated to be during peak hours when usage is high. It is proposed to build a bund around it (around 6mtrs by 3mtrs) which will allow for landscaping and planting. There will be little traffic generation once the site is complete. Conditions will be imposed on construction traffic to minimise disruption to the local people. The buildings will look like agricultural buildings using materials that will blend in with the surroundings. Noise levels should be less than 30 Decibels so would not be heard by those living in the locality. There will be some small structural wires which would go underground. The current telegraph poles would be taken down and no extra pylons erected.</p> <p>There was a question asked about emission control. The Developer stated that 43,000 households could be supplied by one hour of use so emissions would be minimal. A question was also asked about future proofing and whether the units could be converted to run from alternative types of fuel. It was confirmed that this would be possible and also that an air quality assessment would be produced as part of the proposal.</p> <p>Councillors felt that during construction traffic could be a major problem in Mordiford and a condition should be imposed which required all of this to come in from Dormington.</p> <p>A question was asked how residents would benefit and whether this would resolve the current surges and power outages being experienced locally. The Developer responded that this would be</p>					



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8.0	<p>Internal Auditor sufficient time to carry out the audit, that the accounts are prepared and submitted to her in draft in early May so that she can make a start. Any queries coming from the May GPC meeting can then be sent to her in preparation for her completing the audit and getting the Annual Statement to the Parish Council for approval at the June meeting.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To adopt this timescale for preparation of the Accounts and Annual Return.</p> <p><b>Highways, Footpaths and Commons</b></p> <p><b>a) Mordiford Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Proposals</b> There was no further update</p> <p><b>b) Highways and Footpath Issues</b></p> <p>The horse warning sign had been installed by Balfour Beatty at no cost to the Parish Council. Thanks were given to Balfour Beatty for their help.</p> <p>The gates for the Dormington footpath had been ordered and would be fitted as soon as they arrived. Mr Dyer had not mended the damaged bungalow sign. It was agreed not to pursue this.</p> <p>The Clerk and Cllr Litchfield had spoken to the resident who had reported the overgrown hedge at Morrells Well. It seemed the issue was the overgrown Forestry Commission hedges causing reduced visibility rather than speed on the road. The Clerk had reported the hedge on Herefordshire Council's online system, although it was noted that it probably couldn't be cut back until later in the year due to nesting birds.</p> <p><b>c) To report any defects to the Clerk</b> A resident reported that there were 93 potholes from the bottom of Perton Lane to Broomy Green Cottage (ref U7 2211). This was an un-tarmaced road and the bad state of repair was causing concern for emergency vehicles. The Clerk would report this and copy Cllr Hardwick into the communication.</p> <p><b>d) Lengthsman Update</b> At the end of the year £734.42 of Lengthsman/P3 Grant remained unspent – this had to be matched by the same amount of PC funding. The main reason for this underspend was that no highways work had been undertaken. All documentation to access next year's Lengthsman and P3 grant has been completed and submitted.</p>	Clerk
9.0	<p><b>Neighbourhood Planning</b></p> <p>Breinton Parish Council had arranged a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the potential implications of the Hereford Area Plan on neighbouring parishes. It was unknown if there would be any implications for Dormington and Mordiford but the Clerk encouraged representation from the GPC. Cllr Hardwick reported that Fownhope NDP was going to referendum on 7<sup>th</sup> July but it had been noted that there was one policy which was not in compliance with the Core Strategy and because of this the plan needed to be amended and re-printed.</p>	Clerk
10.0	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p><b>a) Update from Allotment Working Party</b></p> <p>There had been a complaint from a tenant saying that there was a lot of rubble on the pathway which was causing a hazard. They also mentioned the lack of water on site and the bad state of the vacant plots. Cllr Lloyd had been to inspect the area and confirmed that the vacant plots needed to be cut back. The Clerk was asked to arrange this with Daniel Squires. There was also the issue of the lease which still had not been finalised due to outstanding issues with overage, although this had been discussed and agreed at the January GPC meeting. The Clerk had contacted WM Housing who had confirmed that the lease would be updated and forwarded to the GPC solicitor.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the updated lease to be signed once it had been approved by David Campion (Humfrys &amp; Symonds Solicitor).</p>	Clerk

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11.0	<p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Lloyd would arrange for the water to be turned on</p> <p><b>b) To Consider any Expenditure</b> There was no expenditure</p> <p><b>Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard</b></p> <p><b>a) Update on discussions with PCC regarding Church Wall</b> As agreed at the March meeting Rev Moore had been contacted and sent a copy of the NALC Legal View and a copy of the Solicitor's letter referring to The Old Rectory, with a note saying that as no Section 216 (2)(a) had been found, the Group Parish Council considered it was the responsibility of the PCC to repair the wall in the churchyard, although the GPC would be willing to make some donation towards the cost. Rev Moore had acknowledged this email and said he had forwarded it to the Church Wardens. Nothing further had been received.</p> <p><b>b) To Consider any Costs related to the Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard</b> There was no costs</p>	DL
12.0	<p><b>Website Management</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Dickson and Cllr Lloyd to arrange to meet with Brian Dukes to discuss the separation of the Parish Council website from the general community website.</p>	RD/DL
13.0	<p><b>To Consider Co-opting Parish Councillors</b></p> <p>Two people had approached the Clerk to express an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, one of whom was attending the GPC meeting. It was agreed that the person in question should complete a short resume which would be considered at the May GPC meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact the second person (who would not be available until July) to encourage them to take their application forward.</p>	Clerk
14.0	<p><b>To Note the Information Sheet (April 2016) and any other Updates</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Information Sheet was noted.</p>	
15.0	<p><b>To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>There were no additional items raised.</p>	
16.0	<p><b>To Note Date and Time of the Annual Meeting of the Group Parish Council</b></p> <p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm at Mordiford School</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.20 pm</p> <p>Signed ..... Date 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Chairman of Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council</p>	