



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs Nick Brewin (Chairman), John Litchfield, Jan Ashton-Jones, Peter Davies, Lorna Radnor, John Lee and Brian Dukes

In attendance

Mel Preedy – Parish Clerk
Ward Member Cllr Hardwick
5 members of the public
Kat La Tsar, West Mercia Housing

Action

167. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Dickson and Shearer.

168. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were made
- No dispensations had been received

169. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December 2012

With the amendment of the figure within Cllr Hardwick's ward report being changed from £49,000 to £42,000, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

170. To receive brief verbal reports from:

a) Kat La Tzsar reported that the application for the affordable housing scheme at Sufton Rise had now been submitted (search www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications - No. 123565). The application for community-led development funding had passed the first round and there are indications that the scheme will be successful, though the outcome will not be known until mid-February. If successful the project could start May/June 2013, completing summer 2014.

The Chairman congratulated both Kat and Tina Wood (Housing Development Officer, Herefordshire Council) on their hard work especially with regards to keeping the parish council and residents engaged and consulted throughout the process.

b) The Local Policing Team newsletter was noted.

c) Cllr Dukes reported several items from the Neighbourhood Watch including latest discussions by the School Governors regarding parking options around the school. It was noted that a lollipop person was actively being recruited.

d) Cllr Hardwick noted that Herefordshire Council's budget had been further reduced by cuts in Government grants, individuals were encouraged to participate in the current budget consultation which runs to the 31st January. The full council had submitted responses to the ward boundary review, including the support of a 53 member council and retaining the ward name Backbury.

171. Public participation session –

- The amount of litter on the footway between the school and Sufton Rise was raised. *The lengthsman will be asked to clear this section.*
- It was noted that a large pothole had formed in the section of road which was not resurfaced outside Bell Lane when the B4224 was resurfaced several months ago.

Clerk

172. Finance

- a) **Resolved:** The following payments were approved;
- M Preedy, expenses £73.96
 - Herefordshire Council, hire of hall (January) £20.00
 - PiP printing, stationary £26.43 (plus VAT)
 - Border Office, filing cabinet £72.00 (plus VAT)
 - CPRE membership, £29.00
 - M Dyer, lengthsman duties £222.40
 - Information Commissioner, renewal fee as a data processor £35.00
 - HMRC, employee tax £19.00
- b) **Resolved:** a sign for the burial ground would be purchased from Signs and Labels at approximately £15 plus VAT.

Clerk

173. Planning

- a) **Resolved:** comments were made in respect of the following planning applications;
- Wayside Cottage, Upper Dormington, Herefordshire, HR1 4EF – Demolition of existing dwelling (retrospective) and construction of two storey dwelling.
It was noted that the application had been withdrawn though the Planning Officer would still welcome comments to inform future applications. *The Parish Council supports the application, but are aware of a neighbor dispute regarding a Public Right of Way.*
- b) No decision notices had been received
- c) Herefordshire Council's decision to charge £4 per paper planning application consultation was discussed.

Clerk

Resolved: the Clerk would print paper copies of applications.

174. Community Assets

New legislation (Localism Act 2011) that allows local communities to nominate an asset which furthers the social wellbeing of residents was

discussed. Listing an asset would ensure that the community were given an opportunity to buy the asset should it be sold, by putting a moratorium of 6 months on the sale.

Resolved: The Parish Council would register the Moon Inn as an important local asset.

Clerk

175. Highways

- a) **Resolved:** The clerk was asked to report the following highway defects:
 - Subsided verge on the C1293 between the Clouds and Pen Hafod (previously reported). It was noted that the Checkley bus had to be towed out after falling into this ditch.
 - New sign for Sufton Lane bungalows needed
 - Thornlea pothole on the C1292
 - Pothole and drainage problem on the C1292 between the Sufton Court entrance and the School.

Clerk

176. Information and correspondence

- a) The new bus service to Ledbury and the Friday and Saturday late service from Hereford were highlighted; it is important that people use these services as they are due to be reviewed in two months. Herefordshire Housing had informed the clerk that the garage area around Sufton Lane is due to be re-tarmacked in February. The Chairman provided feedback following his meeting with Major Hereford.

177. The following items were raised for the next meeting:

- Mordiford Green working group
- Affordable housing planning application

Next meeting – Tuesday 19th February at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

Date:

.....