



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd July 2012 at 7.30pm

Present

Nick Brewin – Chairman, Ray Dickson – vice-Chairman, John Lee, John Litchfield, Brian Dukes, Lorna Radnor, Jan Ashton-Jones,

In attendance

Ward member Cllr Hardwick
Melanie Preedy – Parish Clerk
4 members of the public

Action

92. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Shearer and Davies

93. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lee declared a prejudicial interest in item 98.

94. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th June

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

95. To receive brief verbal reports from:

a) Kat La Tzsar and Tina Wood were not in attendance. Since the previous meeting feedback from the funding application submitted to the Homes and Communities Agency had been sent back and a reply was awaited.

b) The Local Policing Team were absent.

c) Cllr Dukes gave a report from a recent Neighbourhood Watch coordinators meeting, which concerned the recent flooding. It was agreed that the location of the sandbags should be advertised more widely, including the Dragon, noticeboards and website. Cllr Ashton Jones agreed to be a second emergency contact along with Cllr Davies. Contact numbers would be displayed with the sandbag information. Further sandbag stores would be considered at different places within the parish.

d) Cllr Hardwick informed the Council that the Rural members forum had been postponed but would be discussing rural affordable housing at their next meeting. An update was given on the likely plans for new wards

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including Backbury ward. Plans would be discussed at the Herefordshire Council full council meeting on the 20th July. The Rugby Club application at Hampton Bishop has been approved again and s.106 obligations are being negotiated.

The following item was brought forward:

95. Highways and Footpaths

c) To consider parking restrictions opposite the school to ease congestion around the C1292/B4224 junction. The chairman gave the background rationale for requesting the extension of double yellow lines opposite the school. Residents were invited to raise their concerns during the public participation session.

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

- Two residents presented their opposition to the double yellow line proposals including possible increase in traffic speed, enforceability, vandalism to cars parked on the C1292 and problems only at peak school times.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to amend their proposals to a single yellow line with restrictions in force during peak times of one car length only.

Clerk

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

- Clearance of debris in Pentoloe Brook including a fallen willow. The Clerk would write to Major Hereford as the Riparian owner.
- The course of the Brook needs attention, as silt had changed its course. The Clerk would ascertain responsibility.

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97. Finance

a) **Resolved:** The following payments were approved;

- Herefordshire Council, Hire of Hall for July £20.00
- M Preedy, expenses £49.23
- M Dyer, lengthsman duties £115.50, P3 duties £88.00
- Greenapple sludge ltd, portaloos £170.00 (excluding VAT)
- HALC, training £25.00
- John Litchfield, Diesel/petrol for mowing Checkley Barn £19.19
- DC Gardening Services, cutting of burial ground £192.81
- SLCC, project management training £95 (excluding VAT)
- HMRC, employee tax £9.20

b) **Resolved:** the bank reconciliation and PAYE Quarter one were approved and signed by the Chairman.

98. Planning

Cllr Lee left the room

The Parish Council discussed the following application:

- Colwyn, Checkley, HR1 4ND – replacement dwelling and garage. Revision of curtilage boundaries.

Resolved: The Parish Council would support the application.

Cllr Lee re-joined the meeting

- 23 Sufton Rise, Mordiford, HR1 4EN – first floor extension

Resolved: The Parish Council would support the application but raised a concern over the proximity of the power cables to the proposed extension.

99. The Parish Council received a report from Cllr David Clark, Fownhope Parish Council, regarding the Ross on Wye bus service. It was noted that the passenger numbers were good during the first 4 months of operation.

Resolved: The Parish Council would continue with another 6 months trial to ascertain numbers during the winter months. The service would then be reviewed.

100. Cllr Brewin gave an overview of Neighbourhood Plans and their relationship to Parish Plans. It was noted that there were several uncertainties around the usefulness of a Neighbourhood Plan to the parish.

Resolved: A group of councillors and the clerk would meet with the Neighbourhood Planning Team at Herefordshire Council to discuss the relevance to the parish.

101. Highways

a) A long list of highway defects were presented to the Clerk to relay to Amey Herefordshire. Councillors and residents were reminded that they could also report dangerous problems on 01432 261800.

b) The lengthsman was asked to trim the bus drop-off area opposite the Dormington bus shelter.

102. Cllr Litchfield provided a thorough account of completed footpath works and works to be targeted this year. £1150 of P3 money had been received by the Parish Council. Cllr Litchfield and the Footpath group were congratulated for their hard work.

103. Cllrs Litchfield and Ashton-Jones had attended 'Walking for Health' training and were planning the first walk on the July 17th at 10.00am meeting at Kiddley's Copse, Mordiford.

104. The Parish Council considered the Herefordshire Council Code of Conduct and agreed to its principles.

Resolved: The Parish Council would sign up to the Code at their next meeting, once Herefordshire Council had agreed the final version.

105. The new google website is up and running though there was uncertainty as to whether the new site should include archive information.

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Litchfield,
Dukes, Ashton-
Jones, Radnor
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**Cllr Litchfield
Footpath
working group**

Resolved: Cllr Dukes and the Clerk to discuss content. Authorisation was given to use an external web designer up to the value of £200 if necessary.

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106. Information and correspondence

a) **Resolved:** the latest HALC information was noted.

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

- Ward boundary changes
- Code of Conduct
- Checkley Common mowing

Next meeting – Monday 20th August at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date