



## DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



### Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm

#### Present

Cllrs Nick Brewin (Chair), Jan Ashton-Jones, Ray Dickson (Vice Chair), Brian Dukes, John Litchfield, John Lee, David Lloyd

#### In attendance

Ward Cllr John Hardwick  
Jeremy Thorpe – Pomona Solar Co-operative  
Chris Bucknell – Clerk  
9 members of the public

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421	<p><b>To Receive Apologies for Absence</b> Cllrs Lorna Radnor, Cheryl Shearer</p>	
422	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) No declarations of interest were received b) No written requests for dispensations had been received</p>	
423	<p><b>To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with the amendment on 411 that the scalplings on Mordiford Green were for the Little Green Hut, not the Memorial.</p>	
424	<p><b>To receive brief verbal reports from:</b></p> <p><b>a) Pomona Solar Co-operative</b> Jeremy Thorpe outlined the project that was taking place at Glebe Farm, Stoke Edith which was to generate electricity from solar resources, reducing reliance on fossil fuel derived electricity. The Co-operative will generate revenue from the sale of electricity and receive income from the Feed in Tariff. There will be around 6/7 rows of ground mounted panels on metal supports. Once the planning has been achieved the share offer will be publicized with priority given to local people.</p> <p><b>b) Police Representative</b> There was no Police Representative present. The July Newsletter had been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p><b>c) Neighbourhood Watch Update</b> The recently reported issue of lorries turning into Pentaloe Close instead of down the Dormington Road was mentioned and was attributed to satellite navigation systems rather than the road signage.</p> <p>A traffic accident involving a 4x4 outside the post office and the theft of sides and a tailboard from a trailer was reported by a member of the public.</p> <p><b>d) Ward Member</b> Cllr Hardwick referred to the accident at Dormington, saying that residents had been</p>	

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425	<p>disappointed at the speed at which Balfour Beatty closed the road. This has been fed back to Geoff Hughes (Director of Places and Communities) and it will be looked into. With regard the planning application from Mordiford Primary School, Cllr Hardwick had attended a meeting with the Planning Team and temporary permission (3 years) has been granted on the basis that numbers on roll do not exceed 156. Cllr Hardwick and the GPC will continue to press for measures which will alleviate the traffic problem. There is potential Section 106 funding through the Hampton Bishop development which could help the situation and Cllr Hardwick would continue to champion this. Cllr Hardwick also commented on the issue of grass cutting and the height of verges which was of concern to local people. Balfour Beatty was looking into possibly doing an additional cut in August rather than July which was the bird nesting season. Visibility splays will be a priority.</p> <p><b>e) WM Housing</b> Allotments – the GPC were still awaiting a date for the Working Party to include Nick Edge, Julian Greenway and Sarah Harrison-Branter. This would be followed up.</p> <p><b>Public Participation Session</b> The Mordiford Post Office was due to open on a Tuesday 2.30 – 4.30 but it was reported that sometimes the Post Office representative did not attend and sometimes the door to the premises was bolted, not allowing access. This had resulted in no proper Post Office Service being available. It was stated that it was the role of the GPC to try and support residents in retaining the Post Office facility in the village but they had no other formal involvement in the running or management of the Post Office. It was suggested that the Post Office move to the Moon Inn and it was felt this may be beneficial. The GPC agreed to support the move and the proprietor of the Moon Inn agreed to let the GPC know what was needed in terms of formal support.</p> <p>Agenda Item 10c (Weighing Bridge Hut) was covered at this point with input from the community.</p> <p>The Proprietor the Moon Inn presented a petition with 89 signatures (49 of whom lived within the village of Mordiford, 23 having a direct view of the hut in its new position on Mordiford Green). From those present there was support from 2 members of the public to the move and strong opposition from 2 others.</p> <p>The Chair reminded those present that discussion regarding the Little Green Hut had been taking place at public GPC meetings over the past 18 months. Articles had also been placed in the Dragon magazine, outlining plans for Mordiford Green, encouraging local people to input into the decision as to whether the hut should be moved. There had been few comments made and no adverse reaction to the plans to move the Little Green Hut to Mordiford Green. The Chair stressed that the GPC had abided by strict procedures and all discussions and decisions had been in the public arena.</p> <p>The Chair asked the Councillors for their views about whether the Little Green Hut should be moved back to its original position and restored, which would need to be funded through the precept, or left in its current position on Mordiford Green.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To put a flier into the current edition of the Dragon asking people to vote for their preference; this would ensure that all residents had a chance to put their views forward.</p> <p>It was stressed that any informal attempt to move the Little Hut from its current position would not have the support of the GPC and would not be their liability.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>J A-J BD</p>

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427	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>To receive a Finance Report from the RFO</b></p> <p><b>Bank balances:</b> Business Current Account £16,885.83 (awaiting bank statement) Business Reserve account £4,304.21 (as of 19/02/14 bank statement). Income since June 2014 Finance Report = Burial Fees £230.00. The annual audit had now been completed.</p> <p>b) <b>To agree payment of outstanding invoices</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="212 1196 1313 1742"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="212 1196 355 1236">Cheque</th> <th data-bbox="355 1196 1158 1236">Expenditure</th> <th data-bbox="1158 1196 1313 1236">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1236 355 1310">793</td> <td data-bbox="355 1236 1158 1310">Can Do Crew. Invoice 329 dated 30/06/14. Mowing and strimming at Checkley Barn</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1236 1313 1310">£140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1310 355 1384">794</td> <td data-bbox="355 1310 1158 1384">Vision ICT. Invoice 4542 dated 03/07/14. Hosted email account from September 2014 to August 2015. £15.00 + VAT</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1310 1313 1384">£18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1384 355 1489">795</td> <td data-bbox="355 1384 1158 1489">D C Gardening. Invoice 100 dated 29/06/14. Maintenance at Churchyard and Burial Ground (£192.81). Mowing and strimming Mordiford Green x 2 (£60)</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1384 1313 1489">£258.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1489 355 1563">796</td> <td data-bbox="355 1489 1158 1563">Michael Dyer. Invoice 36 dated 01/07/14. Various Work detailed under Lengthsman item</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1489 1313 1563">£783.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1563 355 1603">797</td> <td data-bbox="355 1563 1158 1603">Mordiford School. Hall Booking from 21/01/14 to 15/07/14</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1563 1313 1603">£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1603 355 1644">798</td> <td data-bbox="355 1603 1158 1644">Mordiford School. Deposit to accompany Hall Booking</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1603 1313 1644">£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1644 355 1684">799</td> <td data-bbox="355 1644 1158 1684">PIP Printing Invoice 5143 dated 14/7/14. July Dragon</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1644 1313 1684">£147.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1684 355 1742">780</td> <td data-bbox="355 1684 1158 1742">Grant Thornton invoice 7011537 for 2014 Annual Audit £100 VAT</td> <td data-bbox="1158 1684 1313 1742">£120.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Resolved:</b> All payments approved</p> <p>c) <b>To Consider Electronic Banking</b> Following the repeal of s 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the GPC considered the use of electronic banking. <b>Resolved:</b> To put in place electronic banking facilities to be used primarily for account administration with cheque payments being used unless in exception and agreed circumstances.</p>	Cheque	Expenditure	Amount	793	Can Do Crew. Invoice 329 dated 30/06/14. Mowing and strimming at Checkley Barn	£140.00	794	Vision ICT. Invoice 4542 dated 03/07/14. Hosted email account from September 2014 to August 2015. £15.00 + VAT	£18.00	795	D C Gardening. Invoice 100 dated 29/06/14. Maintenance at Churchyard and Burial Ground (£192.81). Mowing and strimming Mordiford Green x 2 (£60)	£258.81	796	Michael Dyer. Invoice 36 dated 01/07/14. Various Work detailed under Lengthsman item	£783.99	797	Mordiford School. Hall Booking from 21/01/14 to 15/07/14	£120.00	798	Mordiford School. Deposit to accompany Hall Booking	£20.00	799	PIP Printing Invoice 5143 dated 14/7/14. July Dragon	£147.30	780	Grant Thornton invoice 7011537 for 2014 Annual Audit £100 VAT	£120.00	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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428	<p><b>Highways and Footpaths</b></p> <p><b>a) Highways and Footpath Issues</b>  A response had been received from the Safer Roads Partnership saying that any application for a reduction of the speed limit needed to go through Herefordshire Council. Letters had been sent to Cllr P Rone (Cabinet Member Transport and Roads) and Cllr P Price (Cabinet Member for Infrastructure) asking to make an application for a 30 mpg speed limit in Dormington. To date no response had been received. Cllr Hardwick agreed to follow this up.  Letters had also been written to Herefordshire Council by members of the public and the PCC raising concern about the current speed limit and the infrequency of grass cutting, with particular reference to verges.  There was concern raised about the speed of traffic on the Woolhope to Mordiford road which were marked with Beware of Horses signs. It was agreed to talk to Woolhope PC about this and to put an article in the next edition of The Dragon urging people to look out for horses.</p> <p><b>b) Checkley Common</b>  As agreed at the June GPC meeting Mr Barrell was asked for advice on the mowing of Checkley Common. His advice was that the common couldn't be mowed until September because of the flowers. Rupert Foley felt this was unacceptable. The situation was discussed and it was agreed that the GPC do not have the funds to remove the ragwort out by hand.  <b>Resolved:</b> To look into the ownership of Checkley Common with regard to the responsibility for upkeep.  <b>Resolved:</b> To commission Mr Barrell to cut the common in September as planned</p> <p><b>c) To report any defects to the Clerk</b>  There is poor visibility on Mordiford Bridge due to the angle of the bridge and the undergrowth. This had been reported to the Environment Agency who feels it is not their responsibility. This would be reported again.  There was a problem with litter and this would be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.  There had been fly tipping in Haugh Wood (2<sup>nd</sup> entrance on the left) going up the hill. This area is in Woolhope Parish.  The cats eyes between the Carrots Public House and Hereford had been damaged. This would be reported. This area is in Hampton Bishop Parish.  The Community Protection Team would be asked to visit Swardon Quarry as there was a build-up of litter, empty cans, bottles etc.</p> <p><b>d) To Report any Jobs for the Lengthsman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lengthsman would be asked to prioritise verges and visibility splays.</li> <li>• Outside the school – other side of the path to be cut</li> <li>• Signs to be cut back</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>RD</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
429	<p><b>Footpaths</b> – inwardly opening gates had been fitted on DR3 (opposite the church) and on DR2 (Dormington to Mordiford road).</p>	
430	<p><b>Neighbourhood Planning</b>  In the absence of Cllr Shearer this item was deferred until September.</p>	

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431	<p><b>Mordiford Green</b></p> <p><b>a) Update from Working Party</b> The noticeboard has been lowered.</p> <p><b>b) To consider reassigning grass cutting contract</b> <b>Resolved:</b> To ask Fred Davies to cut the grass on Mordiford Green as a volunteer. Expenses will be paid and consideration will be given to an honorarium later in the year. <b>Resolved:</b> The Clerk would communicate this to D C Gardening and inform the insurance company</p> <p><b>c) Weighing Bridge Hut</b> This was covered under Item 425 Public Participation Section</p> <p><b>d) Memorial Benches and Flood Memorial</b> It was agreed that the benches would be engraved with date of birth and date of death rather than dates related to service with GPC. A section related to the Flood memorial would be added to the questionnaire in order to capture the views of the public as to whether it should be placed on Mordiford Green.</p> <p><b>e) To Consider any costs related to Mordiford Green</b> - There were no costs</p>	RD Clerk
432	<p><b>Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard</b></p> <p><b>a) Working Party Update</b> The Diocese has approved the Faculty for felling the tree in the Churchyard.</p>	
433	<p><b>Allotments</b> The Clerk had attended a SLCC training programme on Allotment Management. A meeting has been requested with WM Housing but no date had yet been agreed. <b>Resolved:</b> To add a piece in the next edition of the Dragon encouraging people to get involved with the allotments.</p>	
434	<p><b>Scutterdine Lime Kilns</b> A second cut by Weston Power was awaited</p>	
435	<p><b>WW1 Commemorations</b> An article had been placed in the Dragon to gather the views of the community as to what could be done.</p>	
436	<p><b>Access to Resources by Emergency Co-ordinator</b> This item was deferred</p>	
437	<p><b>To Note the Information Sheet (July 2014) and any other Updates</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Information Sheet (July 2014) was noted.</p>	
438	<p><b>To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting</b> Litter, Litter bins/dog bins, communication with parishioners</p>	
439	<p><b>To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Group Parish Council</b> Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in Mordiford School The meeting closed at 9.55 pm</p> <p>Signed ..... Date 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Chairman of Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council</p>	