



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at 7.30pm

Present

Ray Dickson – vice-chairman, Peter Davies, John Lee, John Litchfield, Brian Dukes, Lorna Radnor, Jan Ashton-Jones, Cheryl Shearer

In attendance

Ward member Cllr Hardwick

Melanie Preedy – Parish Clerk

1 member of the public

Tina Wood, Housing Development Officer, Herefordshire Council

Kat La Tsar, WM Housing

Action

76. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Brewin

77. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Shearer declared a prejudicial interest in item 84.

78. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st May 2012.

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

79. To receive brief verbal reports from:

a) Kat La Tzsar and Tina Wood explained that drainage issues were still causing problems with the progress of the affordable housing project. While Herefordshire Council and Natural England agree upon a strategy to deal with the high levels of phosphates within the Lugg planning applications are being delayed. Feedback had been received from the application submitted for funding to finance the affordable housing. The Homes and Communities Agency requested clarification on several points.

Resolved: Cllr Shearer would meet with Kat and Tina to provide a relevant reply.

Cllr Shearer

Kat La Tsar and Tina Wood were thanked and left the meeting

b) Apologies had been sent from the Local Policing Team

c) Cllr Dukes gave a report from a recent Neighbourhood Watch

coordinators meeting.

d) Cllr Hardwick attended a Boundary Commission working group meeting where a revised map indicating potential ward boundary changes were discussed. The Electoral Commission will make a decision on the 13th June regarding the number of Herefordshire Council councillors. Herefordshire Council will agree new ward boundaries by the 7th July. Insulation grants currently available to Herefordshire residents will stop in the autumn, so residents are encouraged to apply now. An update on cabinet changes was given. Cllr Hardwick would provide a letter of support for the proposed parking restrictions opposite Mordiford School.

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

- Pleasure was expressed over the recent resurfacing of the section of B4224, which will improve drainage problems.

81. Finance

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

- Herefordshire Council, Hire of Hall for June £20.00
- M Preedy, expenses £75.20
- PiP printing, newsletter £121.68
- HALC, training and printing £48.20
- DC Gardening Services, cutting of burial ground for April and May £385.62, cutting of Play Area £110.00
- SLCC, allotment training, £95 (excluding VAT)
- Fownhope Parish Council, bus service to Ross on Wye £103.50 (3 months)

b) **Resolved:** the appointment of new External Auditors was noted.

c) The Internal Auditor noted that she was happy that the accounts were accurate and signed off the relevant section of the Annual Return.

d) The Parish Council read through the Governance Statement and satisfied itself that the accounts were prepared properly.

Resolved: Approve the Annual Return for 2011/12

Clerk

82. The Parish Council noted that they fulfilled the two criteria required for the General Power of Competence 1) a qualified clerk and 2) two thirds of members stood for election.

Resolved: Accredited with General Power of Competence

83. Children's activities

Cllr Radnor gave an update on the progress with arrangements for children's activities over the summer holidays at the school. A First Aider is still being sought. Unfortunately take up by school children hasn't been too great.

Resolved: Cllr Radnor would send out reminder booking forms in Mordiford School, then approach neighbouring schools.

Cllr Radnor

84. Planning

Cllr Shearer left the room

The Parish Council discussed the following application:

- Dormington Court, Dormington – proposed detached annexe.

Resolved: The Parish Council would support the application

Clerk

85. Play Area at Sufton Rise

Resolved: Cllr Davies would organise monthly mowing of the Play Area

Cllr Davies

86. Highways

a) The following defects were reported:

- Pothole past Swardon Quarry
- Road subsiding into the ditch near the Clouds, Checkley.
- Claston Lane flooding (*follow up*)
- Pothole past Anns Cottage, Checkley
- Drains along with C1292
- Copious amount of water flowing possibly from Mill Race
- Pothole past Thornlea on the C1292
- White lining on junctions in Priors Frome (*follow up*)

Clerk

b) The lengthsman was asked to trim the regular places throughout the parish including the Pentoloe stream and outside the Iron Room.

Clerk

87. Website

Cllr Dukes informed the council that the google site that has been prepared is available to view on line.

Resolved: the Parish Council would cancel the contract with the current provider but keep the clerk's email address at a charge of £12.50 per year.

**Cllr Dukes
Clerk**

88. In September 2011 the Parish Council requested the extension of the current parking restrictions on the junction between the C1292 and the B4224 by 1-2 car lengths to ease congestion and improve road safety. The Parish Council had been asked for comments on the proposals.

Resolved: The Parish Council would support the proposals.

Clerk

89. Fownhope Parish Council invited Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council to join discussions over an application for grant funding to subsidise two bus services a) a monthly service to Ledbury b) a late night service from Hereford.

Resolved: The Parish Council would support working with Fownhope Parish Council on this initiative and would welcome further input into specific route discussions.

**Clerk
Cllr Dukes**

90. Information and correspondence

a) **Resolved:** The Clerk gave an update on the current situation with the Code of Conduct arrangements.

Cllr Dickson thanked all those involved in organising the Jubilee celebrations they had been a huge success despite the weather!

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

- Walking for Health
- P3 budget/programme of work

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date