



**DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP
PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2012

Present

Nick Brewin - Chairman, Peter Davies, John Lee, John Litchfield, Brian Dukes, Cheryl Shearer, Ray Dickson, Lorna Radnor

In attendance

Melanie Preedy – Parish Clerk
4 Members of the public

Action

28. To accept apologies for absence - Jan Ashton-Jones, Cllr John Hardwick.

29. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Davies declared a prejudicial interest in 33 a)

30. To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th February 2012.

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

31. To receive brief verbal reports from:

a) Kat La Tzsar provided a written update noting that the planning application for the affordable housing development at Sufton Rise had been delayed but is anticipated for submission during March. The project would be showcased during National Housing week.

b) PC Neil James had sent his apologies

c) Neighbourhood Watch update – no update

d) Councillor Hardwick had sent his apologies.

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

- Closing of Westwood car park. Clerk to raise with Fownhope Parish Council.
- Query over future of Poors Acre
- Progress of meeting with school to discuss parking

33. Finance

- a) **Resolved:** The following payments were approved;
- Herefordshire Council, Hire of Hall for March £20.00
 - M Preedy, expenses £21.25
 - EnviroAbility, work on footpath £60.00

Clerk

- HALC training £60.00
- Vision ICT, domain name renewal £64.20
- Sufton Estate, leases for Checkley barn £10 and Iron Room £10.

b) **Resolved:** risk assessment noted. Clerk to contact owners of unsafe memorials.

Clerk

c) **Resolved:** the Parish Council not to provide a donation to Fownhope and District Medical Trust at this point.

Clerk

34. Resolved: request paper planning applications from Herefordshire Council and request that decision notices continue to be sent electronically.

Clerk

35. Responses to the Participatory Budgeting exercise were discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain quotes for the next bench to be placed at Checkley Barn Picnic Site.

Clerk

36. Cllr Brewin provided an update from the recent Neighbourhood Planning training session he had attended with Cllr Litchfield. Councillors supported the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan but thought it would be prudent to wait for the Local Development Framework to be adopted by Herefordshire Council and the detail of local planning policies to be known.

Resolved: Parish Council to update current Parish Plan as an initial step. Clerk to keep Parish Council updated with any developments.

**Cllr Brewin
Clerk**

(The following item was brought forward)

37. Cllr Shearer gave an update from the Hereford Localities meeting which discussed the Rotherwas Enterprise Zone and the retail quarter. A further meeting was planned, which Cllr Shearer would attend.

Cllr Shearer

38. The current uncertainty over the ownership of the churchyard wall was discussed.

Resolved: Approach owner of The Rectory with a request to look at the deeds. Failing this advice would be sought from NALC.

Clerk

39. Resolved: Cllr Radnor to pursue ideas for children's activities during the summer holidays. Further advice would need to be sought regarding First Aid, CRB checks and so on.

Cllr Radnor

40. Cllr Dukes gave an update on the Jubilee arrangements. Those present were invited to attend a meeting to discuss Academy Status of Mordiford School on 21st March at 7.00pm.

41. Highways and Footpaths

a) **Resolved:** the following defects to be reported to Amey;

- New grit bin need at Hillside
- Repairs to the junction between the B4224 and C1292 need attention

- Sign needed indicating the Bungalows off Sufton Lane
- Iron Room white lining
- 40 mph red tarmac
- Water flowing from the Mill race

Overgrown willow near Mordiford bridge needs cutting back. Cllr Davies to contact Environment Agency.

Cllr Davies

Overgrown vegetation surrounding the treatment plant on Pentalo Close needs to be cut back. Clerk to contact Welsh Water.

Clerk

b) **Resolved:** lengthsman to place chippings at the muddy section of footpath behind the Moon. Cllr Dickson to ask permission from landlord.

Cllr Dickson

c) The Footpath working group were thanked for their work on the footpaths.

Resolved: P3 work for next financial year was prioritised.

42. Information and correspondence

a) The Clerk provided an update on the new General Power of Competence, which is due to come into force in April 2012.

b) The Play Area Strategy was discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to reply indicating that the play area at the Maltings is not owned by the Parish Council and informing them of the plans for a new play area within the new Sufton Rise development.

Clerk

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

- Mains water for Checkley

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date