



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 7.30pm

Present

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

In attendance

Ward Cllr John Hardwick

Chris Bucknell – Clerk

16 members of the public

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440	<p>To Receive Apologies for Absence Cllrs Cheryl Shearer, David Lloyd The Chair updated the meeting about Cllr Shearer's recent illness. Cllr Shearer had been in touch with the Chair and sent her best wishes to all the Cllrs, who, in return, wished her a speedy recovery.</p>	
441	<p>Declarations of Interest a) No declarations of interest were received b) No written requests for dispensations had been received</p>	
442	<p>To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th July 2014 Resolved: Minutes of meeting held on 15th July 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
443	<p>To receive brief verbal reports from:</p> <p>a) Police Representative There was no Police Representative present. The Group Parish Council had been notified that the new PC for the Dormington and Mordiford Area is P C Brian Hillstead. The August and September Newsletters had been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>b) Neighbourhood Watch Update Problems had been reported with heavy trailers travelling at excessive on the road from Hope Springs through the village. This would be reported.</p> <p>Western Power had set up a generator which had caused severe disruption to the residents of Pentoloe Close because of excessive noise. There had been no notification from Western Power. It was agreed the Group Parish Council would write to Western Power.</p> <p>The speed indicator device outside the school was now working.</p> <p>c) Ward Member Cllr Hardwick updated the meeting about the Herefordshire Council budget consultation and about the budget simulator which could be used online. Herefordshire Council had now moved out of Brockington and Member Services were operating from the Shirehall. Cllr Hardwick gave the meeting an outline of his day as a member of the Planning Committee which included discussion about the future of the existing Fire Station which may be considered as one of the sites for the new Hereford University. Funding for the new Fire Station had already been allocated from Central Government. Cllr Hardwick also gave an update on the Rugby Club development, saying that the Section 106</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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Cllr Hardwick to be copied into the correspondence.</p> <p>a) To Consider any Planning Applications</p> <p>The following applications were considered by the Planning Group during August.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="188 651 1425 1451"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="196 660 347 689">Reference</th> <th data-bbox="355 660 1417 689">Application</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="196 701 347 790">P142407/K</td> <td data-bbox="355 701 1417 790">5 Wallflower Row, Mordiford. Pollard a sycamore and trim a yew tree. <i>This application was circulated to all Cllrs on 18/08/14 and no objections had been received by the deadline.</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="196 801 347 1440">P142267/F</td> <td data-bbox="355 801 1417 1440"> <p>Mangerdine, Mordiford. 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454	<p>Access to Resources by Emergency Co-ordinator Cllr Dukes circulated a note giving an outline of what would need to be considered in case of an emergency and what resources would need to be readily available. This would be included in the Dragon; residents who could offer expertise or resources would be asked to complete the return slip so that a centralised inventory of skills and resources could be compiled.</p>	
455	<p>To Note the Information Sheet (September 2014) and any other Updates Resolved: Information Sheet (September 2014) was noted.</p>	
456	<p>To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting Bus Service, Budget setting process</p>	
457	<p>To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Group Parish Council Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 7.30pm in Mordiford School</p> <p>Cllr Litchfield requested that consideration be given to moving the DMGPC meetings to another night as he had a training commitment on a Tuesday between October 2014 and March 2015. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the availability of the School Hall for the third Monday in January/February and March 2015 and a decision would be taken at the October meeting. The Clerk noted that she was not available on the third Monday of November.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.55 pm</p> <p>Signed Date 21st October 2014 Chairman of Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council</p>	