



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs Nick Brewin (Chairman), Ray Dickson, Cheryl Shearer Jan Ashton-Jones, Peter Davies, Lorna Radnor, John Lee and Brian Dukes

In attendance

Mel Preedy – Parish Clerk
9 members of the public
Kat La Tsar, West Mercia Housing

Action

178. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Litchfield.

179. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Brewin declared an other interest in item 184 d)
- No dispensations had been received

180. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2013

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

181. To receive brief verbal reports from:

- a) The Local Policing Team were absent.
- b) There was nothing new to note from the Neighbourhood Watch
- c) Cllr Hardwick had sent his apologies for the meeting.

182. Public participation session –

- Kat La Tsar from West Mercia Housing gave an overview of the progress thus far with the affordable housing planning application. Herefordshire Council had made a few suggested amendments including rotating a number of the plots, changing the route of the footpath between the development and Sufton Rise, introducing double yellow lines to prevent parking on the C1292 in the vicinity of the access, and location of the allotment parking spaces. The suggestions would be considered by West Mercia Housing and possibly introduced into the scheme as minor amendments.
- The public were given the opportunity to address Kat and the Parish Council with any issues concerning the affordable housing planning application. Residents were reassured that individuals within the

parish would be given first priority when letting/selling the houses; this requirement for a local connection would be in place for perpetuity. The Parish Council would be required to help check the validity of the local connection. The Parish Council would also be responsible for managing the allotments.

183. Planning

- a) **Resolved:** The Parish Council made the following comments in respect of:
Erection of 12 no. affordable units with associated access, landscaping and allotments:

The Parish Council entirely support this application having been fully involved with it from the outset. The need for the affordable housing was identified through the parish planning process which the Parish Council initiated. The Parish Council would support any minor amendments proposed to address any concerns or objections raised.

- b) Between meetings the following planning applications were supported:
- 32 Sufton Rise, Mordiford, HR1 4EN: Demolition of single storey lean-to and construction of two storey extension to side elevation.
 - Land adjacent to The Castle, Checkley, HR1 4ND: Change of use from agricultural to equestrian and erection of stable block.
 - Sweet Coppin, Dormington, HR1 4EA: Removal of condition 2 of planning application 24167 relating to the agricultural occupancy condition.

The following planning permissions were noted:

- Wallflower Row, Mordiford, HR1 4LN: Change of use of agricultural land, part to garden of 5 Wallflower Row and part to Village Green.
- Dormington Court, Dormington, HR1 4ES: Proposed detached annexe

184. Finance

- a) **Resolved:** The following payments were approved:
- M Preedy, expenses £23.38
 - M Dyer, lengthsman duties £132.00
 - HALC, training £10
 - Signs and Labels, burial ground sign £15 (plus VAT)
 - EnviroAbility, P3 work £389.50
- b) **Resolved:** The quote from DC Gardening for mowing the burial ground at £192.81 per cut was agreed for the next three years.
- c) **Resolved:** The quote from Morgans of £350 for a noticeboard was agreed. Cllr Davies would approach Mr Foley about siting the notice board on the land in Priors Frome near the phone box.

Cllr Brewin left the room

Clerk

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Cllr Davies

- d) Councillors discussed the request from Dormington PCC for a donation towards the churchyard maintenance.

Resolved: a donation of £250 would be provided to the PCC. The donation would be reviewed each year.

Clerk

185. Highways and Footpaths

- a) The following defects were reported:
- Broken mirror on Larport Lane crossroads
 - Pothole opposite Bell Lane on the B224
 - Potholes on Sufton Lane
 - Road surfacing breaking up on Clay Hill Pitch on the C1292
 - Potholes near Anne's Cottage, Checkley
 - Foot bridge crossing into Mordiford school

Clerk

- b) The lengthsman was asked to check the drain outside Kiddley's Copse, Mordiford and the ditch near the Old Post Office, Checkley.

Clerk

186. Cllr Dukes gave a brief update on the meeting held with representatives from Woolhope, Fownhope and Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council's regarding the future management of Poors Acre.

Resolved: a working group of Cllrs Dukes, Lee and Litchfield would arrange a further joint meeting with a representative from National Trust and report back to a future meeting.

Cllrs Dukes,
Lee,
Litchfield

187. Information and correspondence

- a) **Resolved:** the clerk's update was noted
- b) **Resolved:** a working group composed of Cllrs Litchfield, Ashton-Jones, Dukes, Radnor and Dickson would meet to discuss plans for Mordiford Green. Cllr Dickson would lead this group.

Cllrs
Litchfield,
Ashton-
Jones,
Dukes,
Radnor,
Dickson

188. Items for the next meeting

Nothing raised

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

189. Employment

Resolved: the Parish Council noted the Clerk's resignation and intention to leave the post at the end of March. It was agreed that the Clerk would cover the April meeting, if absolutely necessary. Cllrs Dickson, Shearer, Brewin and the Clerk would sit on the interview panel. Closing date for applications would be 8/3/13. The post would be advertised for 29 hours per month, with the salary being paid in accordance with the national salary scales.

Cllrs
Dickson,
Shearer,
Brewin,
Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Date:

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