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HOPE UNDER DINMORE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 4th January 2018 at 7.00pm in
Hope under Dinmore Village Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr. N Ramsay; Cllr. Mrs K Clarkson;
Cllr John Stone; Cllr J Pritchard; Cllr A. Morgan; Cllr N Giles and Cllr K Rocke.

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk: Mrs L Hay; Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett; Mrs Amy Chandler – Ignite; PCSO S. Annette.

Members of the public present: 11

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Legge – Deputy Chairman Cllr Adele Morgan took the chair and she welcomed those present to the January meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr Leslie Legge; Cllr Paul Stephens.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations: Cllrs Clarkson; Ramsay and Stone signed on behalf of the village hall.

3. Report from local Police Officer – PCSO Annette reported that in general all was quiet in Hope and Newton. There had been a reported incident of a suspicious vehicle in the layby by the church and residents were asked to ring 101 if they had any concerns. All Police personnel in Herefordshire now have body cameras and mobile phones.

PCSO Annette discussed running a village cyber-crime/awareness meeting – to be held on a Saturday morning for about 2 hours. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council would fund the hire of the Village Hall. The Clerk and PCSO Anette will liaise with regard to a suitable date and time and will report back to the Parish Council.

4. The Chairman introduced Mrs Amy Chandler from Ignite who gave a short presentation based on arranging a tester day which would hopefully encourage local residents to take part in various activities i.e. pottery classes; Yoga etc. It was explained that this would necessitate the support of volunteers to help run the day and any follow up activities.

Mrs Chandler explained that there was funding available but that this had to be used before the end of the financial year in March. After some discussion it was decided – due to the short time scale for advertising etc- not to take up the offer of a taster day on this occasion.

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The Chairman thank Mrs Chandler on behalf of those present and Mrs Chandler left the meeting.

5. Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett – reported that the next full Council meeting is on 26th January when the main topic would be the budgets for the next financial year.

Ward Cllr Crockett expressed her strong objection to the closure of Hillside – the small NHS 20 bedded Unit on Ross Road - planned for end of February 2018. She explained that despite widespread objection it seemed ever likely that this closure will go ahead.

Ward Cllr Crockett asked that her email address be included in the next local Newsletter and invited local residents to contact her direct (details available on the website).

6. The Chairman opened the Open Session and invited those present to raise any local issues which they wished discussed.

Cllr John Stone reported that he had recently experienced an Aga fire – fortunately he had been woken by his fire alarm and had been able to extinguish the fire due to a working fire extinguisher. He stressed to those present the importance of checking that their fire alarm batteries and fire extinguishers were in good up to date working order.

Cllr John Stone suggested the Parish Council should acknowledge the work and commitment shown to the Parish Council by David Legge who had recently passed away. It was unanimously agreed to purchase a standard rose and, together with an accompanying card, Cllr Stone offered to take them to Mrs Violet Legge on behalf of the Parish Council.

With no more issues raised from the floor, the chairman moved the open session to the planning applications: -

6.1 Planning application no: 174096 – Woodmanton, Winsley Road

Mrs Hodges (applicant) was present at the meeting and informed those present that she has an appointment to meet with Mr A. Prior, Planning Officer, on Monday next to discuss changes to the original plans and application. Paper copies outlining these changes were available.

These changes include the erection of a large attached garage with 4 windows.

Mrs Hodges confirmed that she had worked within the permitted boundaries and had only requested planning permission when she decided to take the building up an extra level and add the attached garage.

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The Parish Council felt it was not appropriate to discuss this planning application based on out-of-date plans and agreed to await instructions from the Planning Officer as to whether revised plans will be submitted.

6.2 Planning application no: 162102 – Appeal site adjacent to Cherrybrook – no action as this stage – there will now be a site meeting by the planning officer and Ward Cllr Crocket will be informed of decision.

6.3 Planning application no: 163900 – Appeal Upper Buskwood Farm – no further action at this stage – there will now be a site visit by the planning officer and Ward Cllr Crocket will be informed of his decision.

6.4 Planning application no: 163901 – Appeal Upper Buskwood Farm – no further action at this stage – there will now be a site visit by the planning officer and Ward Cllr Crocket will be informed of his decision.

A resident present at the meeting requested the Parish Council to again write to the Appeals Officer reiterating the parish's concern with regard to the increased traffic on the already busy narrow/one track village road should these appeal applications be upheld. Clerk will forward a letter to this affect.

6.5 No Update on Planning no:173653 – Mr & Mrs Wynne for Tavern Fields.

6.6 No Update on Planning no:172781 – Mr P Mosinski

Chairman closed the open time.

The 11 members of the audience left the room.

7. It was agreed that the Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2017 were a true record and it was unanimously voted they be adopted and signed by the acting Chairman.

7.1 The Clerk confirmed that the new website was now active. Cllr Neil Ramsay and the Clerk will attend the training session offered within the grant funding. The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for the Government Grant and was waiting confirmation of acceptance from HALC.

8. Discuss and update on:

8.1 Cherry Brook – there was discussion with regard to the problems of the ongoing fly tipping on to the rail way embankment. Stonewater; Network Rail and the residents had been in correspondence. The main concerns again involved a rat infestation and Network Rail had offered to provide some bait boxes. However, it was agreed within the Council that the Environmental Health Agency should now be informed with

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regard to the Health and Safety issues associated with the rat infestation. Ward Cllr Crockett agreed to take this matter forward.

8.2 News from Newton - pot hole to be refilled. Clerk to liaise with Locality Steward.

8.3 Queenswood – the Parish Council were asked to approach, on behalf of the residents, the Queenswood Management with regard to the state of the lane from the A49 through Queenswood to Wynnes. This road is being used to transport the felled timber to the Queenswood car park and is inches thick in mud and the heavy lorries are causing considerable damage to the lane's verges and surface. Clerk to write to Queenswood Management.

9. Finance Matters:

9.1 Payments made since last meeting – none.

9.2 Outstanding Invoices - schedule of payments had been circulated and it was agreed that the outstanding invoices should be paid and cheques were raised and signed.

10. To Receive Reports:

10.1 Village Hall Committee - Councillor J Stone reported that there is £2050 in the bank account with no outstanding invoices. New entrance lights are to be fitted at a cost of £350 and four additional fire safety 'break the glass' units are to be fitted. Renewing the car park surface is under review but any decision has been deferred for the time being.

10.2 Village Footpaths – Footpaths Officer Cllr N. Giles reported that there are still some outstanding issues which need to be addressed and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a date and time for the Footpaths Officer and Lengthsman to meet and walk the footpaths. Once a list has been agreed – these items to be purchased from the outstanding P3 monies for this financial year.

11. Highway Matters:

11.1 Update re: Balfour Beatty – Locality Steward.

It was reported that the ditch along the main village road needed clearing as soon as possible together with the blocked drain at the Cherry Brook end - the Clerk was asked to liaise with the Locality Steward for his opinion.

Clerk to check that the empty grit bins are to be refilled by Balfour Beatty.

Clerk to ask about an additional grit bin to be positioned by Block Cottage.

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Clerk to ask about replacing the footpath finger post which is missing from by the gate immediately under the bridge on the bend.

11.2 Lengthsman work schedule for January/February.

It was agreed that the lengthsman would liaise with the Footpaths Officer and that he should go ahead and order/ repair/replace as required before the next meeting due to the time scale for P3 funding.

12. **Planning:**

12.1 Discussion on current planning applications and responses – as minuted above.

12.2 Update – Neighbourhood Plan - no update on the plan which has been forwarded to the Herefordshire Neighbourhood Planning Team.

13. Items for the Next Agenda (no discussion) – no items raised

14. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting –
Thursday 22nd March 2018 - 7.00p.m. start.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.

Signed:

Date: