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HOPE UNDER DINMORE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 26th July 2018 at 7.00pm in
Hope under Dinmore Village Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr Leslie Legge (Chairman); Cllr. N Ramsay; Cllr. Mrs K Clarkson; Cllr Paul Stephens; Cllr John Stone; Cllr J Pritchard; Cllr N Giles.

In attendance: Parish Clerk: Mrs L Hay;

No Members of the public were present.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr A. Morgan; Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett;

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 – no representation present.

4. Community Governance review – The Chairman explained that John Coleman - Democratic Services Manager and Statutory Scrutiny Officer had contacted the clerk with regard to an amendment of the boundary between Hope under Dinmore and Wellington. This would affect four properties –who would move from Wellington Parish into Hope under Dinmore Parish. All residents have been approached and none have made an objection. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Hope under Dinmore Parish Council had no objection to this boundary change and the Clerk will inform.

The process is now going through the legal channels including advertising in local newspapers; on websites etc. and once phase 2 has been completed, Mr Coleman will report back to the Parish Council.

5. Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett – apologies received.

July Ward Councillor report.

Herefordshire Council news.

A briefing has been delivered to discuss the Hereford Transport Package. This considered feedback from the HTP Phase 2 consultation and the Phase 3 consultation on preferred route for Hereford bypass as part of Hereford Transport Package. This was

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also discussed at a General Scrutiny meeting on Wednesday 18th at 10am, finally it will be voted on at the Cabinet meeting tomorrow. This of course is open to the public.

Herefordshire Council have just begun their Budget Consultation for 2019-2020, everyone is welcome to complete the questionnaire on-line or in hard copy (available from the library) this runs until September 21st. Have your say!

The high town refurbishment is continuing to plan.

Locally, all is quiet in HUD but of course if any concerns please contact me

6. The Chairman opened the Open Session and invited those present to raise any local issues which they wished discussed. As there were no members of the public present the Chairman **Closed the Open Session.**

7. It was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 31st May 2018 were a true record and it was unanimously voted they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising – Clerk's update:

7.1 Code of Conduct – The Clerk explained that Herefordshire Council have produced a new revised Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest forms. This revised documentation had been circulated. After discussion, it was agreed to remain with the original Code of Conduct adopted at the May meeting and to review the situation next year which will be an election year.

7.2 Date Protection matters - No further update available at this time.

7.3 Bridleway signs Dinmore Hill – horse crossing signs. The clerk confirmed that she had had a response from Amelia Heath – Area 9 Customer Services Kier.co.uk and although they had no record of there being any horse warning signs on Dinmore Hill – as the bridleway crosses the A49 at a location by the country park – they believe it is best for the horse warning signs to be installed at this point. They will be looking into this further and will put forward a request for funding via Highways England.

8. Reports and update on:

8.1 Cherry Brook – nothing to discuss/report at present.

8.2 News from Newton – nothing to discuss/report at present except Fibre optic broadband is being installed by BT along the lane.

8.3 Queenswood – No recent information available.

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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.

9.3 The clerk confirmed the end of year accounts had been submitted to the new External Auditor – but, to date, there had been no further response. The Notice of Public Rights had been displayed within the dates as required and that period finished on the 13th July 2018.

10. To Receive Reports:

10.1 Village Hall Committee - Councillor J Stone reported that there is £1100 in the bank account with no outstanding invoices. Since the last meeting the new blinds had been fitted; the new self-operating entrance lights had been installed; the car park had been resurfaced at a cost of £1400. The hall bookings were doing well and after discussion by the Village Hall Committee it had been agreed not to raise the hall hire charges at this time.

10.2 Village Footpaths – Footpaths Officer Cllr N. Giles reported that there are still some outstanding issues which need to be addressed i.e.

(a) Post and marker at Codling Hall – the Locality Seward had confirmed that this footpath is still active. It was agreed this issue needed to be discussed further with Locality Steward after which the Chairman will approach the land owner and a finger marker post installed.

(b) There was lengthy discussion with regard to the footpath opposite the village hall as to whether the stone steps route or the available alternative route should be classified as the correct right of way. The landowner had asked that only one to be marked/indicated as the preferred route. This will be discussed further with the Locality Steward.

10.3 Network Rail – Public Path Diversion Order – Highway Act 1980 Section 19 Footpath HD4 (part) Hope under Dinmore. –The Clerk reported that she had received and had circulated further official documents supporting this change/diversion of footpath.

The issues of health and safety were again acknowledged as it was felt that walkers, using the suggested alternative route which includes walking along the lane, could be subject to equal danger with cars; tractors etc approaching them and with passing places non-existent.

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However, despite these issues being outlined in previous letters of objection, it would appear that the redirection is to go ahead as outlined in the recent documentation.

11. Highway Matters:

As there were various outstanding issues – it was agreed that the Chairman would meet with the Locality Steward for a site walkabout during which these issues could be discussed on site and a proper course of action agreed. Clerk to liaise.

There were concerns expressed with regard to the village ditch which is totally overgrown and could now present a potential flood risk should there suddenly be torrential rains.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would send an email to the landowner asking him to urgently maintain his ditch in the interests of health and safety for other villagers. The email would make reference to an action time scale of two weeks, after which the Parish Council would be prepared to assist the landowner in this matter, by undertaking strimming and clearance.

Also, the drainage pipe under the covert at Cherrybrook is running very slowly and needs clearing again to help prevent any potential flood risk. To be included in Locality Steward walk about.

There were also concerns with regard to the recently erected stile which was proving difficult to negotiate by dog walkers. It was suggested that a kissing gate could be installed which would ease the problem. Again, discussion with Locality Steward and an approach to the land owner would be necessary. It was confirmed that the Parish Council do have a kissing gate in store.

There is still an issue with regard to Dinmore Caravans parking vehicles on the grass verge alongside the A49. This issue to be discussed with the Locality Steward during the walk about and if necessary, in the first instance, the Chairman will approach the owners to discuss this issue.

11.2 Lengthsman work schedule for June/July yet to be agreed following Locality Steward walk about.

12. Planning: Planning consultation – 182153 – Land at Marlbrook.

Outline planning application for proposed light industrial site. After a short discussion - no objections were raised.

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Update – Neighbourhood Plan – the referendum had now taken place. Declaration of result of poll showed a percentage of 79.1% for and 20.9% against. Now waiting formal adoption of the Plan.

Congratulations were again extended to Cllr N Ramsay and Cllrs K Clarkson and to the steering group as a whole for their dedication and hard work in producing the Neighbourhood Plan. A vote of thanks was also extended to David Nicholson who acted a consultant throughout and whose guidance and support was much appreciated.

13. Items for the Next Agenda (no discussion)

Correspondence: - None

14. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting –

on Thursday 20th September 2018 - 7.00p.m. start.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Signed:

Date: