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## HOPE UNDER DINMORE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm in  
Hope under Dinmore Village Hall

### MINUTES

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Cllr Leslie Legge (Chairman); Cllr. N Ramsay; Cllr John Stone; Cllr J Pritchard; Cllr N Giles; Cllr A. Morgan (Vice Chairman); Cllr K Roche.

In attendance: Parish Clerk: Mrs L Hay;

No Members of the public were present.

- 1. To Receive Apologies for Absence:** Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett; Cllr. Mrs K Clarkson; Cllr Paul Stephens;
- 2. To Receive Declarations of Interest** and Applications for Dispensations: Cllrs Roche; Ramsay; and Stone signed on behalf of the village hall.
- 3. Report from local Police Officer** – no representation present. The Clerk reported that emailed Police Newsletters had now been discontinued and that local information is available on the website. Text alerts have also been discontinued.
- 4. Community Governance review** – An update from John Coleman - Democratic Services Manager and Statutory Scrutiny Officer

*The changes planned in the H-u-D parish are outlined in the Wellington consultation write up. This confirms that there is evidence to support the parish boundary change between wellington and H-u-D and that the three houses in question should move into H-u-D. Again, the only slight concern is that the houses implicated in the move from the Wellington into Hope Under Dinmore didn't respond to either of the consultations that we ran. I plan to share the response with Wellington in the next day or so, so if you would be kind enough to not forward the write up until I have sent the details over to the Wellington clerk I would be most grateful.*

*The next steps are that I will be taking a report to Audit and Governance on 19 September. This meeting will confirm, hopefully, that the CGR changes can be recommended to full Council. The next full Council meeting will take place on 12 October. Once the recommendations from each of the CGRs is agreed, we will produce Parish Orders to facilitate the legal process to allow changes to take place.*

- 5. Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett – apologies received.**

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## September Report

1. The Hereford Area Plan consultation has been launched, this 'have your say' consultation, will be looking at site options for housing and employment opportunities. You can access this plan via the Herefordshire Council web site or by visiting the Hereford Library where an exhibition will run until 5th October.
2. The Cabinet approved recommended 'Red route' for the Hereford bypass continues to move forward. Technical surveys and design work are in progress. Consultation 3 is expected in early 2019.
3. BBLP have announced that the usual grass cutting planned for August was deferred due to the hot weather and minimal growth, resources used to carry out amenity grass cutting were redeployed to carry out works such as weeding, siding out of kerb lines in urban areas and vegetation clearance. They will of course keep monitoring the grass growth so that they can resume the grass cutting programme as required. Parish Councils should contact BBLP if they identify any areas of concern.
4. The Fastershire project between Herefordshire Council and Gloucester County Council is also ongoing, Phase 1 of the project enabled 83% of premises in Herefordshire, and 82% in Gloucestershire, with access to speeds of 30Mbps or over. This coverage has been achieved through commercial investment and a project contract delivered by BT Group. Phase 2 of the project is expected to increase coverage in Herefordshire to 95%, and 97% in Gloucestershire through a contract the projects vision is that "by the end of 2019/20 all residents and businesses in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire will be able to order the broadband service they need.

Locally, the majority of my workload is in relation to planning applications. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at [Pauline.crockett@Herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Pauline.crockett@Herefordshire.gov.uk)

**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 Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were a true record and it was unanimously voted they be adopted and signed by the Chairman.

7.1 HALC Information corner - circulated

7.2 **SID** – the Clerk informed Councillors that there is now a new Balfour Beatty Officer in charge of organising the speed indicator devices. The clerk read out the various charges associated with installing/hiring a SID and it was agreed that this investment was not appropriate this this time. Can be discussed further at the Precept/Budget setting meeting in November.

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## **8. Reports and update on:**

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

8.2 News from Newton – nothing to discuss/report

8.3 Queenswood – recent Newsletter had been circulated.

## **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.

9.4 The Clerk confirmed the annual half year audit would be completed after the end of September.

## **10. To Receive Reports:**

**10.1 Village Hall Committee** - Councillor J Stone reported that there is £1500 in the bank account with no outstanding invoices. Since the last meeting the hall has been booked for a whole week to include the committee room – it is anticipated that the revenue from this will help increase the current bank balance.

**10.2 Village Footpaths** – Footpaths Officer Cllr N. Giles reported that all were in good order.

**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 no further up to date correspondence.

## **11. Highway Matters:**

Concerns were raised with regard to the overgrown hedge on the left-hand side (from the A49 entrance) along the village road. The Chairman confirmed that he had booked for the hedge trimmer to cut from the entrance to the corner. It is hoped this work will start next week.

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With regard to the ditch running along the right-hand side of the village road – this seems to be clear and running freely. It was agreed that this ditch needs to be monitored regularly especially as autumn approaches to make sure it does not get blocked by falling leaves and debris.

The Clerk confirmed that she had circulated the new app for reporting potholes.

**11.2 Lengthsman** work - nothing for September/October – but Clerk to be informed if anything needs attention in the meantime.

**12. Planning:** Planning consultation –

Planning application: 182776 -Land at Park Farm – after discussion – no objection

Planning application: 182473- Queenswood Country Park – after discussion – no objection full details not available. The Clerk was asked to inform the residents of Laurel Cottage of this proposed application as their property is very close to the proposed composting toilet etc.

Planning application:182381 – Woodmanton – after discussion – no objection.

Planning application: 183231- Land described as off Tavern Meadow– there was discussion on this description as it really is land opposite Cherrybrook. While it was acknowledged that full details were not available, due to the time constraints for comment/objections - the Clerk asked to make a comment – that any dwelling built on this land, if facing the village road, would look directly down into the rooms of the Cherrybrook houses on the opposite side of the road.

Councillors were asked to view the full planning application when available on line – and if they wished to make any further comments to please let the Clerk know before the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**Update – Neighbourhood Plan** – The Parish Council have been notified by Herefordshire Council that there may be a slight delay in officially adopting the Plan. See copy of email below:

*Apologies for the delay in contacting you regarding the adoption of the Hope under Dinmore NDP.*

*This was due to a combination of annual leave and Herefordshire Council awaiting legal advice following the European Court judgement concerning the Habitat Regulation Assessments.*

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*We are now in a position to be able to progress the plan to adoption. I will keep you informed of the adoption date, however the NDP has been part of the development plan in Herefordshire since the positive referendum result.*

**13. Items for the Next Agenda (no discussion) - none**

**Correspondence: - None**

**14. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting –**

on Thursday 22nd November 2018 - 7.00p.m. start.

Please remember this is the Precept/Budget setting meeting.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Signed:

Date: