

Minutes of Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd January 2015 at 8.00pm at Allensmore Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jim Lawrence, Jeremy Lawrence (Chair), S Lawrence, S Williams, C Watkinson, D Cooke and T Cramp (Vice Chair)

In attendance: Mrs A Wright (Clerk), Ward Councillor Jim Knipe, P3 Footpath Contractor Paul Wright and 3 members of the public.

1. Introduction and welcome by the Chairman

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Jeremy Lawrence, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies received from the Footpath Officer, Debbie Mumford, the Locality Steward, Linzy Outtrim, and the PCSO from West Mercia Police

3. Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest by Cllr Cramp regarding the planning application for P150017/FH St Andrews Mead.

4. Open Session

There were no contributions offered during the Open Session.

5. Brief Verbal Reports:

5.1 **Local Policing Team.** Not present although Bulletin Updates have been circulated.

5.2 **Footpath Officer** Not present and no further update at this time.

5.3 **Lengthsman Co-ordinator** Cllr Jeremy Lawrence reported that there had not been any feedback regarding the cones and rails placed on the Winnall Road as to how long they would be required before formal repairs took place. There had been an extensive Parish Walk with the Locality Steward and recognising that the Parish was a large one to maintain, a number of issues had been identified. The Lengthsman, Mr Griffiths, identified the following works and actions, as completed and still required, this information will be communicated to the Locality Steward for action:

U73410.

From U73412 to C1222.

Bramley Orchard area.

Clear grids and clean out road gullies.
 Jet connecting pipes.
 Jet road culvert.
 See notes.

BT box area.

Clear grids and clean out road gullies.
 Jet connecting pipes.
 Jet road culverts.
 Clear headwalls.

From bus shelter to The Butts.

Clear headwalls.
 As required to clear standing water clear grips and reform leads.
 See notes.

U73417.

From U7410 to Stone Cottage.

Clear grids and clean out road gully.
 Clear side entry gully.
 Jet connecting pipes.
 Clear headwalls.
 Clear grips and reform leads.
 Clear ditch lead.

U73420.

From A465 to U73421.

Allensmore Village area.
 Put in grip to clear standing water.
 Clear grids and clean out road gullies.
 Clear inspection pits.
 Jet all connecting pipes.
 Jet road culverts.
 Clear headwalls.
 See notes.

Village Hall area.

Clear grips and reform leads.
 General.
 Collect litter and rubbish from areas worked.

Notes.

U73410.

Cat Protection League area.

The water is standing on the road at this point. We checked for drains and found only a ditch which may be connected to the drains at Bramley Orchard. If the ditch is connected to the gully system then it may be worthwhile clearing it and then it could improve this area.

U73410.

Bramley orchard area.

The connecting pipe between the gully at Bramley Orchard entrance and the gully at Thornbury cottage is blocked. We were unable to clear with our jetter.

Action- Arrange for BBLP Jetter crew to attend (Locality Steward).

U73410.

Huntley area.

The ditch opposite this property is holding water and not running to the headwall behind the bus stop.

Action- clear ditch to headwall and reset levels.

U73420.

Allensmore village.

BT pole 2 –Emohym.

Near this pole there is a junction pit around which the verge is worn away leaving the metal edge of the pit showing. This could result in damage to vehicle tyres.

Action- render round the edge with concrete leaving a cambered edge.

At the same pit the ditch from the field behind the hedge feeds into the system. The ditch is silted up which could block the entry pipe and then cause water to spill onto the road and cause a hazard.

Action- Parish Council to request landowner to clear the water course on his land as required under the Riparian Ownership statutes.

U73420.

At junction with U73421.

The drainage system from the junction feeds into an open ditch at the entrance to the properties called The Orchard. The water in the ditch is backing up because the culvert pipe for the access drive for the properties has been set too high. The gullies on the crossroads were full up when we were there and it was not raining.

The cross roads will be subject to flooding at anytime rainfall occurs if the situation is not dealt with.

Action- the problem has been caused when the property was built so it must be assumed that the property owner is responsible. Refer to Locality Steward.

5.4 **Locality Steward** not present and apologies sent. An e mail had been received regarding Cobhall Common. Issues were identified in the Lengthsman's report briefing including the water course at Green Farm (Cllr Jeremy Lawrence to speak to the landowner regarding this).

6. To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20/11/14.

Resolved: - The Minutes of the meeting, held on 20th November 2014, were approved by the Council and then signed by the Chairman

7. Clerk Update on Action Items

The Clerk updated the meeting re the action items including items logged for Balfour Beatty and details as per the Information Sheet. The Precept request had been submitted and also the notice of intention to participate in the Lengthsman and P3 Footpath Schemes had been returned to Balfour Beatty. Mr Griffiths asked that if the Parish Council were going to move into the Enhanced Lengthsman Scheme that we advise him of this decision. The Clerk will be attending a Lengthsman update evening at Balfour Beatty HQ on 3rd February.

8. To note correspondence

The Clerk advised re some of the correspondence received. HALC were offering the opportunity for Election briefing in terms of encouraging new councillors. Allensmore would seek to take advantage of this opportunity, if possible.

9. Finance

9.1 **Resolved:** The following list of payments were approved, prop by SW and sec CW:

Mrs A Wright (salary £304.76, mileage £13.01)	£304.76
Tax due on salary payment (Payable to The Post Office)	£76.20
Lengthsman (Mr T. Griffiths)	£330.00
Total	£710.96

9.2 **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted.

9.3 **Resolved:** To agree precept demand amount for 2015/2016

The precept required for 2015/2016 was resolved as being £4500.00. The Lengthsman Scheme grant for 2015/2016, based on kilometres of C and U class roads in the parish,

was £1860.00. The Parish Council would contribute £800.00 and this would be match funded by the Herefordshire Council for a further £800.00, making the total grant £3460.00. The Footpath P3 Grant for 2015/2016 would be £740.00.

10. Planning

The Trap House Application P142975/FH had been passed.
The Blacksmith Shop Application P143559/F had been passed.

A new application had been received:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	P150017/FH - St Andrews Mead, Allensmore, Herefordshire, HR2 9AG
DESCRIPTION:	To retain twelve PV panels on an extension and re-site four PV panels from roof of the main building, to a ground mounted location at the end of the garden.
APPLICANT(S):	Mr Robert Garner
GRID REF:	OS 346594, 235826
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK:	http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk

The Parish Council discussed the application regarding the solar panels. The comments would be advised on e mail and sent to the Planning Authority when the plans had been reviewed.

11. To discuss Lengthsman decision paper and future projects

This was discussed under the Lengthsman Update item. Further information would be circulated by Balfour Beatty and the Clerk would attend the briefing and feed back information. Future projects would be devised in line with the available budget.

12. Ward Councillor's Report and Parish Councillors' Reports

The Ward Councillor updated the meeting including questions being asked over Herefordshire Council's borrowing and spending. The increasing level of debt had been raised as an issue and answers were being sought. The debt was likely to increase to circa £232 million by 2017 and the cost of this borrowing may be unsustainable. A lot of money was being used in overnight borrowing arrangements and "capital spends" on resurfacing and broadband. A large amount of money spent on redundancy payments had also been capitalised and "written off" over a fifteen year period.

There was an update on the Broadband situation and speeds attained.

The Football Ground situation was now with the Official Receiver.

13. Village Matters

The Meeting were advised that the 40 mph signs would be going up on the Winnall Road in February.

The sand bags had been received.

14. Latest position regarding drainage and pipe systems

No further update on this at present. This would be kept on the Agenda.

15. Items for next Agenda

Possible HALC Elections and new councillors visit. Drainage and pipes

17. Confirmation of date of next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March 2015, at the Allensmore Village Hall at 8.00pm. May consider an earlier start if HALC able to visit.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor Jeremy Lawrence (Chairman)

Dated: - 26th March 2015

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