

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting 31st January 2013

Council members present: Mr. J. Lawrence (Chair), Mr. D. Cooke, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. A. Cramp, Mrs. Sally Lawrence, Mr. W. J. Lawrence, Mr. Steve Mumford.

- 1.0 Apologies - None.
- 2.0 Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest - None.
Dispensation is in place for the parish council to discuss setting the precept, this year and until the next election in 2015.
- 3.0 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 1st November 2012 were approved and signed.
- 4.0 Police Summery
On this occasion Police work patterns did not allow for an Officer to attend.
- 5.0 Foothpaths Report – Lynda Freeman has been appointed as the new Footpaths' Officer and though unable to attend has given the following first update of 2013.
"I was asked to investigate an issue in Allensmore shown as 3 paths including AN3 and AN5. I was advised that this was an historic issue now in the hands of the legal dept. Whilst looking I went down to Green Farm and though there was a pointer sign it was propped up and looking at the map, I can see some definite areas where the paths could be improved underfoot and wonder if the budget can be used for some of this? They had placed a gate at one end of a path over farmland and hope to do the same at the other."
- 6.0 Appointment of a 'Technology Champion' It was felt that at the moment the initial financial outlay and the ongoing costs related to grant shortfall would be hard to justify.
- 7.0 Planning
Implementation of the 2013 changes to the planning application process. It was proposed that the Parish Council will look into the purchase of a Monitor and cable as a possible solution going forward and that this will be further discussed at the next meeting in March.
 - a) The following applications have been passed by Herefordshire Council:
 - i) Land adjoining Landimore, 12 Poplar Road, Clehonger, HR2 9SW. – S1212990/O
 - ii) Old Traphouse, Allensmore, HR2 9BP – Application no: S122190/F
 - iii) Barn at Traphouse Nurseries, Allensmore, HR2 9BP – Application no: S122006/F
 - iv) Chapel Cottage, Cobhall Common, HR2 9BN. – S1222982/FH
 - b) The following applications have been reviewed:
 - i) Chapel Cottage, Cobhall Common, HR2 9BN. – S1222982/FH
 - ii) Smallbrook Farm, Clehonger, HR2 9TP. – S123000/F
 - iii) Winal Court, Allensmore, HR2 9AR. – DMS 130120/H

8.0 Parish Councillors Report

New Ward Boundary Name – 4 out of 5 Parish Councils opted for 'Wormside' which has been well received.

Herefordshire Council Budget for 2013/14 meeting feedback.

- Funding from central government to Herefordshire in 2013/14 has been reduced by £5.5m compared to last year, so further savings will need to be made.
- Council tax benefits are now handled by the local authority and not centrally as before.
- Herefordshire Council is proposing (since been confirmed) to increase council tax by 1.9%, just under the 2% threshold that would trigger a referendum.
- The parish will receive the full, exact amount of the precept set, though the figure will be made up of an adjusted precept plus an allowance to make up for the shortfall as a consequence of the new arrangements for handling council tax benefits.

9.0 Finance

a) The Precept covering the year 2013/14 has been set at £2000.

b) The following payments have been considered and authorised:

Clerks Salary November & December 2012 & January 2013	£ 150.00
Longfield Services Invoice – Waymark Post on AN15	£ 35.00
Renewal of Website Hosting with Compila 2013-2014	£ 32.99
Renewal of Domain Name for 2013-14	£ 3.95

10.0 District Councillors Report

A meeting at Brockington in relation to Planning at Kingstone highlighted that the Planning Department is not currently fit for purpose and that steps should be taken to put things in place to correct this.

Cllr Jarvis has asked for suggestions to save money for Herefordshire Council. Perhaps some of the following ideas would be viable:

Scrap/freeze the £30m road from Morrisons to Edgar Street. Close Hereford Futures, which cost about £1mpa to run. Now the Old Cattle Market has been given away it does not have a prime purpose (i.e. it is looking for something to do).

Cut Councillor's special responsibility allowances. In 2011/12 £195,859 was paid to Councillors, of which conservatives received £167,731. It is little wonder that the conservatives voted against the motion halving these allowances. Does Hoople have a future as it is impossible to see it securing any worthwhile outside contracts?

11.0 Drainage and Potholes

When there are high levels of standing water, it was felt that having mobile warning signage of some kind would be beneficial, however to keep costs down it was agreed that informal enquiries into sourcing signs locally would be the best initial approach.

12.0 Matters for Next Meeting

The possible purchase of a Monitor and cable to assist in Planning Applications.
Footpaths reported.

13.0 Date of the Next Meeting

21st March 2013.

Planning 31st January 2013

- a) The following applications have been passed by Herefordshire Council:
- i) Land adjoining Landimore, 12 Poplar Road, Clehonger, HR2 9SW. – S1212990/O
Outline - Proposed residential redevelopment for five houses. (Amended)
Approved with conditions. At the Landimore planning meeting Councillors unanimously voted with the planning officers recommendation to pass the application. Main points - Access road to be adopted - All other matters reserved - T.P.O. to be sought on a oak tree adjacent to access - Mr Gardiner pledged to lay a stone surface on the footpath on the edge of the development - Jim Knipe asked councillors when the time came, to give careful consideration to the position and size of the fifth house.
 - ii) Old Traphouse, Allensmore, HR2 9BP – Application no: S122190/F
Re-occupation of unoccupied dwelling to include part demolition, alterations and extensions and change of use of land to garden and alteration to the access.
Permission has been granted with conditions, one of which is that the development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
 - iv) Barn at Traphouse Nurseries, Allensmore, HR2 9BP – Application no: S122006/F
Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling with garden and alteration of access onto highway.
Permission has been granted with conditions, one of which is that the development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
 - v) Chapel Cottage, Cobhall Common, HR2 9BN. – S122982/FH
Erection of garage, parking for two cars with secure storage room and additional storage above. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission and must be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved plans (Block plan, front & rear elevations, south-west & north-east elevations and floor plans) and the schedule of materials indicated thereon. The garage hereby permitted shall be used solely for the garaging of private vehicles and for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such and not for the carrying out of any trade or business.
- b) The following applications have been reviewed:
- i) Chapel Cottage, Cobhall Common, HR2 9BN. – S122982/FH
Erection of garage, parking for two cars with secure storage room and additional storage above. Full Householder.
The Parish Council has reservations regarding the size and height of what would be a large building for a domestic garage and that the two story corrugated iron faced structure would be too dominant and impact adversely. The general view is that a single story version would be preferable and would also minimise the negative impact of the corrugated iron facing.
 - ii) Smallbrook Farm, Clehonger, HR2 9TP. – S123000/F
Change of use of part light industrial and storage estate for stationing of self-storage containers.
The Parish Council had no objections to these proposals.
 - iii) Winal Court, Allensmore, HR2 9AR. – DMS 130120/H.
Removal of a 70m length of hedgerow at Winal Court.
The Parish Council has no objections to these proposals.

Signed as a true record Councillor Jeremy Lawrence (Chairman)

Dated :