

ALLENSMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th August 2011

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

1. Apologies;
Mr. W.J. Lawrence, Steve Mumford.
2. Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest
Jeremy Lawrence declared an interest in the Planning Application for the plot adjacent to The Three Horseshoes, Winnal-DMS/111623/F, as he owns land adjacent. Declaration signed & dated at meeting.
3. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2011 were approved and signed.
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4. Matters arising:
Police update from Fiona Witcher. Most recently houses broken into on the Allensmore side of Poplar Road, most of which were deemed to be opportunist. Fiona gave a succinct and effective outline of the benefits and costs of Smart water in general and in particular street signage. Larger street signs available to anyone at a cost of £15. Steve has agreed that this a good avenue to pursue and has asked Fiona to include provision for us in her next order for those street signs.

Councillor Graham Powell gave an overview of and an update upon Broadband in Herefordshire. Possibly 4th gen mobile, or fibre/wireless hybrid. He wants as many community services as possible to benefit. September – to mid October a survey will be run to confirm the level of need to possible suppliers. Borders Broadband Project – Possible nominations for a Broadband Champion. He has a meeting scheduled with Allpay next week. Tony Cramp asked for additional information on Graham would like to see from the person who takes on the role of Broadband Champion.

Tony Cramp has volunteered for part of the role of Broadband Champion, which was felt, would be most effectively shared by three. Denise Donovan and Steve Mumford were also nominated to drive this forward for Allensmore.
5. Councillors Report:
Councillor Jim Knipe had no problems to report from Allensmore and he feels that all is well.

6. Planning:

a) Applications passed by Herefordshire Council

[Thornbrook, Allensmore – DMS/111314/FH](#)

New vehicular access, drive and turning area.

[Red House Farm, Clehonger – DMS/111160/F](#)

Erection of open fronted oak framed building for storage of tractor & implements on site of a barn previously destroyed by wind.

[Brooklyn, Clehonger – DMS/110744](#)

Two storey rear extension.

[Lower Mawfield Farm, Allensmore – DMS/110952/L](#)

Creation of an additional window in gable end of eastern elevation at first floor level.

b) Applications refused by Herefordshire Council

[Plot adjacent to The Three Horseshoes, Winnal- DMS/111623/F](#)

Proposed 4 bedroom dwelling.

The proposed dwelling would be contrary to S1 and H7 of the Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan. The means of access onto B4348 is substandard regards visibility and joining Class 11 road in forward gear is contrary to highway safety.

[Smallbrook Farm, Clehonger – DMS/110750](#)

Proposed additional commercial storage containers.

Would not have been lawful within the meaning of Section 191 of Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

c) Applications reviewed by the Planning Committee since last meeting

[Thornbrook, Allensmore – DMS/111314/FH](#)

Resubmitted and amended proposed new vehicular access, drive and turning area. No objections were found to this application.

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[Courtlands - Allensmore - No: E/2011/082248/ENS](#)

Proposed single storey hay store – part retrospective.

We feel that the site of the proposed building, in the context of calling the property an Agricultural Holding, is a little large. If we had input at the beginning of this application our response would have followed this line. **We are not comfortable with reviewing retrospective plans and would like to minute our disapproval in this instance.** The already constructed framework does however have minimal impact on the immediate landscape and having consulted the neighbouring property we have no objection to this retrospective application.

d) Applications for discussion

Courtlands - Allensmore - No: E/2011/082248/ENS

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The following email has been received from Steve Mumford: "Disappointed my input into Courtlands has been ignored. In every real sense Courtlands is NOT an agricultural holding. Their design statement is clearly dishonest. Please can you minute this?"

In view of the received additional input from Steve Mumford; the Clerk has been instructed to await further instruction regarding the final response given to this application. It was also felt that some stipulation should be placed on the 'hay barn' stipulating that this should be the sole use of this building, with any future change of use needing an appropriate application.

Finance

The Audit has been signed and returned, although they phoned with a request that we resubmit the form with brief notes beside sections 3 and 6; Section 3 explaining that we had more money in last year because a grant was received, but not this year. Section 6 explaining less money out as funds were received from Footpaths scheme. Form has been returned back to Mazars with the required amendments in place and I have since had telephone confirmation that all is now satisfactory.

The following payments were considered and approved for authorisation

- ❖ Longfield Services footpaths maintenance invoice £ 84.08
- ❖ Clerks salary May, June & July £ 150.00

Footpaths

Apologies from Ruth Pritchard our Footpaths Officer. In her absence the following update has been received.

- ❖ A reported problem path which has an overly deep drop on one side of a stile that leads from Poplar road. Ruth has spoken to Paul Wright and he will have a look and put an extra step in.
- ❖ Paul is going to do some work on the path (AN13) that leads across the fields by Tom Stevens on Winnal Common.
- ❖ Steve Williams is also asking if Paul can put dog friendly access by the stiles leading from the path next to the allotments in a circular walk by the side of existing stiles and I have also spoken to Paul who will have a look.

Ruth has also asked that if any land owner who has stiles would be willing to change them for self closing gates, just to let her know.

7. Items for consideration

- a) Potholes/dropped verges
Now nearly all of the reported roads in disrepair have been resurfaced and most of the potholes have now been repaired to a reasonable standard. There is still an issue with the Winnal and Merepool areas, but no others were reported.
- b) A letter has been received from Dore Community Transport asking for a donation, but without specifying a figure. The Clerk sent a reply back asking for some indication of the amount hoped for. The response was that they will be happy with anything, as in the past have normally received amounts ranging from £20 to £600. It was felt that though the Parish Council is open in principle to giving a donation it would first be useful to have more insight into the benefits to Allensmore and the possibility of Dore Community Transport maybe helping with some of the shortfall in the diminished local bus service. An invitation to speak at the next Parish Council Meeting on 27th October will be proffered.
- c) Council members' discussed their availability for the forthcoming Localities Evening, to be held on Tuesday 20th September. Jeremy Lawrence has confirmed his attendance and the Clerk has been asked to book two places.
- d) Council members' discussed their diary availability for the forthcoming year of Parish Council Meetings and the Clerk will secure those dates with the Village Hall Bookings Officer.

Signed :.....

Dated :.....

Parish Council Meeting

25th August 2011