

ALLENSMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2011

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

1. Apologies.
Mr. D. Cooke
2. Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest.
None
3. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 25th August 2011 were approved and signed.
4. Matters arising
 - ❖ Lynda Wilcox the Chief Executive from HALC gave a succinct and interesting overview of the early stages of the recommended process for best practice in formulating our 'Parish Plan'. £1500 grant still available if started within this financial year. A Steering Group will be formed from the Open Meeting. Steering Group – 6-20 people can join, leave and re-join. People must be notified well in advance of the regular meetings.
 - A) The Planning for Real and the B) Questionnaire are the compulsory stages of the Action Plan. This can be adapted into the Neighbourhood Plan which is the Statutory one and this can then be used as a point of Law. Jeremy asked how £1500 should be spent. Lynda confirmed; To buy maps, produce copies of Action Plan – (1 sheet of A4), refreshments for the open day for the Planning for Real.
 - Eventually everyone will have a Parish Plan. Jim Knipe asked for an outline of costs likely to be incurred for upgrading the Planning element from the Parish Plan to the Neighbourhood Plan. It was difficult to predict but, £2.5k was estimated for a very good Parish Plan though.
 - Steve Mumford asked for more insight into the possible benefits in view of the limitations within the existing parameters of what's already in place. Things that are not wanted as well as things wanted should all be included as an invaluable point of reference. You can't put something in there that's contrary to what's already in place.
 - The Statutory Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to override a national plan. The wishes of the people will take precedence. There are examples of other Parish Plans available in the HALC w/site for view. 12/18 months estimated as a realistic time to set it in place. Lynda said that the next stage would be for us to sign up to the Parish Plan. No commitment was given at this stage.

- ❖ Chris Tomlinson and Ian Dickinson from Dore Community Transport outlined the existing services provided and the possibilities of future benefit to Allensmore. Anyone is a potential client, providing they are without access to transport. It's a complimentary service to the main public transport service. 48 hours notice will be needed from the client. It's a service delivered with humanity and compassion. The Chair confirmed that we will be in touch soon.
- ❖ A Police summary was not given, as unfortunately police work patterns did not permit.
- ❖ Steve Mumford felt no need to expand upon the information received from HALC on the Localities Update meeting which he recently attended, but did encapsulate his take generally on 'Localities' as in fact, simply looking for ways for Councils to economise by combining resource.

5. Councillors Report

Councillor Jim Knipe was surprised that Winnal had been chosen as an area for future development. Steve Mumford highlighted the important point that we have a finite time to make our feelings known on this matter under the LDF cut off date of the 28th November 2011. The 'Help Plan for the Future' document was highlighted as a useful document and was requested that 8 copies be ordered straight away to ensure that a copy to be in place with each Councillor prior to the next Parish Council meeting and its response date of 28th November.

6. Planning

a) Applications passed by Herefordshire Council

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

Proposed single storey hay store – part retrospective.

The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved plans (elevation drawings and location plan) except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission.

b) Applications refused by Herefordshire Council

[Winnal Common Farm, Winnal, Allensmore, HR2 9BS](#)

Proposed variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DMSW/101073F to allow flood lighting.

Appeal No DMS/1-3011/F The appeal against the refusal of Planning Permission has been dismissed. Light pollution and extended time use were the original concerns raised and no change to that has been demonstrated.

- c) Applications reviewed by the Planning Committee since last meeting
Land adjacent to Millenium House, Allensmore, HR2 9BE
Proposed Agricultural Building.

The Parish Council has resolved to make the following comments:-

The applicant states in Question 6 that no alterations to vehicular access to or from any public highway will be made. The council would like to point out that alterations have recently been made to two access points by the applicant; they have both been widened and one recessed into the property. The recessed access point is particularly hazardous as it is on a blind corner and at a junction. The council also has reservations concerning the servicing of the site with stock movement and feed deliveries especially if access on the bend is to be more frequently used. We feel that the position and access to the property are not suitable for numerous large or small vehicle movements. We note that the building is a long way from the public road and would need hardcore for a roadway to avoid mud being a hazard – there do not appear to be any plans for a roadway.

The site of the building is not as invisible as Mr Goldsworthy suggests in his supporting letter. We take on board the sympathetic proximity to the neighbouring property of Phoenix Cottage, (previously Pinnocks Place) but Millenium House and this 5m high building is very visible from many points of the parish. Allensmore is not as flat as implied.

The council feel the size of this building to be excessive for the needs of a 7 acre plot with a few animals, mostly housed in portable shelters spread around the site. Even with bringing stock from other sites to Millenium House to winter, the building appears disproportionate. We would feel happier with a more realistic sized building of a better design for animal husbandry (i.e. appropriate ventilation), with agricultural conditions put in place.

We also feel the need to draw attention to the applicant's history. The council has been made aware that at his previous address the applicant allegedly erected an agricultural building and proceeded to use it for his removals and storage business.

Millenium House is now the registered address of this business and we do not want this situation to occur again.

d) Applications to be reviewed since last meeting.

[Arkstone Court Farm, Kingstone, Herefordshire, HR2 9TR](#)

Four poultry units for the production of broilers.

In view of the scope of the proposed application, it was felt that more time was needed and accordingly would need to go before the Sub-Committee to give full consideration to this request prior to the response date of 16th November 2011.

7. Finance

The following payments were approved for authorisation

Clerks salary August, September and October	£ 150.00
HALC Training Course	£ 25.00
Mazars Invoice – Audit year end 31/3/2011	£ 84.00
Longfield Services Invoice – footpaths work	£ 95.50

Received Precept 2011/12 the half yearly payment of £300.

The amount of £1500 was proposed and seconded as the Precept figure for 2012/13.

8. Footpaths

Our Footpaths Officer Ruth Pritchard has sent her apologies, but has provided the following update. [Footpath Report - October 2011](#)

Paul Wright has had to strim a couple of times on AN9 up the side of the allotment field which is disappointing as the cost came out of the P3 Scheme. Let's hope we can avoid that for next year. AN13 across from the main Kingstone road across to Winnal Common has been completed with new gates and posts, I have spoken to Paul Wright about the cost for this as I haven't had the invoice and it will just about exhaust the budget for this year on the P3 scheme. Also Amey have completed the repair on AN12 onto Winnal Common from the main road and my understanding is that there is no more work outstanding from them. AN25 from Clehonger has been reported as a hazard on one of the stiles, I have looked at what I think it is and asked Paul to put an extra step in but Jonathan Rogers has asked if we can put a gate in and subject to the owner's permission this will have to be done next year. [Barricades up the lane from Holly House](#) Hopefully these have now been removed or pushed across to one side. Having spoken to Phillip Griffiths it would appear they were put there to stop a guy from driving his vehicle down the lanes and into the fields to run his dogs. Also, it is my intention to step down next year as I don't have the time to walk the paths and feel it would be better suited to someone who has more time and understands the law of the land better than I. I have advised Jonathan Rogers and have forwarded his reply.

[The Council asked that their thanks and gratitude be passed on to Ruth Pritchard for all her hard work and effort to date.](#)

9. Items for consideration

- a) Potholes - Parish Clerks Infrastructure Reporting System:
- A new system given to us from AMEY's IT Department, which allows the Parish Council to report on and monitor highway defects.
 - We input location and info.
 - Once inspected the category will be re-set from the initial default CAT 4.
 - This will give us visibility of all outstanding faults on the system.
 - It was formally requested that Clerks maintain ownership and do not give logon/password to anyone else as AMEY want to protect their good relationships with us.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to gain access to the site as the thrice reported login fault has not as yet been rectified since it was initially raised with their IT contact James on 29th September. We will keep trying.

- b) Citizens Advice Bureaux - Request for a grant £15 – 100 On this occasion it was not given as it was felt that Dore Community Transport was a more relevant cause at this time. A donation of £50 to go to Dore was proposed and it was seconded.

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Signed _____

Dated _____.