

## ALLENSMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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

1. Apologies.

None

2. Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest.

None

3. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising

The Herefordshire Future Plan - Local Development Framework Core Strategy has a response date of the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## The Allensmore Outline Future Plan

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In response to Winnal being a Hub of Kingstone with a 100 homes designated between the two areas to be built over the next 20 years we can see why it has been twinned but would like to clarify a few points as to why we have issues over this. The general feeling is that Winnal should be viewed in relation to Allensmore alone, rather than as part of Kingstone. We learned that the proposed increase in housing seems to be focused around the Tram Inn / Locks Garage area which seems to tick all the boxes with a Public House, a Post Office, Shop, Bus Route etc. These services are not in the middle of Winnal which means that locals need to use their cars to access these places. The bus routes are along the A465, if you want to use them you need to walk along the country lanes or the B4348 (not a safe road to be walking along).

The illusion that there is some local employment around the Tram Inn area is not the case. Sun Valley only has around 16 people there, Allensmore Nurseries has its own caravans for the foreign work force it mainly employs at peak times, Locks Garage and the local Inn can best be described as offering part time positions for the majority of personnel needed, not the ideal income to finance a new house in the way of a mortgage or rent.

In view of the poor access and drainage in the area we feel generally only a very limited number of new properties would be deemed suitable.

It was generally felt that we wish to support the principle of the western relief road given the constraints of the eastern, but have reservations regarding any substantial amount of houses being built prior to that bridge being in place. Congestion from the south side of the city seems to be an insolvable problem with the staged building of the relief road and the lack of any extra roads etc from Rotherwas to the eastern side of the city. Possibly provision should be made for a Park and Ride facility on the A465 as this would be considered a positive step forward.

## 5. Planning

- a) Applications to be reviewed since last meeting  
Arkstone Court Farm, Kingstone, Herefordshire, HR2 9TR  
Four poultry units for production of broilers.

Steve Mumford has asked that although he has no objections to the development, it be minuted that he has concerns with regard to the following aspects of the survey.

- 1) The odour from the tonnage of spent litter, if as part of the disposal process it is placed on land close to property (as the 'peak smell' will happen every 35 days), will impact upon dwellings constituting a loss of amenity.
- 2) He also feels that the southern route is not the safest, with the potential for a greatly increased incidence of road traffic collisions at the Junction of the B4348 and Arkstone Court.

There is no fundamental objection, but there are concerns with regard to the increased amount of HGV traffic, (86 additional movements every 35days). No Lorries or Tractors should be using Blackhall Lane as a shortcut; all vehicles, without exception must stay on the B4348, until joining the A465.

## 6. Finance

The following payments were approved for authorisation.

Longfield Services Invoice LS00331- footpaths work £ 135.09

Longfield Services Invoice LS00332- footpaths work £ 211.59

Longfield Services Invoice LS00333- footpaths work £ 12.55

The above payments should be offset against funding, as yet to be received under the P3 scheme. Clarification on the current preferred process for receiving those funds will be sought and put in place.

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