

ALLENSMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2012

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

1. Apologies.

None.

2. Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest.

None.

3. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 15th November 2011 were approved and signed.

4. Footpaths

Our Footpaths Officer Ruth Pritchard gave an update upon work which has already been completed or to be scheduled in for the future. Tim Thompson has confirmed he sees no reason as to why the P3 scheme should not be continued for Allensmore. Extra funds may also be available from other quarters. A request to divert a footpath at Wallbrook Farm has been received and clarification will be requested from Tim on the finite alternative route. No further reported outstanding areas of concern were highlighted for discussion.

5. The Police summary

This was given by Fiona Witcher and highlighted the arrival of a new Sergeant who is looking forward to visiting us. 101 is the new contact number for non emergency calls to the local police.

6. The Parish Plan

Concern was raised over the level of work that would be involved. To gain a better insight Steve Williams will speak to Councillors at other local Parishes where they have already begun the process.

7. Parish Website

It was felt that this would be a useful communication tool and support was given to going ahead for a trial period of one / two years. Further research will be done in to the related costs and a suitable Domain Names will be secured. It will also be useful to find talented people within the Parish to possibly help with the creative input and some future additional cover for updating of the site.

8. Technology Grant application

A concern was raised that no equipment should be lying idle/unused at any time, but it was generally felt that there were enough groups both young and old within the Parish to utilise the full benefit. Mindful of the cut-off date for grant applications, the Chair is well underway with his sourcing of the most useful equipment at the best price and will forward on the completed application once he has had a chance to get in one more costing.

9. Broadband for the Village Hall

It was felt that this should be further explored with the Village Hall Committee, as a possible future add-on to the anticipated use of the equipment purchased under the Technology Grant.

10. Councillors Report

Councillor Jim Knipe gave his report in which he confirmed that on the 11th July a royal visitor will be coming to Hereford and that they are looking for contributions from groups such as Young Farmers for the Country Fare. Jim that the Parish Plan is worth doing, but with a measured approach.

11. Planning

a) Applications passed by Herefordshire Council

Land adjacent to Millenium House, Allensmore, HR2 9BE

DMS/112710/F - Proposed Agricultural Building. Entrance on a blind bend seems to have been overlooked and possible further monitoring has been advised.

Winnal House, Winnal, Allensmore, Herefordshire, HR2 9BS

DMS/110107/FH - - Proposed detached garage - Non-material amendment to planning permission.

b) Applications refused by Herefordshire Council

None to date.

c) Applications reviewed by Planning Committee since last meeting

Cobhall Manor Farm, Allensmore, HR2 9BG

DMS/113067/F - Planning permission

Conversion of barn and detached outbuildings to provide 5 no. Residential units and demolition of lean to addition to listed barn to South, 20th century steel frame additions to courtyard (South), 20th century holding bay to East elevation of proposed unit 3 and open implement store to North elevation of unit 3.

DMS/113068/L – Listed Building Consent

St Andrews Mead, Allensmore, HR2 9AG

Installation of photo voltaic panels on south facing roof.

DMS/113263/L - Listed building Consent

12. Finance

Payments to be considered for authorisation	
Clerks salary November, December & January	£ 150.00
Jeremy Lawrence proposed, Tony Cramp seconded	
Invoice for May 2011 Parish Council Elections	£ 820.65
Steve Williams proposed Sally Lawrence seconded	
Invoice from Amey for 1 Salt Bin	£ 78.40
Steve Williams proposed Sally Lawrence seconded	

£150 funding has been received under the P3 scheme.

13. Items for consideration

- a) Potholes - Despite an ongoing log-in problem with the Parish Clerks Infrastructure Reporting System Amey have been very efficient in dealing with reports registered by phone and email. Potholes brought to the Parish Councils attention to be again reported as needing immediate action were those in the area of Meere Pool Farm. The U73416 known locally as Blackhall Lane has once again a severely crumbling verge that has now substantially deteriorated. It was confirmed that the road U73434 still has lots of holes which are getting rather large now and it is the understanding of the householder that this one has to be maintained for railway maintenance access.
- b) The Clerk was asked by the Chair if any response had been received from Amey Herefordshire regarding the report of possible 'encroachment' with regard to the boundary line of West Saxon House, Allensmore. No reply had so far been received to the email sent out on 20th December 2011, so the Clerk was asked to follow it up and if necessary to send out a letter by traditional postal methods.
- c) The matter of the moving of the sign which is situated on the opposite side of the A465 just before the drive which leads to Moorfields, to a more effective and safe location is an ongoing issue for the residents and was raised as not having been resolved. All contacts points confirmed that no response has been received to the original notification of the issue which was raised with the Highways Service lines on the 8th September 2011. The Clerk confirmed she will again follow this up with the appropriate Highways department.

Signed _____

Dated _____.