

ALLENSMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th March 2012

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

1. Apologies.
Mrs. Sally Lawrence, Ruth Pritchard (Footpaths Officer).
2. Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest.
None.
3. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting – 26th January 2012 were approved and signed.
4. Police Summery Given by CSO Katie Middleton
PC Chris Lea and Sgt Dave Boote will be leaving. Sgt Nicky Cleeton will be allocated to our area. From 1st April 2012 PC Wendy Powell will be the local Police Officer covering Golden Valley and South Herefordshire Rural. The small amount of local crime seems to be mainly the theft of outside items. Kate asked for us to continue with reports of any suspicious activity or vehicles, as this regular stream of information is of great assistance to the local policing team.
5. Footpaths
Our Footpaths Officer Ruth Pritchard was unable to attend the meeting, but had given the following verbal update to the Clerk.
Ruth has been notified by Paul Wright that he now has the materials to do the job on the path leading out of the church yard.
When notified of another report recently received by the Clerk regarding the hazardous style off of Poplar Road, Ruth confirmed that plans are in progress for further work to take place along the Allensmore side of the AN25(Poplar Road), which will encompass the area in question, but that we need to have the grant for this next year, to enable us to do all the work required on the full length of AN25.
6. Councillors Report
Councillor Jim Knipe drew attention to the low Precept figures previously requested by Allensmore in relation to those achieved by some neighbouring parishes. He had received an enquiry regarding the progress of a recently submitted planning application from the householder of 'Brooklyn' Cleohonger for a proposed Gambian wall. The Clerk will check upon its status and report back.

7. Community Technology Grant Application.

The fund has now run out due to the large amount of interest, but even though our application was not successful on this occasion, as they are going to try to do something again in the near future, we are invited to re-apply.

8. Parish Website.

Work has started on the Allensmore community website.

It was suggested that the regular Police briefings (once ok'd by the generating Force), would be a useful inclusion. It was felt that it should not be officially launched until it is fully completed and in a smart and interesting format that will be of interest and value to people.

It will also be necessary to find talented people within the Parish to help with some future additional cover for the updating of the site.

9. The Allensmore Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council acknowledged the publication of the survey. The Executive Summary shows that Questionnaires were mailed out to each of the 229 households in Allensmore. 14 questionnaires were returned containing information about households that wish to move into affordable accommodation within the next three years. Out of the 14 responses received, 7 households were found to need affordable accommodation in the parish of Allensmore within the next three years. 2 households were excluded from the reported total, as they were not considered eligible for affordable accommodation. 5 households did not state that they wish to move to another home within the parish.

10. Boundary Lines.

A response had been received from the Traffic Office at Amey Herefordshire regarding the report of possible 'encroachment' over the boundary line of West Saxon House, Allensmore on to the A465. This response states that after site investigations, they are firmly of the opinion that providing the maintenance of the verge is continued to ensure clear visibility, the planted trees in the verge outside the property are not an obstruction to the highway users.

11. Planning

a) Applications passed by Herefordshire Council;

Cobhall Manor Farm, Allensmore, HR2 9BG

DMS/113067/F - Planning permission

DMS/113068/L - Listed Building Consent.

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.

b) Applications refused by Herefordshire Council
None.

c) Applications reviewed by Planning Committee since last meeting.
None.

12. Finance

The following Payments were considered and authorised;

Clerks salary February and March	£ 100.00
Longfield Services footpaths maintenance invoice	£ 107.10
HALC subscription April 2012-March 2013	£ 209.30
Invoice for domain name & w/site hosting by Compila	£ 32.63

Training funding of £50 has been received under the Bursary scheme.
An income and expenditure record was inspected and approved by the council.

13. Potholes & Roads

- a) The enquiry regarding the sign which is situated on the opposite side of the A465 just before the drive which leads to Moorfields. Confirmation has been received that there is no change to the original decision passed in May 2010 in which it is stated that it is not legally permitted to modify or move existing road signs, as essentially advanced warning signs must be placed a prescribed distance from the hazard they are warning of. In this case the advanced warning sign cannot be placed closer to the junction with the U73417 as it is already placed at the bare minimum distance. The option suggested to the householder, is to order from Amey the erection of an additional sign of 'MOORFIELD FARM, PRIVATE ROAD' at a charge OF £341.54.
- b) Any future outstanding issues will be recorded and passed on to AMEY who have been very efficient in dealing with reports registered by phone and email, whilst ironing out teething troubles with their online information system.

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