

## **Minutes of Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at 8.00pm at Allensmore Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs J Evans, S Lawrence, J Lawrence, C Watkinson (Vice Chair) T Cramp (Chair) Cllr Derek Cooke and Cllr S Williams

**In attendance:** Mrs A Wright (Clerk), Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson, PCSO Thomas from West Mercia Police, Phil Edwards representing the Belmont Country Park Supporters and 6 members of the public.

### **1. Introduction and welcome by the Chairman**

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Tony Cramp, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies received.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There was one declarations of interest. This was by Cllr Charles Watkinson in relation to the planning for Bramble Cottage, application number 183792.

### **4. Open Session**

The Parish Council heard a presentation from Phil Edwards, the Chair of the Belmont Country Park Supporters. Mr Edwards explained that the country park was being largely maintained by volunteers but that some funding was required to keep all of the upkeep expenses covered. A plan had been drawn up for maintenance and funding was being sought from Allensmore Parish Council as a smaller "on the fringe" parish as well as other local parishes. The Parish Council would consider the request and determine any donation to be awarded in the Finance Section of the Meeting. The park would be seeking support on an annual basis.

The next part of the open session heard about visibility concerns on the A465 over trees that were overhanging at the top end of Church Road. It was noted that when the trees were in leaf they could wipe out visibility for drivers of tractors and higher up vehicles trying to pull out onto the A465. Clerk to chase up the parish walkabout with the Locality Steward so that this and other issues around the parish could be shown to them.

There was a discussion about the Bramble Cottage Application number 183792. Technical issues with regard to transport and access should be something that the Transport Officer within Herefordshire Council would deal with. There were comments made that the splay was not suitable, not just from the A465 but other routes leading to this. The Ward Cllr would be attending a meeting the following week to update on Allensmore planning applications. The Ward Cllr would add items regarding the Highways input and residents report commission. The question had the site been visited or was it a "desk top exercise?" was asked. Also the drainage strategy document did not appear to be on the planning website for a period of two months. There had also not been a site plan on the web for over two months. When papers did appear there were only two weeks to respond and these fell over the Christmas period.

## **5. Brief Verbal Reports:**

**5.1 Local Policing Team:** Bulletin updates had been circulated. PCSO Thomas was in attendance. He advised that incidence of crime was low in the area. There had been an attempted break-in at Locks Garage. The idea of Smart Water was discussed and the PCSO said that it was a good system with DNA based unique codes that did help to reduce the risk of acquisitive crime.

Residents are urged to be vigilant after fraud calls reported

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**5.2 Lengthsman Co-ordinator:** Cllr J Lawrence advised that there was nothing new to advise this time. It was hoped that there would be a meeting with the Locality Steward so that ongoing local issues could be demonstrated. These would include Winnal Common, blocked drain requiring jetting, issues at Courtlands, Aconbury Sprouts – culvert flowing okay but ditch on far side of the A465 was blocked up with silt and the water was not flowing out from there.

**5.3 Ward Councillor:** Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson gave an update. She reminded about the availability of flood assistance. Cabinet Meetings had been held and the Council were trying to improve public engagement. They were going to be moving meetings around to different venues, for example Ewyas Harold on the 27 February. There would be opportunities for the public to lodge a question and to ask a supplementary question in the meeting. The Ward Cllr would forward dates and times of meetings when known.

The Ward Cllr would be meeting with Herefordshire Planners to discuss recent comments made regarding the weight given to Neighbourhood Development Plans when in consideration of planning applications.

Planning application 192969 for poultry farm manager's house had been redirected to the Planning Committee.

#### 5.4 **Locality Steward**

The Locality Steward had kept members informed via bulletins.

5.5 **Footpath Officer** – The Footpath Officer Cllr Steve Williams advised that he would be checking the paths and advising of attention as required. Funding was available if needed.

### 6. **To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

**Resolved:** - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, were approved by the Council and then signed by the Chairman

### 7. **Clerk Update and Correspondence**

The Clerk updated the Meeting regarding correspondence received. This included:

- Core Strategy/Neighbourhood Planning workshop event presentation
- MINUTES: 1st Red, Norton & Twyford brooks NFM Community Group Meeting
- October & November flooding, home and business support
- Short Breaks Capital Funding
- Marches Renewable Energy Grant Scheme

### 8. **Neighbourhood Plan – update**

8.1) Update on progression was given by a representative of the Steering Group. The NDP Regulation 16 Consultation had been completed and the Plan now moves to the Examination Stage. Three examiners details had been forwarded to the Parish Council for a choice to be made and Ann Skippers had accepted the examination role. The Steering Group were awaiting the examination results.

### 9. **Finance**

(9.1) **Resolved:** The following list of payments were approved, prop by Cllr S Williams and sec Cllr Jeremy Lawrence:

Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract)	
Tax due on salary payment (Payable to HMRC only)	£96.60

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £8751.35.

(9.3) to discuss sponsorship request from Belmont Haywood Country Park

There was a brief discussion about access and car parking for the country park. There were no allocated funds available for additional parking at present. Following consideration of the request for upkeep funds, the parish council resolved to award a donation of £50.00. This was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr J Lawrence. Carried. The donation would be reviewed on an annual basis.

## 10. Planning

There were applications advised for discussion at the meeting:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 183792 - Bramble Cottage, Allensmore Village Road, Allensmore, HR2 9AG

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed residential development of three dwellings.

**GRID REF:** OS 346544, 235978

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Outline

The Parish Council discussed the application 183792 and resolved to object to the proposals due to factors including drainage and access concerns and being at odds with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Full comments would be compiled and submitted by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Re-consultation - 193317 - Land at Cobhall House, Cobhall Common Road, Allensmore, Herefordshire, HR2 9BN

**DESCRIPTION:** Outline application with some matters reserved (Appearance, Landscaping and Scale) for the erection of a dwelling, garage and associated works.

**GRID REF:** OS 345449, 235768

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Outline (Additional)

The Parish Council discussed the application 193317 and resolved that there were no further comments.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 194274 - Land adj to Three Horse Shoes, Winnal, Allensmore, Herefordshire, HR3 9AR

**DESCRIPTION:** Erection of one dwelling and associated works.

**GRID REF:** OS 345479, 233903

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Planning Permission

The Parish Council discussed the application 194274 and resolved to object to the application due to factors including drainage issues, size of plot in relation to house, impact to neighbours and concern for an historic boundary marker situated within the plot. Full comments would be compiled and submitted by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **11. Update on parish drainage, pipe work and flooding issues**

The current issues would be captured during a parish walk with the Locality Steward which would be chased up and arranged. Cobhall Lane was still flooding, drain needed clearing. Potential new drain required. Church Road drainage also silted up.

### **12. Village Matters**

#### 12.1) Accident risk on the Road A465 – update

The issue of overhanging trees on the A465 from Church Road (top end) would be discussed with the Locality Steward as per Open Session.

#### 12.2) Consideration of "Smart Water" property marking system

An e mail would be circulated to residents on the village mailing list to research take-up potential for the property marking system kits. Idea would be revisited in March 2020 PC Meeting.

#### 12.3) Consideration of signage for A465 etc.

The half mile "Parking" sign can be moved. This will be discussed with the Locality Steward. Other signage was under consideration for farm traffic warnings, including advisory as to which entrance to use. Any determined specification would be compiled for progression with Balfour Beatty.

Also, the history of the Allensmore Church was being researched under the Mission and Mortar project.

There would be a community litter pick arranged for between the dates of 20 March and 13 April. A resident would co-ordinate the litter pick.

A new village website, when arranged, will be extended, more manageable and would be used to get communications out to people.

Defibrillator. There had been an offer of a gift of a defibrillator by a resident in memory of her husband. The location of the defibrillator would be investigated. Cllr Williams would liaise with the Three Horseshoes Public House plus Locks Garage and Cllr Cramp would look into the possibility of using the Cobhall Kiosk.

**13. Items for next Agenda**

All the usual items would be on the Agenda and to include Smart Water and defibrillator

**14. Confirmation of date of next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held in March 2020 (exact date to be confirmed at time of meeting - but will be the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March) at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.49 pm

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23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Signed .....as a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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