

# **Minutes of Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 online via Zoom Platform during the Covid 19 Pandemic from 7.30pm**

**Present on Zoom:** Cllrs J Evans, S Lawrence, J Lawrence, T Cramp (Chair) and Cllr S Williams. Cllr C Watkinson joined the second Zoom session at 8.15 pm.

**In attendance:** Mrs A Wright (Clerk), Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson, and 3 members of the public.

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

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

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies received from Cllr D Cooke.

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. Open Session**

No items were raised.

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

**5.1 Local Policing Team:** Bulletin updates had been circulated.

**5.2 Lengthsman Co-ordinator:** Cllr J Lawrence updated the meeting regarding camera viewing of drainage issues. A new company were providing the service as the usual source of camera access was not available. Grant funding was being applied for to cover desired remedial drainage works. The field near the Butts was under a potato crop but would be cleared about 10 days ahead and then remedial works could proceed. The Lengthsman co-ordinator would check out the situation.

**5.3 Ward Councillor:** Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson gave an update.

The Ward Cllr updated the Meeting about the recent full council matters. Active travel measures were being considered and changes to policy had been made following feedback. Positive feedback had since been received in regard to the changes that had been made. There was a reminder about the planning white paper consultation. It was

said that it may be prudent to reply to the consultation if there was time. There would be a closure of the Tram Inn road from 26 to 28 September and 2 October to 12 October. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport would be presenting ideas about the way forward in terms of schemes for roads, cycling and priorities.

There was a brief update on the Covid 19 Virus situation. The curve was rising, at the time of the meeting, but not as fast as in other parts of the country. There had not been a recent increase in death rates reported due to Covid 19, with one death reported in Hereford since 29/08/20 to date of meeting.

#### **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 issues as identified were being sorted out and the bridge by the Church would be looked at.

#### **6. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

**Resolved:** - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020, were approved by the Council

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

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

- Car Park Charges Consultation
- Drainage Grant Scheme
- WISH update
- Local public health guidance for community centres
- Call for Sites 2020
- Parish summit slides and papers
- Annual Canvass 2020 – Update
- Stop Loan Sharks Online Training Seminars - book through Eventbrite
- Letter to Parish Councils from John Harrington (re road building)

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

It was noted that the Allensmore Neighbourhood Plan was awaiting referendum. There was nothing further to report.

#### **9. Finance**

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

Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract)	
Tax due on salary payment (Payable to HMRC only)	£86.00

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £9127.63.

## 10. Planning

There was an application considered and commented between the meetings:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 202062 - Arkstone Court, Clehonger, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9TR

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed construction of two new poultry units

**APPLICANT(S):** Mr William Watkins

**GRID REF:** OS 343678, 235938

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Planning Permission

The Parish Council commented as follows:

“Allensmore PC is concerned that the further expansion of poultry sheds, in an area where there has already been considerable new capacity and development added in recent years, will lead to a further increase of unpleasant odours. These odours being emitted both over the changeover period and due to an increase of litter spread on the land. There are concerns about pollution, particularly of dust and pollution of the water courses.”

Any comments on application, 202461, for a balcony/veranda at the property known as “Bramley Orchard” would be circulated, as determined.

## 11. Update on parish drainage, pipe work and flooding issues including grant application for funding for drainage works

There was a brief update on local issues. The Lengthsman’s pipe work surveillance camera was not working, at present, so an alternative provider for the camera had been found. Levels in the targeted pipes would be taken when in full flow. Roots could be growing into the pipes? An application for grant funding to support the planned drainage works to be carried out and extra maintenance days for the Lengthsman would be consolidated.

## 12. Village Matters

12.1) Decision on “Smart Water” property marking system for the parish

The Chair gave a brief resume of what had happened so far with the proposal for smart water kits for each household. Following discussion of the comments received, and analysis of the response, it was resolved that the parish council would not proceed with the purchase of Smart Water kits at that time.

Session one on Zoom ended at this point 8.10 pm. Session two on Zoom commenced at 8.15 pm. Cllr C. Watkinson joined session 2. All other councillors were present with the Clerk, Ward Cllr and one member of the public.

#### 12.2) Update on broadband provision

The Chair updated the meeting regarding broadband. There was no real change and there had been a slowing down of the 4G service during lockdown due to extra take-up. People had been getting connected but the last remaining householders were "still struggling."

#### 12.3) Update on litter pick

After consultation with the co-ordinator, it had been agreed that it was not feasible to carry out picks currently due to sanitising requirements and social distancing. It was agreed to postpone the picks that would have been held in 2020.

### **13. Items for next Agenda**

All the usual items would be on the Agenda and flooding/drainage. The white paper consultation on planning may be completed between meetings?

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

The next Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November with venue or Zoom to be confirmed.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item

### **15. To discuss implementation of NJC Pay award and increment for Clerk from 1/04/20.**

The Clerk and public left the meeting for the discussion of item 15. The Parish Council resolved that the pay award and increment for the Clerk should be paid from 1/04/20.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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

Dated: - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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