

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2022, at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllrs T Cramp (in the Chair), J Lawrence, Y Chapman, S Lawrence, C Watkinson, J Evans and S Williams plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk), and one member of the public.

1. Introduction and welcome by the Chair

Cllr Tony Cramp (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies received from the Ward Councillor, Cllr Christy Bolderson.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Open Session

No topics were raised.

5. Brief Verbal Reports:

5.1 West Mercia Police

Bulletins had been circulated.

5.2 Lengthsman Co-ordinator

Cllr Jeremy Lawrence updated regarding the Lengthsman works. Outstanding items would be followed up.

5.3 Ward Councillor:

Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson had sent her apologies. Her report had been received.

5.4 Balfour Beatty (Locality Steward)

James Howells, the Locality Steward, had circulated his reports.

5.5 Footpath Officer

Cllr Williams updated regarding the footpaths. He explained that he was "trying to get hold of the Lengthsman" but there was no further information on the outstanding

bridge and gate installation works as at the date of the meeting. There was one bridge and three gates to be put in, "hopefully before Christmas".

6. To approve Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th September 2022.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 29th September 2022, were approved by the Council.

7. To receive any correspondence and Information Update

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

Herefordshire Council

Talk Community bulletins

Parish recharges for May 2023 Elections

Section 106 Portfolio of works delivery update

National Joint Council

Pay Award for Local Government Officers (pay award from 1/04/22)

CPRE

Herefordshire AGM – 19/11/22 – Kindle Centre from 1.00 PM

8. Neighbourhood Development Plan and Local Area Plan Consultation comments (as applicable)

Cllr Chapman advised that she had not input any information to the The Open Space Resident Survey and Open Space Assessment Audit as there were really only two spaces and neither was reportable, being the areas by the church and village hall.

The church porch works at Allensmore had commenced and were progressing well. The contractors were hoping to complete the works by Christmas.

9. Finance

(9.1) **Resolved:** The following list of payments were approved:

Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract)	
Tax due on salary payment (Payable to HMRC only)	£97.00

Consideration was given to a request for support from the Belmont Country Park Supporters and it was resolved that a donation of £50.00 would be made.

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £11508.88.

(9.3) **Resolved:** The precept request for 2023 – 2024 was discussed and the budget figures, as circulated by Cllr Cramp, were reviewed. The parish council decided to keep the precept at the same level for 2023 – 2024, that is £6250.00. The Clerk would request this precept from the Finance Department at Herefordshire Council.

10. Planning

No further Planning applications had been received for consideration of comments. Interim comments had been submitted as applicable. Outcomes on some previous planning consultations were awaited.

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

The awaited completion of the pipe work as identified, near “Montrose”, would be carried out, as part of this years planned works, following representations by the parish council to achieve completion, and as previously outlined by Balfour Beatty.

Cllr Cramp would speak with owners of the ditching near Goose Pool and Balfour Beatty would then need to jet the pipes. Other pipe-work etc. was described as being “looking okay at the moment”.

Cllr J Lawrence advised that he was dealing with a “couple of local ditching issues”.

12. Speeding and road safety – update

This was updated by Cllr Chapman. The parishes involved in the highway safety initiative were trying to set up a meeting with Balfour Beatty but had not been able to arrange such, as at the date of the parish council meeting.

13. Broadband – update

Cllr Cramp updated the meeting regarding the broadband position. The community scheme had not happened. Plans with upgrades locally would be proceeding and grants for installation costs were available subject to application. At least one person was known to have upgraded locally with installation costs covered.

14. Items for next Agenda

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in January 2023.

16. Confirmation of date of next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 19th January 2023 from 7.45 pm at the Village Hall.

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 the following agenda item (16)

16. To discuss implementation of 1/04/22 pay award (back dated) in line with HALC and NJC correspondence

The public and clerk left the room for the consideration of item 16 only. The pay award for the clerk, back dated to 1/04/22, was agreed.

The Meeting closed at 8.32 pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 19 January 2023

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