

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting 7th November 2013

Council members present: Mr. J. Lawrence (Chair), Mr. S. Williams,
Mr. A. Cramp, Mr.W.J.Lawrence,
Mr. Charles Watkinson, Derek Cooke, Mrs. S. Lawrence.

1.0 Apologies
None.

2.0 Councillors declaration of personal or prejudicial interest
Steve Williams – Trap House Nurseries – 130305.

3.0 The Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 19th September 2013 were approved and signed.

4.0 Police Update: Unfortunately on this occasion work patterns did not allow for Kevin Powell the new Police CSO to be here, but he has assured us that wherever possible he will make every effort to attend future meetings.

5.0 Public Forum: Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council. (This period will be restricted to 10 minutes). Please note that decisions cannot be made at this meeting on items not on the agenda. None present.

6.0 District Councillors Report
Pontrilis Ward election is coming up. There has been a Cabinet shuffle and slight depletion of numbers. Jim Knipe has been asked to pen a formal apology to Mr Price re his reaction to aspects of the Kingstone houses planning application which has recently changed status from 'Determined' to 'Recommended'.

7.0 Foothpaths Officer: Mrs. Debbie Mumford gave the following report:
"Since our last meeting I am pleased to report that the P3 Contractor has now completed work on the collapsed style on AN2. He has provided me with an invoice totalling £110.62 and I would ask the Committee to approve this sum. It would be fair to say there has been some delay in the completion of this work (since June/July) and the Contractor apologises for this. He is involved in a big contract at the moment. The other outstanding work relates to work planned in the last financial year to a style on AN25. I obtained the relevant permissions in July but the landowners requested that the work should not be carried out until after they had harvested. By that time the Council had ceased their contract with Amey and had contracted with a new provider. I understand from our P3 Contractor that although the Amey employees transferred to the new provider their telephone systems did not and now more than eight weeks later it is still not possible to telephone or e.mail anyone. The Contractor has also reported that even if he could get in touch with anyone there are no gates or posts/signs and there are not likely to be any before December. As he does not have the necessary gate he is unable to carry out the work on AN25 or carry out any other work in the near future. There has, this week, been a meeting of Footpath Officers (although I knew nothing about it) and general dissatisfaction was expressed. Our Contractor suggested the Committee might like to write expressing their concern and I am happy to provide a draft to the Chair if so, I am reluctant to obtain further consent for work to be done at the moment, until we know when the work might be carried out. However I am also conscious that we have a budget that needs to be spent by April – or that can at least be described as "work in progress" so we can hold it over. Just before the meeting I was able to make contact with the Rights of Way Officer by e-mail who was able to confirm that gates, styles and signposts would be available in the next week or two. He had provided an e-mail address to our Contractor, but it would appear our Contractor had not received it. Fortunately it means matters can now progress and a letter is unnecessary."

Debbie feels that though currently the delays are becoming problematical, she plans to persevere in her efforts to hopefully establish more effective and efficient lines of communication. The Parish Council suggested future use of the Lengthsman, who is also a P3 contractor, to clear outstanding work, if our normal P3 contractor, due to other commitments, is unable to do the work soon.

8.0 Lengthsman Report.

Jeremy has asked for some future attention to be given from top of Webbtree around Church Road and estimates we should be thinking in terms of perhaps two days work before the end of the year. At the time of the meeting the invoice for work completed in November and forthcoming 'Defects List' had not as yet been received.

9.0 Planning

Planning

The following applications have been approved by Herefordshire Council:

[Land a joining Landimore, 12 Poplar Rd, Clehonger. – Application no – 132138/RM](#)

Reserved Matters in respect of S121299/0 – proposed residential redevelopment for five houses.

[Hollyville, Cobhall Common, - Application no 131247/F](#)

[Replacement dwelling. Reposition of vehicle access. New double garage.](#)

The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of one year from the date of this permission. The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved plan drawing no. 5605/02 Rev.A, except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission. No development shall take place until details or samples of materials to be used externally on walls and roofs have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Appeals:

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State by Mr & Mrs R Wall, against Refusal of Planning Permission for [Replacement dwelling at Old Trap House, Cobhall Common. Application no -131389/F](#) [New four bedroom dwelling](#). An appeal was lodged on the 30th September 2013 and is to be decided on the basis of Written Representations and a site visit by the inspector. The Planning Office is standing by, and plan to defend their existing position.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State by Mr S G and L A Thomas against refusal of Planning Permission for [Trap House Nurseries, HR2 9BP – 130305/F](#) [Removal of Condition4 of permission 028191 \(site of the erection of one dwelling house with vehicular access thereto\)](#). An appeal was lodged on the 1st October 2013 and is to be decided on the basis of Hearing and a site visit by the inspector.

10.0 Finance

a)	Payment received for 2 nd half of 2013/14 Precept	£1,000.00
b)	Payments to be considered for authorisation:	
	Longfield Services – Replaced style on AN2	£ 110.62
	Clerks Salary – October / November	£ 166.66
	A donation to Dore Community Transport of was proposed by Steve Williams and was seconded by Derek Cooke.	£ 50.00

11.0 Parish Councillors Report.

The following response was received from Welsh Water:

"We are able to confirm that there are no public sewers under the ownership of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water in the Parish of Allensmore. In relation to Clehonger, we are not able to confirm the capacity of the public sewerage system as we would have to carry out detailed assessments in order to establish this. We can, however, confirm that there has not been any incidents of hydraulic overloading on the public sewerage system in this area which would result in us objecting to any proposed development. However, when we receive a planning application consultation from the Local Planning Authority (LPA), we look at each application on its own merits. Should we feel that the application will have a detrimental impact on our existing customers and the environment we will ask the LPA to resist the development and not award planning permission. In relation to surface water drainage, it is the developers responsibility to exhaust all methods of sustainable drainage as outlined under Part H of Building Regulations 2000. Only upon exhausting all methods of sustainable drainage would we be in a position to consider allowing a surface water connection into the public sewer".

Outline costs related to putting in place a 'Parish Plan'.

The costs are likely to be in the region of £3,500 but by doing more of the work ourselves that could come down to around £2,000 - £2,500. The Herefordshire Council Research Team no longer provides the analysis and a basic report for free, or indeed at all, so these need to be paid for via another provider (see below!). The minimum costs for this are included in the above estimate.

Funding :

Herefordshire Council continues to provide a grant of £1,500 towards these costs, but requires that matched funding of at least £600-£700 is provided by the parish council. It is currently planned to continue with this until March 2014, though there is a risk that it might succumb to the current climate of cuts before then. Awards for All also provide funding which doesn't require matched funding and can be used as the matched funding required by Herefordshire Council. so, if we wanted to proceed, I think the best route would be to apply to Herefordshire Council for the £1,500 grant and to Awards for All for a further £1,000 which would provide the remainder needed and also cover the HC matched funding requirement.

Currently there is a good chance that most of the costs can be covered by funding. Possibly joining forces with another parish to develop the services we really want to keep. It was deemed sensible to put together and distribute a leaflet which briefly and clearly outlines the possible benefits and process involved and most importantly to find parishioners who will be willing to help with the initial organisation and implementation.

12.0 Matters for Next Meeting

Welcome in new Parish Clerk.

Precept covering the year 2014/15 - deadline for return - 31 January 2014.

Propose meeting dates for 2014.

13.0 Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2014.

Signed as a true record Councillor Jeremy Lawrence (Chairman)

Dated :.....