

## **Minutes of Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, on Zoom due to the Covid pandemic, from 7.30pm**

**In attendance:** Cllrs J Evans (in the Chair), J Lawrence, S Lawrence, S. Williams, Y Chapman and Cllr C Watkinson (Vice Chair) plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk), and two members of the public.

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

Cllr John Evans (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

There were apologies received from Cllr T Cramp.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. Open Session**

A resident from Allensmore was present, at the meeting, and she presented a request for a dog waste bin to be placed, near to Gardiner's Oak, on the Allensmore side of Poplar Road. The idea of dog waste bins had been explored a few months previously and it had been decided that there were already plenty of dog waste bins locally and that other bins could also be used to dispose of bagged waste. There were currently no specific dog waste bins in Allensmore Parish. It was noted that signs, to ask people to clear up after their pets, had been displayed in the parish and that circulars had been sent to residents, on the village e mail, in regard to the topic. It was agreed that the cost of a dog waste bin, and related costs, would be explored to report in March.

It was noted that there was an issue on the footpath AN6 between the Church and the pool. Cllr Williams advised that this was being addressed but that it was not proving easy to negotiate at present.

A letter had been received from the Allensmore PCC in regard to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations to be held in June. There was an idea for a big lunch planned for Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council would feed back any intentions regarding possible involvement to the PCC representative and Treasurer, Philippa Lewis.

The Meeting heard that the Church bells would be celebrating a milestone birthday with 5 out of the total of 6 bells attaining the age of 300 years. Ideas around funding would be explored and tree planting was also a possibility to celebrate the Jubilee.

A letter had been received from a resident in Cobhall Lane with regard to the situation at the local development in progress. Cllr Evans advised that he had spoken with the developers and that the matters raised, including those about mud on the road and the passing place being installed, were being rectified. It was agreed that the content of the letter, with sender details redacted, should be sent to the Planning Officer, Highways and Balfour Beatty with the intention of getting the issues outstanding issues resolved.

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

### **5.1 West Mercia Police**

Bulletins had been circulated.

### **5.2 Lengthsman Co-ordinator**

Cllr Jeremy Lawrence had spoken with the Lengthsman about scheduled works that were due to be completed. Various projects undertaken were mentioned, including ditching and pipe works. Cllr Lawrence was talking to the Locality Steward about the pipe across the road at Hungerstone, including checking the mains supply and also issues with flooding near to Inkerman Cottage. A maintenance day was also to be carried out.

### **5.3 Ward Councillor:**

Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson was not present at the meeting.

### **5.4 Balfour Beatty (Locality Steward)**

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

### **5.5 Footpath Officer**

Cllr Williams advised that path AN12 had been cleared. The bridge was showing signs of decay plus there were three gates still outstanding from paths AN25 and AN26. These gates were still on order. The incorrect size of bridge to replace the decayed one had been sent (8'0" when a 12'0" one was needed). The new one was in the process of being supplied. Path CH15 near Holly House – 2 posts were on order.

## **6. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

**Resolved:** - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 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**

Herefordshire Council:

Talk Community Newsletter 17 December 2021

Parish Council Summit 17 January 2022

Talk Community Newsletter 10 December 2021

Avian Influenza Outbreak in Shobdon Area

Talk Community Newsletter 7 January 2022

## **8. Neighbourhood Development Plan – in review (as applicable)**

It was agreed that the NDP would be kept in sight and reviewed twice per year. The Chair was keeping a spreadsheet of all the development across the parish. The proposed sites would be monitored as to where they were at the review time. Non planning issues, brought up by the NDP process, were ongoing with Cllrs Chapman and Evans endeavouring to keep in touch with Kilpeck Parish about the shared highway concerns.

Cllr Chapman advised that the faculty had not yet been obtained for the Allensmore Church porch works. This was being chased up.

## **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) £92.20

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £11177.21.

### **(9.3) Belmont Country Park Supporters**

Request for donation support – for help with the cost of the upkeep of the open space at the Belmont Country Park

**Resolved:** A Donation request was considered for the Belmont Country Park Supporters and it was agreed that £50 would be paid to help support their work.

### **(9.4) Dore Community Transport**

Request for donation support – 62 parish journeys made for 2021

**Resolved:** A Donation request was considered for Dore Community Transport and it was agreed that £120.00 would be paid to help support their work.

### **10. Planning**

No further Planning applications had been received for consideration of comments.

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

There was a blocked culvert at Winnal Pool. This had not been cleared. The ditch water drains into the pond. Ward Cllr was on the case with this.

The Cobhall Common Pipe Scheme, the PC had agreed a donation and the residents had pledged the remainder of the funds using a pledging system. The residents had held several meetings and the pledging system had been supported by various people. The exact specification of the size of pipe etc. was not finalised. There may be the ability to get a bigger pipe as more money is raised. People were not actually handling any actual cash, just facilitating the pledge system. Staged payments would likely be made as a compromise once final determinations were decided.

### **12. Village Matters including speeding and road safety**

The meeting heard about three recent accidents, all described as being likely to have been speed related. They had been three single vehicle incidents. All of the vehicles had hit inanimate objects. A fence and a wall had been "taken out" and a sign had also been hit. Fortunately no-one had been hurt. One of the cars had finished up on it's roof. The appropriate signage was in place. It was commented as that it may be prudent to involve the police in any future talks with Kilpeck etc. and to look at requesting the "beefing up" of any possible enforcement action.

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

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in March 2022, with update on dog waste bin costs for councillors and to think of ideas for the Platinum Jubilee under Village Matters

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

The next Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with venue or Zoom to be confirmed.

The Meeting closed at 8.44 pm

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

Dated: - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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