

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

In attendance: Cllrs T Cramp (in the Chair) J Evans, J Lawrence, and Y Chapman plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk), Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson and two members 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 Cllrs S Williams, C Watkinson and S Lawrence.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Open Session

Comments were made about the height of the properties that were under construction at the new development in Cobhall Lane. This was being checked with the planning officer to make sure that it was in accordance with the regulations and specifications of the planning permission.

The potholes on Cobhall Lane appeared to be getting worse. A number of defects had been marked up.

5. Brief Verbal Reports:

5.1 West Mercia Police

Bulletins had been circulated.

5.2 Lengthsman Co-ordinator

Cllr Jeremy Lawrence updated regarding the situation with Lengthsman scheduled works that were due to be completed. Some identified works on the grant funded schedule had been undertaken by Balfour Beatty and so these would be substituted for other works of equal cost to keep the scheme on track. This had been agreed with the Lengthsman and Balfour Beatty and the claim for the grant would be adjusted accordingly.

5.3 Ward Councillor:

Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson updated the meeting regarding the Ukraine situation and advised that an extra £10 had been added to the shopping locally cards for residents. Signs from previous road works were not being collected once the work had been completed. Some were located around Locks Garage, and the Beeches, Cobhall Common.

The speed group at Kilpeck Parish were ready to collaborate with Allensmore. There were comments about confusion on the road layout when approaching Locks Garage from the Abergavenny Road due to the road configuration.

Broadband in the Allensmore area had been de-scoped. The south of the county had been put forward for consideration of a Gigabit project. The ideas had been moving towards a resolution and then this had been put off again. There was a grant scheme available for those properties achieving less than a certain capacity. The Chair had spoken with the co-ordinators of the Callow & Haywood Broadband Scheme, there could be an option to look at Church Road for connection. The Chair would circulate details about the grant and criteria to qualify.

5.4 Balfour Beatty (Locality Steward)

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

5.5 Footpath Officer

Cllr Williams had sent an e mail update. The three new footpath gates had been delivered and the cost of these would be confirmed and invoiced. The wooden posts were in for path CH15 and the stile for path AN6.

Dog waste bin enquiry

In regard to fog fouling, it was reported that the path mentioned previously appeared to be free of dropped dog waste bags and dog waste. In terms of cost/benefit analysis, the PC decision was "no" to the installation of a dog waste bin near to Gardiner's Oak. The Clerk would advise the enquirer of this decision.

6. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2022.

Resolved: - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 13th January 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

ROAD CLOSURES – MARCH

Talk Community Newsletters

Spatial awareness consultation

Herefordshire Greener Footprints Survey and Pledge

CEO – Monthly Growth and Development Blog

National Joint Council

New Pay Rates for Local Government from 1/04/21

8. Neighbourhood Development Plan and Spatial Options Consultation comments (as applicable)

Cllr Chapman advised that the faculty had been approved to carry out works on the Allensmore Church Porch. The least expensive option, for the works, was £43,000.00. In regard to the spatial options consultation, the parish council would be watching the NDP in terms of where to build and supporting infrastructure, including transport and health provision.

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) £103.80

T Cramp (web services) £50.10

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £10611.49.

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

The crowd funded village pipe project was almost ready to be implemented. The £3000.00 donation towards the project would be made by the Allensmore Parish Council upon presentation of an invoice. The parish council contribution towards the project was a **one off donation only** and no ownership of the pipe, or project, nor any responsibility, or liability, for the installation or functionality of said pipe should be conferred in the present, nor at any time in the future.

Further grant application details for the next round of drainage works was being assembled for submission and, hopefully, approval.

12. Village Matters including speeding and road safety plus broadband

Broad band – updated at Ward Cllr item 5.3 and also Speed Group actions. Ideas for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were being considered, and sought. Cllr Chapman was looking at the history side and Allensmore changes over the 70 years of the Queen’s reign. The PC would support a venture via a donation of a suitable event fixture were to be forthcoming.

13. Items for next Agenda

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in May 2022. It was agreed, in principle, that a donation would be made to support the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations for the village (May Meeting)

14. Confirmation of date of next Meeting

The next Meetings of the Parish Council (Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Meetings) were confirmed as 19th May 2022 at the Village Hall.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of these agenda items, 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 (15)

15. Clerk’s Appraisal feedback and to discuss implementation of 1/04/21 pay award (back dated) and increment from 1/04/22 in line with the National Joint Council correspondence received

The Clerk and members of the public left the room for the discussion of point 15. The Parish Council approved the back dated pay increase from 1/04/21 and the incremental rise on the pay scale from 1/04/22. The Parish Council recorded a thank you to the Clerk for her work on behalf of the council.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 17th March 2022

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