

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2022, at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllrs T Cramp (in the Chair), J Lawrence (from 7.35 pm), C Watkinson, S Lawrence and Y Chapman plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk), and three 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 J Evans and Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Open Session

No specific topics were raised. There was interest shown in the update on broad band provision. Cllr Steve Williams would seek to clarify if the hall committee wished to participate in having broad band made available.

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. The co-ordinator had e mailed the Lengthsman to ask him to carry out the works under drainage works option 3 contained in the recent grant application.

5.3 Ward Councillor:

Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson had sent her apologies.

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. A complaint regarding path AN3 was waiting for resolution. The footpath gates were in storage and awaiting fitting in the autumn.

6. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Council Meetings held on 19th May 2022.

Resolved: - The Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Council Meetings, held on 19th May 2022, were approved by the Council with the clarification that Cllr John Evans was the Vice Chair of the parish council and not Cllr Jeremy Lawrence, as had been noted

7. To receive any correspondence and Information Update

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

Herefordshire Council

Talk Community bulletins

Election Canvassing

VAT reclaim

VAT reclaim of £2362.60 is back in the council bank account.

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

Cllr Chapman advised that the NDP for Allensmore still carries full material weight in planning decision making as the land supply is 6.19 years currently for further housing development. Cllr Chapman gave an update as to the current progression on building at various sites and availability regarding sites and plots. It was commented that there had been a flooding incident down Cobhall Lane and the Environment Agency had been called out. Cllr Chapman updated on the NDP non planning issues. She and Cllr Evans had met with Kilpeck parish in regard to road safety and Much Dewchurch parish were still interested in linking up on the initiative also. A resident had assisted with map production of junctions off the A465 and mitigation proposals had been firmed up. The intention was to meet up again and to invite representation from Much Dewchurch parish council and from Balfour Beatty. All councils were expressing concern about the road network in the environs of Locks Garage and the possibility of a roundabout was a preferred option with other consideration of lights/slip lanes also.

The Allensmore Church had been instructed by the Parochial Church Council to commence work on the porch restoration. Other works were required to the stained

glass windows, installation of toilet and catering point etc. and fund raising and faculty applications were progressing.

In terms of the village hall, the litter pick would be going ahead, Cllr Chapman would be involved and individual picks were ongoing. Local history had featured in the Platinum Jubilee display and photos of the weddings had been matched to the registers.

Local Area Plan Consultation comments

Cllr Chapman advised that the comments and opinions on the rural areas were due in by 29/07/22. Cllr Chapman ran through all of the options available to comment on the questionnaire and the comments were agreed by the parish council. A final circulation would take place before submission.

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)	£109.20
B Ratcliff (Jubilee Donation paid May 22)	£50.00
Y Chapman (Jubilee Donation paid May 22)	£50.00

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £9671.01.

10. Planning

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

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

The drain had been reinstated across Cobhall Lane. The bus stop refurbishment was yet to be carried out by the developer. The Montrose pipe situation was ongoing and the parish council had been trying to get action from Balfour Beatty on this. The works had previously been agreed by the Balfour Beatty drainage team and in liaison with the former Ward Cllr. The Clerk and Chair had been in contact with Cllr John Harrington, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure about the situation. Time frame was critical as the tarmac would be laid potentially on the 15 August. It would make sense to replace the pipe and avoid having to dig things up again at a later date.

The Chair would make a further attempt at getting resolution on this.

Drainage Grant Works

It was agreed that the other grant related projects would be "picked off one at a time" and the order of progression would be "left open."

12. Speeding and road safety – update

This was covered by Cllr Chapman in the NDP update, Agenda item number 8.

13. Broadband – update

Cllr Cramp updated the meeting regarding the broadband position. An Allensmore Community Broadband project was being set up. Herefordshire Council were making funding available for those who could not obtain broadband in any other way. Those eligible had to express an interest and commit to an 18 month contract minimum service provision. Factors were being considered such as new build take up. A number of expressions of interest had been collated and further may be added. Date of submission for the project was 5 August 2022. Cllr Cramp was community project lead.

14. Litter pick – reminder re village litter pick on 23/07/22

The meeting were reminded about the forthcoming litter pick to be held on the 23rd July 2022. 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm – Published information stated: “Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00 pm for a briefing and to collect litter picking equipment & high vis jackets (all provided). Please wear appropriate clothing & footwear. Well-deserved hot drinks afterwards back at the Hall.”

15. Items for next Agenda

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in September 2022. Update re broadband.

16. Confirmation of date of next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 22nd September 2022 from 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.44 pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 22 September 2022

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