

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March 2023, at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 7.45pm

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

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Open Session

Richard Williams, prospective Conservative candidate for the Wormside Ward Councillor role was in attendance at the meeting. He stated that it was "time to get back to common sense". He mentioned the prospect of an eastern bypass. He also talked about encouraging people to come into the city.

Tim Hancocks described some of the activities that would be taking place around the time of the coronation of King Charles III. There would be a community day with cleaning of local signs with clearance of excess foliage from around them. Clearance of overgrowth of plants around the bus shelters would take place. The objective would be to "show communities that people care." Maintenance of notice boards and help with footpaths would be features and litter picking would also be taking place on the bank holiday Monday 8th May. There would also be celebratory bell ringing and the coronation itself would be screened.

There was a request made for parish council support for the coronation activities and it was agreed that up to £100 would be made available and paid when required.

There had been a volunteer come forward with a wish to clear the area around the Cobhall bus shelter. This was welcomed but not to include the proposal of a tree being planted there due to possible disruption of established drainage. Bulbs might be a more suitable choice for planting.

5. Brief Verbal Reports:

5.1 West Mercia Police

Bulletins had been circulated.

5.2 Lengthsman Co-ordinator

Cllr Jeremy Lawrence had circulated an e mail detailing the works that had been completed. Drainage works, ditching and jetting of pipes around the new houses down to Church corner. Collapsed drainage was for due for reinstating at Winnal. The new footbridge, as previously documented was awaited for fitting

5.3 Ward Councillor:

Ward Cllr Christy Bolderson had sent her apologies. She would not be standing for re-election. The parish council paid tribute to her time in office and the help and assistance that she had provided.

5.4 Balfour Beatty (Locality Steward)

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

5.5 Footpath Officer

Cllr Williams advised that he and a colleague had fitted the three new footpath gates for paths AN25 and AN26 on the Clehonger side. A Balfour Beatty stile had been installed for path AN25 in Gethin Field. The items had been fitted voluntarily by the two and thanks were recorded to them for undertaking these works on behalf of the parish council.

6. To approve Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th January 2023.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 19th January 2023, 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

Election correspondence including nominations papers (to be circulated at the meeting)

There were comments made about people loitering around the area of Cobhall Common. People were being vigilant and keeping a watch out. Patrols of police presence may be a deterrent against any undesirable activity.

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

Cllr Chapman updated the meeting as per her report. She noted the updates to the ratings on the local plan in regard to building and also advised that the church porch "saga" was continuing with a meeting of parties and some progress being made. A new book had been published and there was mention made of the Allensmore parish church. The soup sessions, as arranged by the Village Hall Committee, had been very successful and there was a litter pick coming up on the 8th May.

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
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Cllr T Cramp (website domain and hosting services)	£51.30
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(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £10158.15

Cobhall Pipe Cash

Cllr Chapman advised that there was a sum of £379.00 from the Cobhall Common pipeline contingency money. The cash was raised from a coffee morning to launch fundraising for the project; residents agreed that it could be held back in case of any unforeseen contingency. In the event, the money was not required as the project came in on budget and there have been no subsequent issues arising; therefore it was resolved that the money would be paid into the PC bank account and it would be ring fenced to benefit residents across the parish.

(9.3) **Resolved:** to discuss the election forms for May 2023 parish and ward elections. The green forms were circulated and some completion advice was provided. Two councillors advised that they would not be seeking re-election. They were Cllrs Yvonne Chapman and Sally Lawrence. The Chair recorded a "thank you" to both councillors for their service and commitment to the parish, and community, over a number of years.

10. Planning

There were no new applications for consideration of comments at the meeting.

Interim comments had been submitted as applicable. Outcomes etc. on some previous planning consultations were advised by Cllr Watkinson as follows:

222871 - Wood Street Farm, Allensmore HR 9AH Carry out alterations to existing outbuilding to enable it to be used for ancillary accommodation to the main house. Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. Comments: 09/11/2022 Approved: 07/02/23

223127 - Hungerstone Barn, Hungerstone, Allensmore Proposed barn conversion to three/four bed dwelling over two storeys and landscaping. New separate access proposed for equine traffic. Comments: 09/11/2022 Decision Pending

223928 - Land adj to Three Horse Shoes, Winall, Allensmore Proposed new replacement boundary wall and access gate comments: 06/01/2023 Decision Pending

224133 - Hollyville, Allensmore HR2 9BP Proposal to extend the existing dwelling under construction (permission 131247) for a two storey extension and conservatory. Comments: 01/02/2023 Approved: 22/02/23

223982 - The Lodge, Kennels, Allensmore HR2 9AJ Proposed extension and conversion of existing storage/workshop building to create improved storage (and access thereto) plus provision of managers accommodation on the first floor Comments: 03/03/2023 Decision: Pending

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

The meeting were again advised that there had not been any recent flooding issues. New contract was available with amounts of grant funding per km of road and footpath within the parish, as had been the case previously. Cllr Evans advised that the local pipes were all flowing well and were "looking good."

12. Speeding and road safety – update

Details were as per Cllr Chapman's report. "No change from January, that is, the Allensmore Road Safety Plan for the A465 was submitted on 22nd November 2022; Balfour Beatty subsequently informed Parish Councils that, due to staff shortages, they would not be able to act on these plans at present."

13. Broadband – update

Cllr Cramp updated the meeting regarding the broadband position. He advised that "Air band" was getting closer. People had been contacted and details passed on regarding interest. Cllr Cramp was back in touch with Fastershire who were going to make contact with Air band to progress things. No further update on this as yet.

14. Items for next Agenda

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in May 2023 plus those applicable for the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Meetings.

16. Confirmation of date of next Meeting

The next Meetings, Annual Parish and Annual Statutory, of the Parish Council were confirmed as 18th May 2023 from 7.45 pm at the Village Hall.

Future Meetings for 2023:

May 18th (Annual Parish and Annual Statutory)

July 20th

September 21st

November 16th

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 18 May 2023

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