

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2024, at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 7.45pm

In attendance: Cllrs T Cramp (in the Chair), J Lawrence and C Watkinson plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk), and Ward Cllr Richard Thomas

1. Introduction and welcome by the Chair

Cllr Tony Cramp (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Co-option of councillor (2 current vacancies) and acceptance of office

No candidates were presented this time.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr S Williams. Cllr J Evans was not present.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Open Session

There were no matters raised in the Open Session.

6. Brief Verbal Reports:

6.1 West Mercia Police

Bulletins had been circulated when received.

Lengthsman Co-ordinator

The Lengthsman Co-ordinator advised about works the three schemes that had been identified for works principally at Goose Pool, Church Road and also there were some considerations of possible works around the area near the Cats Protection, in terms of re-opening a trench system. The co-ordinator would check with the Lengthsman regarding the quotation for the trench and drain works near the Cats Protection. More at Agenda number 11.

6.2 Ward Councillor:

Ward Cllr Richard Thomas advised that the amount per kilometre for lengthsman funding had been increased to £120.00. There were to be three grant funded schemes

available: Lengthsman, Public Rights of Way and Drainage Infrastructure. The local plan consultation was underway. Neighbourhood Development Plans could be updated to include specifications such as types of materials to be used in new homes.

6.4 Balfour Beatty (Locality Steward)

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

6.5 Footpath Officer

Clr Williams had sent his apologies. He had circulated a report in advance of the meeting. Path AN8 was awaiting an inspection. Path AN6 had received a report that the steps were a little too high and this was being chased up. The 6th April would see another Ramble and Barbeque. Thanks were recorded to Clr Williams for his work and the report.

7. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2024.

Resolved: - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 18th January 2024, were approved by the Council

8. To receive any correspondence and Information Update

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

Herefordshire Council

Talk Community bulletins

Consultation on a new Local Transport Plan for Herefordshire, details at:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ltp

Consultation on the Draft Local Plan 2021 – 2041 (Regulation 18) Consultation, more details at:

<https://hlp.commonplace.is/>

The consultation runs from 25 March 2025 until 20 May 2025

Cobhall bus stop – grass area

Update – verge markers had been placed on the grass area by the Cobhall bus stop to deter car parking over the drainage pipes and churning up the grass.

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)	£176.60
T Griffiths (Lengthsman TGC2616 and TGC2617)	£2040.00
T Cramp (web hosting)	£51.30
Pateshall Hall (hall hire May 23 to March 24)	£48.00

(9.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £12280.98. This amount included the ring-fenced amount of £379.00 being the pipe crowd funding project surplus. A VAT reclaim of £900.00 had been repaid to the council by HMRC.

(9.3) to consider appointment of Internal Auditor for 2023 – 2024

It was resolved that Charlotte Bull would be appointed as the Internal Auditor. The cost would be £40.00.

10. Planning

There were three new planning applications for consideration of comments.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 240585 - Land at Church Lane, Church Lane, Allensmore

DESCRIPTION: Application for variation of condition 6 following grant of planning permission P212736/O - (Proposed variation of condition 5 of planning permission 190650 (Site for erection of 6 dwellings, garaging and new vehicular accesses) - to allow minor changes to the site layout and dwelling types) - variation of house type external appearance.

GRID REF: OS 346468, 236004

APPLICATION TYPE: Outline

The parish council discussed the application 240585 and there were no objections. Cllr Watkinson would circulate confirmation and any applicable comments for submission by the Clerk to the Planning Authority in relation to the position of the ditch and whether there was adequate footpath width.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 240562 - Courtlands - A S Organic Ltd, Allensmore, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9AB **DESCRIPTION:** Proposed general purpose horticultural storage building and polytunnel.

GRID REF: OS 346513, 236472

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

The parish council discussed the application 240562 and there were no objections. Cllr Watkinson would circulate confirmation and any applicable comments for submission by the Clerk to the Planning Authority.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 240552 - Trap House Farmhouse, Allensmore, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9BP

DESCRIPTION: Proposed extension to existing barn.

GRID REF: OS 345245, 235418

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

The parish council discussed the application 240552 and there were no objections. Cllr Watkinson would circulate confirmation and any applicable comments for submission by the Clerk to the Planning Authority in relation to concern over possible overdevelopment of the site.

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

The council heard that the Goose Pool works had been completed and that all seemed to be okay. The Lengthsman had undertaken a survey during rainy weather and all was "generally good." Grips were being cleaned as required and areas of local flooding were being tackled around "The Butts" and Goose Pool. A further maintenance day would be required. The quote for the French drains was being revisited to double check the specification of the length of trench etc.

On the A465 there was water pooling on the road above the property known as "Courtlands" at HR2 9AB. Water was laying across half the width of the road, on the northbound carriageway. Water was coming out of one drain and flowing down the road and then returning down another drain. Ward Cllr Thomas was dealing with Balfour Beatty on this and also a collapsed drain in the road outside the Three Horseshoes Public House car park.

12. Speeding and road safety – update

No further update.

13. Broadband – update

No further update.

14. To review the Lengthsman Contract works, grant and update

The grant application and reclaim of spend were in progress. There was damage to a railing on Blackhall Lane following a collision with a vehicle. There was a pole sticking out of the ground that required coning off. The Clerk would contact the Locality Steward about the issue.

15. Items for next Agenda

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in May 2024, also on the agenda - co-option of councillor and Annual Accounts

16. Date of next Meeting

The next Meetings of the Parish Council, Annual Parish and Annual Statutory were confirmed as 23rd May 2024 from 7.45 pm at the Village Hall.

Future Meetings for 2024: July 18th, September 19th and November 21st

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 23 May 2024

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