

# **Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026, at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 7.30pm**

**In attendance:** Cllrs T Cramp (in the Chair), S Williams, J Cox, J Lawrence and C Watkinson plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk)

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

Cllr T Cramp (in the Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr J Evans (leave) and Cllr S Grenar (prior meeting)

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. Open Session**

There were no residents present and no comments in the Open Session.

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

### **5.1 Local Policing Team**

Bulletins had been circulated when received.

### **5.2 Ward Councillor:**

Ward Cllr Richard Thomas was not present at the meeting.

### **5.3 M Group/Herefordshire Council (Locality Steward)**

The Public Realm Contractor had circulated weekly street reports, when available.

### **5.4 Footpath Officer**

Cllr Williams updated the meeting regarding planned footpath improvements, meeting up with the Inspector Lara Edwards and recent site visits. These included bridge repairs at AN16 - Wallbrook. A quote had been received for the repairs to the bridge, plus handrail, and a grant bid would be collated for submission to the PROW Team - ahead of the 30 September deadline. There were rotten gate posts to be replaced at Holly House on path CH15 (on the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way). The posts were in stock and

Cllr Williams would pick these up and install them. The Public Rights of Way Inspector, Lara Edwards, was in contact about and would be dealing with a fallen tree and blockage at path AN8 near to the old kennels. Progress was being made on works. Thank you recorded to Cllr Williams.

## **6. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 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

Parish Summit – save the date – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

## **Parish Precepts**

The Clerk was chasing up for information about the September precept payments. The budget and precept request for 2027 -2028 would be looked at in November.

## **8. Finance**

(8.1) **Resolved:** The following list of payments were approved:

Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract)

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| Tax and Ers NI due on salary payment (Payable to HMRC only) | £129.48 |
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(8.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £12514.89. This amount included the ring-fenced amount of £459.00 (ring-fenced for parish projects).

## **9. Planning**

There was one planning application (re-consultation) for consideration of comments:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Re-consultation - 260079 – Land at Oak View, Cobhall Common, Allensmore, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9BN

**DESCRIPTION:** Outline application for the demolition of Oak View and the erection of two dwellings. Layout, appearance and access to be considered

GRID REF: OS 345524, 235804

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Outline – amended and additional

The parish council discussed the application (re-consultation) 260079. The parish council resolved to collate the comments, which still included concerns about surface water, foul drainage and pipe installation. Cllr Watkinson would draft the formal parish council response.

Cllr Watkinson had, once again, sent the regular update on planning for the parish. The parish council had responded, with an objection, to the request for comments on the application for three bungalows on land adjacent to Garnom, Birch Hill in the neighbouring parish of Clehonger. There had not been any update on the application for the rehabilitation gym at Winnal to date.

#### **10. To review the Lengthsman, PROW and Drainage Contract works, grants and decisions**

The parish council had obtained a full grant capital budget for five tasks in the parish. There was also a maintenance grant pot allocated.

The Chair advised the parish council about his review of the Wildfire Seminar documents that had been circulated. There were some valuable ideas contained in this, about community emergency strategies. and a review of the content would be placed on the November Meeting Agenda.

#### **11. Items for next Agenda**

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in November 2026. Also budget and precept for 2027 – 2028 and consideration of strategy for Community Emergency Plan

#### **12. Date of next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> November 2026 from 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this 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 (13 only)

#### **13. To discuss and approve implementation of 1/04/26 pay award (back dated) and increment from 1/04/26 in line with NJC correspondence plus casual mileage rate from 1/04/26**

The councillors resolved to approve the implementation of the 1/04/26 pay award (back date) and increment for the clerk, plus the casual mileage rate change from 1/04/26

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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

Dated: - 19 November 2026

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