

Minutes of the Allensmore Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2026, at the Allensmore Village Hall, from 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllrs J Evans, T Cramp (in the Chair), J Lawrence and C Watkinson plus Mrs A Wright (Clerk), and Ward Cllr Richard Thomas plus PCSO Lewis Thomas from West Mercia Police

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 S Williams and Cllr J Cox. Cllr S Grenar was not present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Open Session

PCSO Lewis Thomas, from West Mercia Police, updated the meeting about local crime trends. There had been a burglary from a Unit on the Gooses Foot Industrial Estate in March 2026. Officers had attended and a vehicle had been seized. The case was under investigation.

The PCSO said that farms etc. should secure items, use defensive parking, such as over a gateway etc. To be "savvy" and keep each other informed of any activity via social media groups such as "WhatsApp." Simple ideas were often the most effective with the aim being to "slow the criminal down."

It was noted that motorcyclists were still speeding on the A465. The riders would need to watch out for trailers turning off and onto the main road. There was a lot more traffic using the Winnal turning as a cut through. It was stated that the 40 mph limit was having an effect. The police were carrying out speed enforcement and providing a police presence with the speed gun. There had been two recent accidents on the A465, one involving a motorcyclist going "too fast" and driving into the back of another vehicle.

5. Brief Verbal Reports:

5.1 Local Policing Team

Bulletins had been circulated when received. PCSO Lewis Thomas was at the meeting and he gave an update to the council members.

5.2 Ward Councillor:

Ward Cllr Richard Thomas advised that M Group, the new public realm contactor, were settling in, although things were not going as "smoothly as they had thought it would." Herefordshire Council were trying to organise a better system of buses, lots of the routes were being subsidised and some were commercial. The community bus needed to be more publicised.

The Parish Summit, held on the 14th July 2026, had been well attended and had been "successful."

There had been an over spend regarding the library, the cost and requirements had "not been properly assessed in the first place."

Other projects, such as the Holme Lacy Road changes and the Bus Station were "running on budget." There was an issue with the new Bus Station. Buses were reversing out of the station, due to necessity, and the bus company was "not happy" about this. A full time "marshall" had needed to have been employed to mind the buses when reversing out of the station.

The Holme Lacy Road changes had received a lot of criticism and the old bus station in Hereford was destined to be made into a multi- storey car park (in proposal).

5.3 M Group/Herefordshire Council (Locality Steward)

The Public realm Contractor had circulated reports, when available.

5.4 Footpath Officer

Cllr Williams had sent his apologies. The Public Rights of Way Department had sent a request to parish Footpath Officers for help in compiling an inventory of footpath assets. Cllr Williams had said that he would take a look at the task with the mapping of assets using grid references and "What Three Words". There had been a survey, undertaken previously, which may provide a starter and some assistance with asset mapping. This was a voluntary task and it was commented that the asset mapping strictly should be undertaken by the PROW professionals to ensure completeness.

6. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Meetings held on 21st May 2026.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Council Meetings, held on 21st May 2026, were approved by the Council. There was one revision to the minutes, in that the total drainage grant sum obtained was £13100.00 and not £9400.00.

7. To receive any correspondence and Information Update

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

Herefordshire Council

Talk Community bulletins

End of Year Accounts 2025 - 2026

The end of year accounts for 2025 – 2026 had been completed and had been placed on the parish website.

8. Finance

(8.1) **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)	£126.80
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(8.2) **Resolved:** The bank balance was noted at £13022.84. This amount included the ring-fenced amount of £459.00 (ring-fenced for parish projects) being the pipe crowd funding project surplus and now including the £100.00 donation from Hereford Histories.

9. Planning

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

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning 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 three dwellings. Layout, appearance and access to be considered

GRID REF: OS 345524, 235804

APPLICATION TYPE: Outline

The parish council discussed the application (re-consultation) 260079. The number of dwellings on the site had been reduced from three smaller properties to two larger ones. The parish council resolved to collate the comments, which included concerns about drainage, and Cllr Watkinson would draft the formal parish council response.

Cllr Watkinson had sent the regular update on planning for the parish.

10. To consider broadband provision and hear any updates

Cllr Cramp updated the meeting regarding the latest connection to broadband position. Properties local to Church Road and Goose Pool were now connected and also the main road. The connection for the "Kennels" was pending. The broadband item would now be removed from the parish council agenda.

11. To review the Lengthsman, PROW and Drainage Contract works, grants and decisions

The contract works for the new grant had been approved and the contractors advised. The element for potential road closure requirements, to undertake the works, was also included in the funding provision. Maintenance days would be organised as required. No Public Rights of Way Grant Funded projects had been submitted, as at the date of the meeting. Deadline for PROW grant submission was 30 September 2026.

12. Items for next Agenda

All the usual items would be on the Agenda in September 2026, and remove the standing Broadband item.

13. Date of next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 17th September 2026 from 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

Future Meetings for 2026: November 19th

The Meeting closed at 8.19 pm

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Signedas a true record by Councillor (Chairman)

Dated: - 17 September 2026

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