

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday November 9th 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillor Thomas Chairman, Councillor Usher, Councillor Gethin, Councillor Hession, Councillor D Phillips, Councillor A Phillips, & Mr C Hendy Parish Council Clerk.

Also present Councillor P Price.

Acceptable apologies received from Councillor Meredith, Business commitment.

No declaration of Interest from members in any item to be discussed.

No Public present

The **minutes** of meetings October 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 & October 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman

### **Report from Ward Councillor**

Councillor Price gave an update on Bage Court, the agent has reverted to the original agent and the application has been sent to the Planning inspectorate for determination. Council were advised to check Herefordshire Council website for progress, Planning Officer will have to prepare their decision document for the Inspectorate. Herefordshire Council have been shortlisted for their LED light Scheme, annual cost had been reduced by two thirds.

No one present from Golden Valley Policing Team

### **Planning**

Application no; 163368

Address; The Pump House, Dorstone Hereford. HR3 6AW

Description; Fell two Leyland Cypress

The application had been passed to Councillor Thomas, no letters of support or objection received, Councillors resolved to support the application.

### **HALC**

AGM 12<sup>th</sup> November, Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will be in attendance

Government is planning to bring in new rules forcing probably larger PC's to hold costly referendums over increases to parish precept, likely to eventually cover all Parish Councils. Whilst the consultation period has finished agreed to send letter to MP regarding requiring parish councils to hold a referendum.

### **Finance**

Clerks salary £122.54

Grant Thornton external audit £120

Payments authorised

One further response received on budget supporting the proposed increase to fund the lengthsman scheme.

Parish Precept Band D figure not yet available for 17/18, The Band D equivalent tax base for Dorstone 16/17 was £175.89 if precept was £6000 divided by 175.89 = £34.12 per Band D (£22.74 16/17).

### **Highways**

Dore River Bridge has been cleaned

Tree Warden not present to give his report and for the council to consider subscribing to the tree warden network £25 per calendar year

Lengthsman Scheme 2017-18

Expression of interest form to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, agreed to delay consideration until December meeting when Budget has been confirmed/precept agreed.

The Parish does not have to take up the full grant but any grant applied for will need to be on a pro rata basis to include the parish contributions For every £60 the parish contributes for Lengthsman they can apply for £30 grant and for every £15 the parish contributes for P3 activity they can apply for £50 of grant up to the maximum entitlement.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The report of the independent examination had been circulated The responsibility of the issue of acceptance of the Inspector's comments are with Herefordshire Council and whilst informal representations from the PC would be considered, in practice Herefordshire Council have to date accepted the Inspector's modifications. Final version, incorporating changes from the examination, had been circulated, Councillors resolved to adopt the neighbourhood plan and submit to Herefordshire Council.

Councillors discussed the printing of the plan and copies required, cost of 50 was quoted as £152.92. Clerk suggested the guidance notes indicate the draft plan needs to be available to be inspected; there is money available from Herefordshire Council grant for each household to have a copy. Councillors agreed that quotations be obtained.

Referendum costs to be met by Herefordshire Council, information on payment for Notice of Poll not yet received.

Councillors were reminded Peterchurch NDP at Regulation 16 consultation

### **Broadband Survey**

A survey looking at the availability of broadband in the two counties is being undertaken ' and is due to be published in 2017. Information had been passed to DFR for circulation

Councillor D Phillips reported it was hoped the mast at Vowchurch would be updated to 4g.

### **Dorstone Hill**

Councillor Price outlined the request for construction of a passing place and the advice given by BB. He suggested a traffic census on Dorstone Hill was carried out and asked if Dorstone PC would contribute towards this. Whilst councillors had mixed concerns over the construction of a suitable passing place they agreed that

costings of a census were obtained. Councillor Price undertook to discuss with Bredwardine PC.

**Telephone Kiosk**

Whilst there is a 90 day consultation on this ending 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016, Herefordshire Council have to issue a draft consultation by 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The offer is for PC to purchase in condition at present for £1, BT will continue to provide electricity but remove all equipment, Clerk is attempting to request missing glass is replaced & light fixed, if there is change of use, planning permission may be required. Councillors resolved to purchase the kiosk, to seek views from parishioners on its use, considered if light was working this would be an asset for people going to church.

Information available Rural Hub newsletter

Agreed date of next meeting; December 14th 2016

No further business chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting at 09.15pm

Signed ..... Councillor C Thomas  
December 14<sup>th</sup> 2016