

The Annual Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday May 11th 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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

Election of Chairman, Councillor Usher proposed Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Gethin, no other nominations; Councillor Thomas was unanimously elected chairman. Declaration of office form to be signed.

Election of Vice Chairman, Councillor D Phillips proposed Councillor Usher, seconded by Councillor Meredith, no other nominations; Councillor Usher was elected vice chairman. He thanked councillors for their support and accepted the position. With the absence of Councillor Thomas, Councillor Usher chaired the meeting.

Acceptable apologies: Councillor Thomas, Family commitment. Councillor Hession, on holiday.

Also present: Ward Councillor P Price. PCSO Witcher for Golden Valley police report.

No declaration of interest.

No members of the public present

The **minutes** of meeting April 13th 2016 having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Reports

Ward Councillor P Price who gave an updated report from Herefordshire Council, currently looking to seek location for a gypsy site, Herefordshire are to house 18 Syrian families, (approx. 60 people), update on the Southern Link road, which will go to planning on June 6th.

PCSO Witcher gave an update, currently low level of crime in the area

HALC Newsletter & information had been sent out by HALC, some councillors indicated not received, clerk to circulate & provide information to register on HALC new website.

Finance;

Clerks salary £122.54

Lengthsman £54

Both payments approved

Insurance renewal, payment for Zurich was £350.55, clerk had requested two other quotes, not received, resolved to renew with Zurich, clerk to enquire the discount with a long term agreement.

Highways

Dore bridge Provision of passing place Dorstone Hill, update requested from Balfour Beatty, no information received.

Newsletter circulated

Parish Paths information received from Balfour Beatty on changes to the supply of material used on the maintenance of Public Rights of Way, in future, as part of the P3 Annual Plan, structures that are needed to be purchased/replaced are identified. Any materials required can be purchased with money from the P3 grant.

Standing Orders updated orders, based on NALC 2013 model standing orders, had been circulated, councillors resolved to adopt the updated orders.

Courses request from Herefordshire Council, following success of seminars/information evenings on planning/finance enquiring if there were topics for courses they could arrange to benefit parish councillors. Councillors considered another seminar on planning would be useful especially with regard to neighbourhood plans when adopted.

Information; Rural Hub E News, Neighbourhood Plan newsletter, HVOSS update

Donation A thank you card had been received from Dorstone Football Club, for the donation to the Playing Field Committee, for the purchase of the football goal posts & nets.

Agreed date of the Annual Parish Meeting, May 25th

Date of next meeting; June 8th 2016

No further business the chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting at 9.05

Signed..... Councillor T Usher

June 8th 2016