

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday July 11th 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillor C Thomas, Chairman, Councillor T Usher, Councillor Gethin Councillor Hession, Councillor Meredith, & Mr C Hendy Parish Council Clerk.

Also present Councillor P Price. Mr Charlie Eglington

Acceptable apologies received from; Councillor A Phillips, business commitment, Councillor D Phillips, work commitment

Apologies, Golden Valley Police

No declaration of interest.

No representation from the public

The **minutes** of meeting June 14th 2017, having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Reports

Reports; Ward Councillor Philip Price, June report had been circulated.

Peterchurch Parish Council met with a number of Council officers recently, discussions included speed enforcement, traffic issues particularly at school times, future arrangements for the local schools. Authorities will monitor speeds regularly. Clifford Parish Council has just started the process for their Neighbourhood plan. The Hereford and Worcester Fire Service annual report for 2016/17 has just been published, www.hwfire.org.uk. The cost to the Council tax rate payer is £79.53 per band D residence.

Attended various meetings on Flooding and environmental issues, meetings with partnering organisations.

Invest Herefordshire – A presentation was given at Eastnor Castle on 23rd June to business on what investing in Herefordshire means. With the advent of the University now coming on stream, we see many other businesses coming into the county particularly around Engineering and security sectors.

Dorstone Tree Warden Mr C Eglington, assistant warden, gave a brief presentation, including description of veteran, damaged & ancient trees, update on Ash tree die back. The wardens will concentrate on four areas, general advice, community education/tree planting, mapping veteran & ancient trees, monitoring disease.

Planning

Planning Decision

Application No; 171876

Site address; Buildings at Scar Lane, The Bage, Dorstone, Herefordshire

Description; application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed building

Approved with conditions

Finance

Clerks salary £125

Lengthsman account £288

Information Commissioner £35

All payments authorised

Herefordshire Council Budget consultation, Clerk attended the budget meeting; savings have again to be made, adult care & children care, both high budgets, information on Herefordshire website, information pack to be circulated to parish councils.

Herefordshire Council's Budget Priorities consultation commenced on June

29th 2017 and can found online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

This webpage contains a link to the questionnaire, along with other useful resources such as a downloadable paper questionnaire, as well as links to other key documents.

Questions and comments can be emailed to haveyoursay@herefordshire.gov.uk, or shared with us on Facebook and Twitter at #hfdsbudget

The consultation will run until Saturday 30 September 2017.

Telephone kiosk; Contract signed by BT and returned, kiosk now parish council property, Councillors agreed to request ideas for use of the kiosk in next parish council update.

Highways

Part of Chapel Lane will be closed for a few days in August, for water pipe to be connected to the new properties.

Balfour Beatty/Herefordshire Council contract with PC has been signed & returned

Information on work at Snodhill Castle, speaker was unable to attend.

Parish Council update, draft considered, minor alterations agreed to be implemented prior to release.

Information

Parking charges at the Community Hospital sites. HVOSS bulletin, Rural Hub newsletter, Planning Aid video

Councillors considered if a meeting was required in August, agreed not to hold a scheduled meeting unless required, next meeting September 13th

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

Signed Councillor C Thomas

September 13th 2017