

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday April 12th 2017 at 7.30pm.**

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

Also present Councillor P Price. One parishioner

Declaration of interest, Councillor Usher, account for hosting website.

The **minutes** of meetings March 22nd 2017 having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

## **Reports**

Councillor Price, Ward Councillor. Hereford City Link road the road should be completed by the year end.

Enterprise Zone - 3 new businesses to move onto the zone. New businesses have the benefit of reduced planning bureaucracy, high speed broadband and reduced business rates for a number of years.

South Wye Transport package – Having gained planning permission and funding in place, this scheme is now assembling land, initially through negotiation but with compulsory purchase available if necessary. Other package measures will include weight restrictions on the A465 Belmont road and active travel measures for bus, cycling and walking in the area and connecting to the City centre, Rotherwas employment land and Enterprise zone.

Waste Strategy – The joint Waste to Energy plant at Hartlebury was commissioned on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Electricity produced will be fed into the grid and should provide enough power to keep a city the size of Hereford in Electricity, with Land fill reduced to virtually nil.

Asset disposals – Various properties have now been the subject of disposals and significant progress has been made towards delivering the key MTFs targets for capital receipts. Nelson House and Elgar House are now renovated and occupied and both came in below budget. Blueschool House is under restoration and significant extra works have been found to be necessary. The former Council offices at Brockington have been sold. The Smallholdings estate are offered for sale by tender from the end of April.

Devolution - Herefordshire has lodged an application for non-constituent membership of the West Midlands Combined Authority. Further change will be inevitable on policy around this, so we will watch and see how this develops before making further decisions on how Herefordshire may gain devolved powers.

Broadband – A new contract has just been signed with Gigaclear to reach those harder to reach areas that are outside of the original BT contract. Finance is available for any clusters of businesses that are still not connected.

## Performance Indicators – rated red

- People killed or seriously injured on roads, currently at 94 with a target of less than 84 – This has risen over the last year.
- Average journey time across urban area – target through Hereford at 19 minutes, currently assessed at 22.48 minutes average.

Council Budget – At year end the overall budget is expected to be a under spend of approx. £250k, in an overall budget spend in excess of £350 million.

Rural Bus services – Herefordshire Council will retain the current rural bus services for the next three years. This will be under regular review, as at present not only are the services subsidised by the Council to provide the services, the Council has to fund the majority of the cost of bus passes that are used by the majority of users of the services.

### **Planning No; 170941**

Site address; Barn at Pitt Farm, Pitt Road, Dorstone, Herefordshire HR3 6BL

Description; Conversion of existing barn to form a 4 bedroom dwelling, demolition of existing portal frame buildings and creation of residential curtilage.

Application had been passed to Councillor A Phillips, no letters of support or objection, Councillors resolved to support the application.

Following planning approvals are for information, PC are not consultees.

### P170335/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition

Outbuilding at Meadow End Barn Dorstone Herefordshire HR3 6BE, Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 & 7 attached to 160667 and condition 3 attached to 160670.

### P170942/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition

Land at Home Farm Dorstone Herefordshire, Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 4 6 9 10 11 & 12 attached to planning permission 164027,

### P171048/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition

Land adjacent to The Chapel, Chapel Lane Dorstone Herefordshire, Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 6 9 11 12 and 15 attached to planning permission 163056.

### Planning Appeal

Application no; 161909

Address; Bage Court, Scotland Bank, Dorstone Hereford

Description; Erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production with associated feed bins and hardstanding areas

The appeal had been dismissed, the Inspectors decision circulated to councillors & available on Herefordshire Council website.

### Planning Enforcement

Pandy Inn Dorstone Herefordshire, DMSW/093018/F, breach of condition notice

Enforcement officer has notified the PC the work has satisfactorily been carried out.

## **HALC**

Annual account for membership £394.83, including VAT, Councillors resolved to continue with membership of HALC & authorise payment.

## **Finance**

- a) to pay the clerks salary £122.54
- b) Hosting fee for website £100, Golden Valley Web Design

Payments authorised

c) End of year accounts ,draft statement produced, balance carried forward was £2913, outstanding refunds from VAT, Lengthsman Scheme & Neighbourhood Plan, the accounts and & Annual Governance Statement will be considered after internal auditor inspection.

Contract for purchase of telephone kiosk for £1 had been received, clerk has raised with BT missing glass panels, inoperative light, general condition, he has also has received an offer from parishioner to assist with repaint. Councillors resolved to authorise clerk to sign contract.

## **Tree Warden**

Julian Reeves has been invited to give update on tree warden, not present.

## **Village Garden Open Day**

Information received that Friends of St Faith's, in conjunction with St Michael's Hospice, have planned an Open Gardens Weekend of 10th and 11th June in Dorstone. Request made that the Lengthsman could be asked to ensure that any work that he normally does could be scheduled to coincide with the weekend. Request noted

## **Rural Area Site Allocation meeting**

Invitation to the Rural Area Site Allocation Development Plan on May 22<sup>nd</sup> had been received.

**Highways** Councillor Usher reported that the concrete cover over the water pipes in the Ponty Weston stream at Brooklands had been damaged during the recent stream cleaning. The contractor had been made aware of the damage and undertook to repair the concrete when the stream level had fallen. It was understood there was a leakage on the mains water system in the area, no leakage was noticed from this damage however it was agreed to inform Welsh Water.

**Code of conduct update** from Herefordshire Council had been received, councillors noted the updates.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a) Newsletter had been circulated
- b) Information on a meeting re-funding support for action points in Neighbourhood Plans received.

Councillor D Phillips reported information from EE mobile phone coverage would be updated to 4g shortly.

Agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>

Date of next meeting; Wednesday May 10th 2017

No further business the chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting at 09.21pm

Signed ..... Councillor C Thomas

May 17th 2017