

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday October 12th 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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

Also present Councillor P Price, twenty two members of the public

Acceptable apologies received from Councillor C Thomas, on holiday, Councillor Gethin, Family commitment.

Representation from the Public Both Mr Lloyd & Mr Lawrence indicated they had attended for Bage Court & letters they had sent. Mr Maund spoke on the planning application Old Cow House, he reported that the use of the premises could only be residential due to a deed of grant restricting the use of a joint bio discs system, also the parking of vehicles using the site. Mr Gaze, Mrs Catterall spoke about the application adjacent to the Chapel, their views were supported by a number of people present

Declaration of interest Councillor K Meredith declared a non- disclosable interest in Bage Court.

The **minutes** of meeting September 14th 2016 having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Councillor Price, Ward Councillor gave an update from Herefordshire Council, this included Nutrient Management Plan, re-opening of Hereford Race Course, progress on the Link Roads, recent result on Court Case with Amey, Housing five year stock.

Planning

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

Amended application site plan, Landscaping plan

The application had been passed to Councillor Usher to show neighbours.

The clerk advised he had received notification previous night of a letter sent to the agent/applicant requesting further information including landscape which he had circulated to councillors. This morning the clerk had spoken to the planning officer, it was suggested councillors delay consideration of the amended plans until they had an opportunity to read the letter. Councillors agreed to delay consideration until October 25th.

Bage Court

The clerk had received letters from Mr Lloyd, Mr Laurence. Due to the depth of questions raised the clerk had sought advice from HALC, verbal advice had been given, confirmation sought in writing, this had not yet been received. Councillor Usher advised if there was concern over Councillors behaviour representations under the code of conduct could be made to the monitoring officer at Herefordshire Council.

Application no; 163056

Address; Land adjacent to The Chapel, Chapel Lane, Dorstone, Herefordshire

Description: Proposed two retirement cottages

Application with Councillor Meredith & Councillor Hession

Clerk advised a Neighbourhood Plan submitted at Reg 16 is the plan examined; planning application comments should now include references to the plan with the planning officer considering the neighbourhood Plan when making his decision.

Councillors discussed the application, with written, verbal comments & photographic representation received, & referring also to the Neighbourhood Plan, they resolved to object to the plan with the following comments;

Parish Council considered the application, together with 5 letters of objection, series of photographs showing the height approx 6.7 metres, four verbal objections, and Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan

Dorstone Parish Council object to the planning application for two retirement houses for the following reasons.

The Neighbourhood Plan, having passed Regulation 16 and submitted for examination, has now material weight with this planning application. Dorstone Village Policies Map shows the field which part of this application refers to as Local Green Space (DNP ENV1)

Policy DNP H2 Housing Site states "to ensure the ongoing protection and enhancement of the village's designated Conservation Area a number of housing proposals will;

1. Be located on small infill sites of between one and upto three dwellings within the defined settlement boundary for Dorstone.

The site is not infilling, is at the end of a row of properties which is surrounded by the local green space

2. Not adversely affect the amenity of adjoining properties.

The development will affect the amenity of adjoining properties particularly the Chapel

4 Respect, protect and safeguard the Character of Dorstone and do not adversely affect any historic assets and the local landscape quality including open spaces views and the landscape as identified and mapped in appendix E.

(Appendix E; Open spaces are at the 'heart' of the village, and the characterisation study identified the open space between Chapel Lane & the Old road to Peterchurch as one of the main spaces in the village, also affect the view V1 North West from Court Farm).

The proposal will affect the historic asset The Chapel, also adversely affect the local landscape quality including the open space views.

Policy DNP H3 Housing Design Criteria

The development is not of a scale and form which complements the character of the area and will result in a loss of amenity for existing residents.

Planning Decision

Application No 162370

Site Address Old Coach House Dorstone Hereford HR3 6 BE

Description; to fell two Birch Trees

Permission granted

Planning meeting, The clerk attended the meeting last week, numerous presentations, on Neighbourhood plans, 9 adopted, 6 to referendum on 3/11/16, 6 at examination stage referendum next year, changes to legislation from 1st Oct give a 56 day period from decision notice to referendum, Presentation on housing supply and large planning application at Three Elms Hereford, CIL has been suspended, Planning Enforcement team now up to strength, Legal Team outsourced, web site planning comments up to date.

Finance;

Clerks salary £122

Mr K Lloyd stream cleaning £480

Payments authorised

External audit report, Audit has been completed, auditor made two recommendations, annual governance statement to be considered, approved & signed before accounting statement, council tax support grant incorrect figure by £20 in Box 3 & Box 2, this did not affect the account balance.

Budget 17/18

Chairman, Vice Chairman & Clerk had met to draft a preliminary budget for 2017/18, the budget document had been circulated. Each part of the budget was discussed. Clerk's salary national agreement was for a 1% increase 16/17, the clerk had not asked the council to consider paying this year, & further 1% 2017/18. The increase in 2017/18, including 2016/17 amount would be £37, Councillors resolved to award the increase.

Seven responses received regarding increasing the budget by £2000 to continue with the lengthsman scheme, one response included reviewing the donation policy, it was more beneficial for charities to receive donations by gift aid. Councillors resolved to recommend increasing the precept to £6000, review this and donation policy at December meeting when final precept agreed following consultation with parishioners.

Highways

Dore bridge update, Locality Steward is to meet Mr Goodwin to discuss storage of material from stream, still awaiting availability of the jetter
Clerk had attended recent Balfour Beatty meeting, Budget reduced from £9.1million in 2013 to £6.4 million in 2016 & £5.8 million in 17/18. Operational delivery improved, salt stocks available, gritting routes reviewed/amended, season starts Nov 1st, Traffic regulation order tool kit available also App for footpath volunteers. 368 miles of road resurfaced last three years making savings on maintenance. Changes to Lengthsmen Scheme discussed & P3 update. Herefordshire Council have to make a budget saving 2016 to 2020 of £28.4 million.

Tree warden not in attendance, agreed to defer consider subscribing to tree warden network £25 per calendar year

Parishioner's letter

Provision of a safe pedestrian road crossing, in the 30mph area, from Village Centre and Dore View to the Playing Fields. This had been raised several times previously, on the recent parish walk Locality Steward will see if there is any traffic calming measures that could be made

Road signs, none at Pitt Lane & Mill Lane, nor The Bage, Hay on Wye sign missing at Bell Corner, there is a lack of funding for signs, there is a sign for Hay on Wye on the railings.

Stream bank, who is responsible for cleaning the overgrown banks on stream through the village & cleaning under the bridges? Clerk had advised parishioner of responsibility of riparian owners to maintain stream bank, parish council were trying to arrange cleaning under bridges, and responsibility has again been raised.

Condition of Footpath stiles , letter regarding condition of stiles around the Llan Farm yard, these are on a permissive route, not responsibility of council to maintain, Footpath Officer to discuss with landowner.

Boundary changes/Constituency changes; Consultation taking place, this will not affect Dorstone who will still be part of South Herefordshire Constituency.

Neighbourhood plan

Update on Dorstone Plan, Decision document has been prepared which is recommending all examiners modifications are taken forward, PC to consider revised plan next meeting, if accepted anticipated referendum Jan 12th 2017

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Letter received asking if the Parish Council had supported the proposal for AONB by CPRE in line with the support already provided by Hereford Council Clerk had checked Herefordshire Council website, AONB supported by Herefordshire Council, information sent to Parish Councils, however this will not be considered until 18/19, the AONB is in the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan to progress.

Peterchurch Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Plan is available for consultation from 5th October 2016 until November 16th 2016

Payphone (Red Kiosk) consultation, Information circulated; consultation period ends December 28th 2016. No calls had been made from the payphone, the box could be purchased for £1, equipment would be removed except for the light which BT is willing to continue pay for. Councillors agreed to consult with parishioners on retention/use.

Councillor Price requested traffic Survey Dorstone Hill was added to agenda for next meeting. This is to consider sponsoring traffic survey to consider construction of traffic passing place.

Information: Green Lane event, Herefordshire Council Budget consultation closed, Grant availability, CPRE AGM 15th October 2016, Get on line week 17th to 23rd October 2016, Rural Hub newsletter,

Date of next meeting; November 9th 2016

Chairman thanked those who attended and closed the meeting at 09.35pm

Signed Councillor C Thomas

November 9th 2016