

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday October 25th 2016 at 7.00pm.**

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

Also present, four members of the public, further four arriving just prior to meeting end.

Acceptable apologies received from Councillor Gethin, Family commitment, Apologies Ward Councillor P Price.

Representation from the Public Mr Lloyd arrived after the meeting had discussed Bage Court, he was informed of the Parish Council decision.

Declaration of interest Councillor K Meredith declared a non-disclosable interest in Bage Court and left the meeting whilst discussions were taking place

Councillors agreed to defer the **minutes** of meeting October 12th 2016 until the next meeting.

Planning

Application no; 162845

Address; the Little Cow House, Meadow End Barn, Dorstone

Description; Change of use to house a small retail shop (retrospective)

Representation from last meeting over sewage disposal, joint scheme for several houses restricted to residential use. Concern also made over parking of vehicles.

The planning officer has confirmed sewage disposal premise restriction is a civil, not planning, matter.

Councillors resolved to support the application but have concerns over vehicles visiting/delivering to the premises parking on the road. Request a condition is made that all vehicles park within the site.

The council note no application for the display of advertising signs for the premises.

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

Councillors considered the letter sent by the planning officer to the agent/applicant together with the amendment documents. They resolved to submit a general comment that they have considered the amendment documents for this application, also the letter from the Planning Officer to the agent/applicant dated 14/10/16. The council consider points they have raised are covered by the letter and resolved to defer commenting on the amendments until they have considered the response from the agent.

Bage Court

Letters from Mr G Lloyd & Mr C Lawrence had been circulated together with the advice received from HALC. Mr Lloyd letter had sought further clarification on points raised by Councillor D Phillips, Mr Laurence had sought the possibility of asking questions at the next PC meeting noting two parish councillors voted in favour of the application and if they had evidence or opinions that they feel the application benefits the people of Dorstone.

Advice had been sought from HALC

Parish Councillors are volunteers elected or co-opted by their local community to meet at publicly advertised meetings to debate local issues and represent the views of the community to outside bodies. Parish Councils have the right to comment on planning applications in their area and, to enable them to do so, their councillors are expected to view planning applications on line via the Herefordshire Council website and attend the parish council meeting to discuss their local knowledge together with the details of the application, with fellow councillors. The outcome of the discussion at the open parish council meeting forms the democratic view of the parish council and the clerk then forwards that view to Herefordshire Council. Individual councillors are entitled to vote in whatever way they deem to be appropriate and are not required to give an account of why they voted in a particular way. The parish council is a legal entity and decisions/comments made at a properly called and quorate parish council meeting are legally binding and not open to discussion or challenge from local residents. It is now lawful for any person to record a parish council meeting by taping, filming or other appropriate means and persons so doing are not required to inform those present of their actions. In conclusion, no response is required to the queries raised by your local residents, other than making them aware of this statement.

Councillors noted the emails/letter circulated together with the advice received, resolved to accept this advice. Clerk to write to Mr Lloyd & Mr Lawrence with a copy of the advice.

Application no 163087

Site Address: Brickleys, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6BA

Description: Cover to an existing open muck store

Application given to Councillor D Phillips, he reported some neighbours were not available to show the plans to. No letters of support or objection received.

Councillors resolved to support the application with the following comments; colour of the panels to match the existing buildings, application indicates slate blue to be used.

Clarification may be needed if the proposed building comes under the Silage, Slurry, Agriculture, Fuel Oil Regulations (SSAFO regs)

No further business the chairman thanked those attending and closed the meeting at 7-30 pm.

Signed Councillor C Thomas

November 9th 2016