

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday March 22nd 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. PCSO Fiona Witcher for report

Apologies; Mr C Eglington

No declaration of interest received

The **minutes** of meetings February 7th 2017 having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Reports

Councillor Price, Ward Councillor,

Not only is Hereford a Cathedral City, it will soon be a University City as well. The first government funding for this project was awarded following the spring budget with a capital sum of £8 million, awaiting the news that the added £15 million for revenue support will follow from the Dept. for Education

The land and buildings wanted, and by when, to enable the project to flourish has to be planned for. The City of Hereford is a parish Council and the plan for Hereford is known as the Hereford Area Plan. This plan has to consider the planning policies for the area that is home to a third of the population of the County, also plan for more businesses, more homes and now the University project and the necessary infrastructure to support it all. This will include the Hereford Bypass, green infrastructure, sustainable and active travel within the city. This will impact on residents from every part of the County.

Double consultation, taking place at the Courtyard Theatre in the first week of April, is about the Hereford Area Plan and the Hereford Transport plan.

The Chancellor also announced;

major investment into the Midlands Engine and specifically Midlands Connect – The program for road and rail network infrastructure from the Welsh borders to the East coast, listed in this under “early priorities” is the Hereford Transport plan and the final phasing of the Hereford bypass.

An award of £2.9 million to the Cyber Security Centre at the Rotherwas Enterprise Zone which will bring high tech into Herefordshire and provide many jobs for the future.

Peterchurch Schools Capital funding has been set aside for development of both secondary and primary schools in the village. Meetings are taking place to try and find a solution to the problems of neither set of school buildings being fit for purpose and the transport problems encountered both morning and afternoon drop and pickup of young people.

Balfour Beatty Annual Plan is now passed and road maintenance work will be starting in the new financial year starting in April. This will include resurfacing the short length of the B4348, Hardwick road at Cusop.

Golden Valley Policing Team, no reported crime. A replacement CSO will be appointed to the team shortly.

Planning

Application No; 170576

Site address The Little Cow House, Meadow End Barn, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6BE

Description; Change of use of Cow House, from Holiday letting accommodation to shop/showroom for existing design business

Four letters of support recorded on website, no letters of support or objection received, after discussion councillors resolved to support the application.

Decision Notice

Application No 164027

Site Address; Home Farm, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6AD

Description Change of use and conversion of existing lean-to to provide one unit of holiday accommodation and erection of a lean-to extension to accommodate farm implements/machinery

Approved with conditions, decision notice circulated.

HALC, Information sheet discussed,

Playground inspection information sent to Playing Field, inspection has been arranged.

Invoice for 2017-2018 received, payment now would give PC two free training places, however it would involve payment of two subscriptions in the same financial year, after discussion agreed to pay invoice next financial year.

Finance:

Clerks salary £122.54

Lengthsman £297.50

Village hall, hall hire £220.50, street light £30, grant towards outside toilets £200

HMRC £91.92

Council expenses £122

Payments authorised

Tree Warden, Julian Reeves was not in attendance.

Neighbourhood Plan

Dorstone NDP was signed off on 18th February 2017 2017.

The action list from the Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan was considered, following roles agreed;

Housing; Councillor Thomas, Small Businesses, Farming and Employment, Tourism; Councillor D Phillips, Councillor K Meredith, Infrastructure, flooding; Councillor A Phillips, Councillor T Usher Tourism Conservation Heritage Landscape and Biodiversity; Councillor M Hession, Community Facilities Councillor Gethin

Renewable Energy, agreed to advertise for someone to be a Climate Change Champion.

At the Annual Parish Meeting agreed a short presentation on each role was given.

Councillor Thomas attended meeting “Implementing your Neighbourhood Plan” with Councillor Usher. Information covered in the meeting included Wellington Community shop Community transport initiative, Improving local facilities for sport, leisure and well-being, Community and Voluntary sector support, business and public sector links, Local enterprise support, Funding sources, sustainability and constitutions.

It was agreed to invite Chairman of Ewyas Harold PC to give a presentation on improving local facilities for sport, leisure and well-being at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor Hession attended CPRE meeting on Intensive Poultry Units. The presentation, in conjunction with the Welsh CPRE, reported that the majority of applications that went to appeal were dismissed on landscape issues, no total of poultry house available from Herefordshire Council, research had indicated 700 units, business rates were not paid on the buildings.

Councillor Price indicated that buildings on the farm producing food were agriculture not industrial.

Wyeside group Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Plan out for consultation to March 20th
Cusop group Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Plan out for consultation until April 20th

Donation Policy applications were received from the **Village Hall**, replace existing crockery, which would provide a better standard of catering for Parishioners & various village organisations using the facility, detailed costing of £251.10 provided, **PCC**, maintaining churchyard, detailed costing of mowing given, 2016 £264 cut, estimated cost 2017 £2000, any financial support appreciated, **Youth Club**, update pc's and purchase new software and games, no cost of update nor games provided, & PCC.

Councillors considered all applications, the Youth Club did not provide breakdown of costings as required on the application form therefore it was agreed the application could not be considered, resolved to award donations of £250 to the village hall towards the purchase of replacement crockery & £150 to the PCC towards the cost of churchyard maintenance

Highways, report from Councillor Usher, re recent parish walk with Lengthsman & Locality Steward, Pentre Lane road surface delamination, Top Wood hole adjacent to road, Potholes B4348 by Bage bungalow, Mynddbrith & Nantybar roads poor state, Culvert collapse by Draen Farm, road surface to Tredomen.

Following complaints over the hole by Bage Bungalow the clerk had contacted Locality Steward, hole has been repaired.

Stream Cleaning, Councillor Usher reported the three bridges had been cleaned, stone removed, invoice for £660 had been received, Payment authorised.

B4348 at Cusop, information received the road would be closed on April 7th between 08.00 & 16.30 for resurfacing. Also reported the road would be closed in Powys but the date & time not known, clerk had sought information.

Information

Hereford Area Plan & Hereford Transport Package Monday 3rd April.

Boundary Commission review Parliamentary representation www.bce2018.org.uk until 27th March

The information, workshop on war memorial sent to PCC

Community playback project where offenders pay back the community for crimes they have committed, litter removal, clearing footpaths, redecorating community centres

Date of next meeting; Wednesday April 12th 2017

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

SignedCouncillor C Thomas
April 12th 2017