

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall, Dorstone on **Wednesday March 11th 2020 at 7-30pm**

Present: Present; Councillor T Usher, Chairman, Councillor M Hession, Councillor B James, Councillor A Phillips, Councillor D Phillips & Mr C Hendy Parish Council Clerk.

Apologies, Councillor T Arnott, Ward Councillor J Hewitt

Also present for part of the meeting;

Two officers from Golden Valley Police, 3 parishioners

No declaration of interests from members made

Representation from the public

Representation was given be given on poor service of 6th Form College bus March 2020. Currently impacting between 1 and 3 students, 4 occasions bus did not turn up, since 5th March bus not going through village, sometimes two buses turn up together, standing room only on first bus, cost £21 per week, £250 per term. Has been referred to Stagecoach, Students numbers increasing in October

The minutes of meeting February 12th 2020 were approved and signed by the chairman.

Reports

- a) Ward Councillor, monthly report +leader report circulated
- b) Golden Valley Police, monthly report circulated, Officers present indicated crime was currently very low.

Planning

New House, Cusop, Hay-On-Wye HR3 5TG. Water supply

The query clarifying planning applications and the supply of water had been raised by the ward councillor to Herefordshire Council Planning Officer; response was as per report on the planning website for the application.

New Development Chapel Lane, complaint on vehicle parking on roadside, mud on road, vehicles offloading blocking the lane.

Councillor Usher has visited the site; arrangements made for general parking off site. Parking on the site is only for vehicles which are unloading. There were two vehicles on site during his visit all parked off road.

The builders lorry unloading was one-off and no other alternative other than to block road whilst unloading.

Mud on road seemed light and verge damage not bad. Will no doubt self- repair in the spring? The Site manager was very cooperative and appears to be doing his best to conform the planning conditions.

Neighbourhood Planning Meeting April 3rd at 3.00pm, Councillor Usher, Councillor Hession and Councillor Aubrey-Cosslett hoped to attend.

Finance

- a) Clerks salary £125
- b) Hire of the hall £366.50
- d) Donation of £200 towards provision of public conveniences
- e) Hire of DFR £9
- f) Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs £91.32
- g) Council expenses £136.75

All payments authorised

Highways

Information on regulations regarding speed limit through the village, in particular at Brooklands has been circulated, agreed to obtain further information on the 30mph roundel painted onto the road, signage indicating traffic priority at the bridge, and a site meeting.

Letter from Footpaths Accessibility Working Group discussed, this enquired if any footpaths were accessible for the disabled. Funding may not be obtainable to alter stiles/gates/access from Herefordshire Council, grants may be available. Agreed to consider a suitable path and obtain costs for suitable gates that meet DDA requirements.

Flooding & road damage, information circulated.

Expression of interest form Lengthsman 2020-2021, which gives the Parish Council authority to employ lengthsman on C & UC roads received. Agreed the form should be signed and returned.

Highways Maintenance Scrutiny Review, information circulated

Herefordshire Tree Wardens

- a) Subscription for 2019-2020; £25. Payment authorised
- b) Report circulated

Community Resilience Plan

Community Resilience Plan meeting report circulated

Dorstone Community Resilience Plan, draft produced by Councillor D Phillips discussed, agreed to produce a plan for Dorstone. Clerk to contact Herefordshire Council for support producing a draft

Climate Emergency: well attended, intend to produce information on alternative energy sources fitted by some parishioners.

Land adjoining New House Patch

Information received indicated the land CL166 is registered common land and has no owner, this put it into the category of being subject to the protection of the Local Authority under section 9 of the Commons Registration Act. This has been replaced on by s45 of the Commons Act 2006, this is in effect is the same. It allows the local authority to protect the land against unlawful interference as if it were the owner and it can take proceedings against the person committing the offence. For the purpose of this legislation the local authority is either county district or parish council.

Herefordshire Council have a policy of not getting involved in section 45 commons. Planning application does not relate to or affect the registered common land. One person with registered grazing rights which due to the state of the land has not exercised recently.

If a bridge has been erected consent may be required from the planning inspectorate. A footpath runs along the western edge nearest the property. Under the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 the public have the right to walk on any registered common land.

Councillor D Phillips had been informed by a parishioner informed by parishioner this was parish land, enclosed between 1840 and 1886, and may be part of the inclosure award of Vowine Hill, ref AA70/8.

Councillors agreed Clerk to obtain further information from the record office.

West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner Road Safety Strategy

As you may know road safety is a high priority of mine and as the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner I am launching my draft Road Safety Strategy for consultation. This strategy has three key themes:

Reducing Casualties through Prevention;
Effective Enforcement; and
Offender Rehabilitation and Victim Support.

Your views are important to me and the feedback I receive will help inform the development of my finalised Road Safety Strategy. I see this as a real opportunity for the strategy to truly reflect the concerns and priorities of all of West Mercia's communities.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete so please help me to make West Mercia's roads safer. Information on web site for survey with closing date Friday 20th March

Hereford Association of Local Councils

- a) Newsletter circulated
- b) Training on March 10th attended by Councillor Usher, Councillor Hession, Councillor Arnott, Councillor Aubrey-Cosslett, and Councillor D Phillips. Councillor James and Councillor A Phillips were unable to attend. Councillors considered the training very good and beneficial.
- c) Account for Training session £229.02. Payment authorised

Herefordshire Council

- a) Flooding Grants, information received and circulated.
- b) Parish Summit 2nd April, Councillor Usher and the clerk to attend

County Plan is available; this outlines the ambitions of the county over the next four years. The parish council representatives who attend the Parish Council summit in September are thanked. There has also been detailed consultation.

The priorities as outlined in the plan cover the follow areas:

ENVIRONMENT - Protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live

COMMUNITY - Strengthen communities to ensure that everyone lives well and safely together

ECONOMY- Support an economy which builds on the county's strengths and resources

VE & VJ day commemorations information circulated

Coronavirus; update received

Website, information received indicated the council website to be compliant by 22nd September 2020 as required by the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). Council understand the Golden Valley Web design are working on updating website

Poor service by the 6th Form College bus, after discussion agreed to raise with Herefordshire Council

Date of next meeting April 9th 2020

No further business the chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting at 09.30pm