

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 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, 12 members of the Public, GV Police PC Roger Bradley, PCSO Pete Knight

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

Representation received from the Public for the planning appeal at Bage Court.

The **minutes** of meetings December 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 having been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

### **Reports**

Ward Councillor, December report circulated. Information given on proposed Herefordshire Council tax rise

Golden Valley Police, Officers introduced themselves, low crime currently in area, Police Station at Peterchurch has now closed, police have relocated to Fire Station, no counter service.

### **Planning**

Application no: Planning Consultation-174392

Site: Track leading to West Lawn Cottage, Dorstone, Herefordshire, HR3 6BL

Description; Improvements to existing road leading to West Lawn Cottage

The application had been passed to Councillor A Phillips, letters received from family of Jasmin Dene, this included a copy of the proposed work on existing drainage at the ford crossing in 2003. No other letters received. Councillors resolved to support the application in principle; request serious consideration is given to the representation from the owners of Jasmin Dene.

Application no: 172894, With Planning Inspectorate

Site: Land South East of Bage Court, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5SU

Description; Erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production with associated egg packing area and feed bin (amended scheme of 161909)

Consultation ends 15/1/2018

Parish Council had been requested to consider making comments, or modify/withdraw previous representation.

Herefordshire Council are producing a Statement of Case, however this is not yet available, submission deadline is 15/1/2018. Councillor Phillips indicated nothing had changed, documents submitted including Neighbourhood Plan, Councillor Usher indicated a response should be given at each level, Councillor Hession proposed the following comments were made; Dorstone Parish Council has submitted two representations on the proposed Free Range Egg Production unit at Bage Court. A detailed submission, objecting to the proposal was submitted on September 19th

2017. Following the publication of Herefordshire Council's Landscape Officer's Report on the Application, the Parish Council submitted a shorter representation on November 9th 2017 continuing its objection to the proposal. The Council does not wish to add to its previous comments, apart from bringing to the Inspector's attention policy DNV/ENV 1 of the approved Dorstone Neighbourhood Plan. The Council considers that the Landscape Officer's report fails to give sufficient weight to the Neighbourhood Plan in reaching her conclusions. The Neighbourhood Plan's relevance is clearly explained in the September 19th submission and the Council requests that the Inspector therefore gives equal weight to DNV/ENV1, alongside County and National Planning policies, in considering the Appeal, seconded by Councillor Usher & carried by 4 to 2 votes

#### Planning Consultation-174598

Site: Dorstone Methodist Chapel, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6AP  
Description; Proposed erection of a porch to front elevation of building to act as buttress for unstable main wall

The consultation had been passed to Councillor Meredith, no letters of support or objection received. Councillors resolved to support the application.

#### **Finance**

To pay the clerks salary £125

Payment authorised

Councillors agreed to invite applications under the Donation Policy

Pension contributions April 2018 & April 2019 are increasing, as the Parish Council is below the threshold no payment is required.

#### **Highways,**

Bridge clearance, guidance from Balfour Beatty/Herefordshire Council has been received, " the responsibility for the clearance of the watercourses lies with the Riparian owner, in the case of under a Highway Bridge this is usually deemed to be the Highway Authority. However, if the watercourse downstream is silted up or constricted by trees and debris then clearing out under the bridge is non-productive and is not best value for the limited maintenance budget as our clearance works then become a silt trap/settlement pond which rapidly refill with silt and debris. We would look to carry out work provided the channel downstream of the bridge has been cleared to allow the free flow of water away from the bridge. Our clearance works would probably extend at least 6ft either side as working space for men and machines to gain access."

Expression of Interest PP3, Councillors resolved to apply for the grant for 2018/2019, also to continue with the lengthsman scheme, (permission has to be made for the lengthsman to work on C & U roads).

#### **Information,**

Planning Newsletter 16, Rural Hub Newsletter, HVOSS winter bulletin, all available, Update from Hay Ho Bus, 2017 has been a steady year for the service. Not broken any records for passenger numbers however it is pleasing to see that there was still a demand for a Sunday bus. On Sunday 25th February 2018 there is an opportunity

to travel from Hereford to Dorstone and then visit Snodhill Castle and see the preservation work in progress.

**Next meeting** Councillor Thomas indicated he would not be available for the first three weeks of February and gave his apologies, Councillor Usher and Councillor D Phillips also indicated they would not be available on February 14<sup>th</sup>, after discussion agreed to hold the next meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

No further business, the chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting at 09.05.