

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Tuesday July 10th 2018 at 7-30pm**

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

Acceptable apologies; Councillor C Thomas, family commitment Councillor D Phillips, work commitment

Apologies; Ward Councillor P Price,

No declaration of interest

The **minutes** of meeting May 8th 2018 & June 5th 2018, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Reports

None received from Ward Councillor, monthly police report, which now included fire report, circulated.

Planning;

Re-Consultation 181804

Site: Lower Crossway Farm Dorstone Herefordshire HR36AT

Details: Conversion of existing barn to form a one bedroom dwelling & construction of new vehicular access.

Councillors considered information on website reporting on details of speed survey, and state of building report & resolved to continue supporting the application.

Planning application

Planning Consultation 182146

Site: Land adjacent to New House Cusop Hay On Wye HR3 5TG

Proposed change of use of land to allow placement of two self- contained shepherd huts on cast iron wheels

This was affecting land adjoining parish, councillors noted the application

For information,

P182422/PA7, this application was for prior notification of a general purpose agriculture building at Merbager View, Dorstone Hereford HR3 5SU.

Planning decision

P180949/K

Works to trees in conservation area

St Faith's Church, Dorstone Hereford HR36AW

Permission granted

Finance

To pay the clerks salary £125

To pay Internal Auditor account £48

To pay Information Commissioner account £40

All payments authorised

Herefordshire Council Commencement of budget consultation

Clerk reported he had attended the briefing, information about the consultation on line, <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation>

Herefordshire council are asking for views on a variety of proposals, such as whether the council should increase borrowing to enable more investment across the county, and a suggested 4.9 percent increase to next year's Council Tax (a total 2.9 percent increase to core Council Tax and a 2 percent adult social care precept.) That's an increase of £5.90 per month for those who live in a Band D property.

The 2019-20 budget consultation is open until Friday 21 September 2018 and is quick and easy to complete online. All feedback from individuals will stay anonymous and will help to inform the annual budget and Council Tax setting for 2019-20

Herefordshire Association of Local Councils, no information received

General Data Protection Regulations, clerk reported he was continuing to remove data now computer access was available.

Highways

Update received re B4378 from Councillor D Phillips. A meeting had to be cancelled at short notice due to unavailability of some attendees, it was hoped to arrange another meeting soon. Replies had been received from a survey

Balfour Beatty/Lengthsman Scheme agreement received, this was discussed and agreed chairman/clerk to sign.

Replacement Laptop Clerk had visited PC World, specification suggested there was only one laptop available, details on monthly service plan discussed. Quotes

had also been received from another company. Agreed to amend the specification & not proceed with a monthly plan.

Revised code of conduct

A revised code had been received from Herefordshire Council; Councillors considered this, Clerk advised continuing with the current code, until the elections in 2019, when consideration could be made for new councillors to use the amended code. This was agreed.

To consider items raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

Recording of votes, this had been discussed with Herefordshire Association of Local Councils; the current system (eg. resolved by a majority of 4 votes to 2 votes) was considered good practice.

In exceptional circumstances a councillor can request named votes, this must be requested prior to voting and is very rarely used.

Councillors noted the information

Disposal of dog faeces, information had been received from a parishioner re composting dog faeces, this was noted, there were no bins in the village solely for depositing dog faeces.

Next meeting Councillors discussed holding the next meeting on Wednesday August 12th 2018 or Wednesday September 12th 2018, agreed not to hold a meeting in August unless required.

Chairmen thanked those who had attended and closed the meeting at 09.10pm.