

DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs Nick Brewin (Chair), Jan Ashton-Jones, Ray Dickson (Vice Chair), Brian Dukes, John Litchfield, John Lee, Lorna Radnor

In attendance

Ward Cllr John Hardwick Chris Bucknell – Clerk 16 members of the public

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440	To Receive Apologies for Absence Cllrs Cheryl Shearer, David Lloyd The Chair updated the meeting about Cllr Shearer's recent illness. Cllr Shearer had been in touch with the Chair and sent her best wishes to all the Cllrs, who, in return, wished her a speedy recovery.	
441	Declarations of Interest a) No declarations of interest were received b) No written requests for dispensations had been received	
442	To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 th July 2014 Resolved: Minutes of meeting held on 15 th July 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
443	To receive brief verbal reports from: a) Police Representative There was no Police Representative present. The Group Parish Council had been notified that the new PC for the Dormington and Mordiford Area is P C Brian Hillstead. The August and September Newsletters had been circulated to all Councillors.	
	b) Neighbourhood Watch Update Problems had been reported with heavy trailers travelling at excessive on the road from Hope Springs through the village. This would be reported.	Clerk
	Western Power had set up a generator which had caused severe disruption to the residents of Pentaloe Close because of excessive noise. There had been no notification from Western Power. It was agreed the Group Parish Council would write to Western Power.	Clerk
	The speed indicator device outside the school was now working.	
	c) Ward Member Clir Hardwick updated the meeting about the Herefordshire Council budget consultation and about the budget simulator which could be used online. Herefordshire Council had now moved out of Brockington and Member Services were operating from the Shirehall. Clir Hardwick gave the meeting an outline of his day as a member of the Planning Committee which included discussion about the future of the existing Fire Station which may be considered as one of the sites for the new Hereford University. Funding for the new Fire Station had already been allocated from Central Government. Clir Hardwick also gave an update on the Rugby Club development, saying that the Section 106	

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	agreement, in relation to infrastructure in Mordiford, was being pursued. The 106 for the benefit of those present.	Chair outlined Section		
	d) WM Housing There was no representative from WM Housing present. The properties had been advertised from 3 rd September and details of all those who had contacted the GPC had been passed to WM Housing. It was stressed that whilst every effort had been made to ensure that those who wanted to bid for properties had been put in touch with the right agencies the responsibility for registering lay with the applicant, not the GPC. The Chair confirmed that Cllrs could visit the site once building work had been completed. A member of the public felt that flooding on the site may be an issue but was assured that drainage had been a key issue during the planning phase and the situation would improve once the building work was completed.			
444	Public Participation Session The Chair gave a statement on the responses to the questionnaire which had been delivered to all households. There had been 104 responses to the questionnaire, the majority of which had come from Mordiford Parish. The results were as follows QUESTION 1			
	Should the Little Green Hut be	,		
	Properly restored and left at is new site on Mordiford Green	72 YES votes		
	Properly restored and returned to its previous site on the banks of the Pentaloe River	29 YES votes		
	Dismantled and removed from the village	3 YES votes		
	Resolved: Taking account of the result of this public vote the Little Green Hut of Mordiford Green and its potential as a community asset maximised, with particle providing a range of local information for walkers, cyclists and other visitors. QUESTION 2 With regard to the Memorial to Flood Victims			
	I am in favour of placing the memorial on Mordiford Green	83 YES votes		
	I am not in favour of placing the memorial on Mordiford Green	15 YES votes		
	A comment was made that there was already a memorial to the flood victims in the Church and the Chair confirmed that the intention was to mirror that on the Memorial. There had been a small number of responses that indicated that whilst the respondent supported the Flood Memorial the current design, as shown on the questionnaire, was not favoured.			
	Al Watson gave an outline of the aims and objectives of the "No Need for Speed" Mordiford Safer Roads Campaign Group which had been formed to address concerns regarding the issue of speed through Mordiford Village, where a speed limit of 20 mph was being proposed. The GPC confirmed that they supported the aims of this campaign. An article would be put into the Dragon. Cllr			
	Hardwick was asked to set up a meeting with the Locality Steward, The Police and representatives of the community to take this forward.			
	Following the last meeting Woolhope Parish Council had been contacted about the concern raised regarding the Beware of Horses sign - Pentaloe Close to the end of Broadmoor Common. They had responded that they did not feel there was a safety issue but would monitor it. The Chair would take it up with the Chairman of Woolhope Parish Council.			

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ŀ	To Consider P	Plann				
(concern was r development Section 106 m	raised may none	ained about the planning application for the Anaerobic Digested as to whether there was a Traffic Management Plan as it was exacerbate the congestion issues in Mordiford Village. The pay could be used to alleviate traffic problems was discussed. In the would look into the conditions on the planning permissing the same as the planning permissing the conditions on the planning permissing permissing the conditions on the planning permissing permissin	s felt that this ossibility that		
			the issue with the relevant authorities.	·		
			write to Debbie Klein regarding planning delays and also the p ardwick to be copied into the correspondence.	ossibility of Section		
;	a) To Consid	ler ar	ny Planning Applications			
	The following	appl	ications were considered by the Planning Group during Augus	t.		
	Reference		Application			
	P142407/K	арр	Vallflower Row, Mordiford. Pollard a sycamore and trim a yew tree. <i>This plication was circulated to all Cllrs on 18/08/14 and no objections had been received the deadline.</i>			
	P142267/F	circ Plai We that stat	ngerdine, Mordiford. Proposed private vehicular bridge. This ulated to all Cllrs on 07/08/14 and the following response recenning Group, which was submitted to Herefordshire Council. have no objection to the design of the replacement bridge. However, the existing concrete bridge should be removed completely. It is of repair and likely to collapse when the next heavy vehicle property.	owever we believe t is in a very poor asses over it.		
			removal of this bridge will allow the replacement bridge to be er level, reducing the size of the large ramps required at each of			
		ana bria	removal of the concrete bridge will allow the stream to flow in I therefore reduce the erosion caused on the southern bank. Als Ige will improve the stream flow during flooding and eliminate ris by the concrete pipes and consequent further loss in flow.	so, the removal of the		
		spe Acc Roa	also wish to share a major concern over the delivery of the bricifications indicate that it is a massive 15.3m long, 3.36m wide ess to Mangerdine is by a narrow 90 degree entrance from the id. There is a serious need to consider the means by which the ught onto the site.	and 1.43m high. Woolhope		
Ī	Resolved: Responses approved.					
[Reference	Application				
P140215/F 83 Tower Hill, Dormington. Resumption of residential use. Retention of bat roost. (Updated application)		tion of bat roost.				
GPC Response: It was felt access may be an issue as it was over a bridleway but in principle the Group Parish Council had no objections provided the work was done properly.b) To Note and Decisions/Notifications Received				n principle the		
 	Reference		Application			
 	P142041/K	,	Sufton Estate, Mordiford. Works to various trees	Approved		
	P141927/F		Yew Tree Inn, Priors Frome. Change of use from public house to dwelling house	Approved with Conditions		
	S/112834/N	١	Court Farm, Hampton Bishop – Anaerobic digester and	Awaiting		
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engineering works to existing slurry storage lagoon.

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Minutes Action Item To Consider Travellers' Site Consultation Clerk Cllr had been circulated with the details of the Travellers' Sites Options Paper and Consultation. It was felt there were no suitable sites within the area. 445 a) To receive a Finance Report from the RFO Bank balances: Business Current Account £22,262.72 (15/08/14 bank statement) Business Reserve account £4,304.64 (includes interest of £0.43 as of 19/08/14 bank statement). £140 cheques yet to be cashed. Income since July 2014 Finance Report (not yet in bank account) £7,517.50 Memorial Fees - £55.00, Pt 2 Precept £7,462.50 A VAT claim for the period 01/04/13 - 31/3/14 has been submitted - £340.56 b) To agree payment of outstanding invoices Cheque **Expenditure Amount** Michael Dyer. Invoice 27 dated 30/05/14. (invoice not previously paid) 801 Pentaloe Green seating area, spout, embankment opposite spout, £60.00 billboard common land. Michael Dyer. Invoice 67 dated 10/08/14. 2 cuttings of Pentaloe Close, 802 £110.00 spout, seating area, ditch, verge embankment. £55 x 2. Michael Dyer. Invoice 79 dated 09/09/14. Strimmed both sides of road and around signs, strimmed around gate in Dormington. £33.00. 803 £88.00 Cantilupe seating area, spout, verge and ditch, embankment, mowed and strimmed. £55.00 D C Gardening inv 128 dated 20/7/14. Churchyard and Burial ground 804 £222.81 maintenance 7/7/14. Mowing and strimming Mordiford Green 7/7/14 D C Gardening inv 169 dated 25/08/14. Churchyard and Burial ground 805 £192.81 maintenance 13/08/14. 806 Can Do Crew Inv 650 dated 19/08/14. Installing 2 gates at Mordiford. £225.00 Can Do Crew Inv 717 dated 19/08/14. Mowing at Checkley Barn and 807 £87.00 clear footpath on MF4. Clerk's salary July - September 2014. Details on salary sheets and 808 £650.40 HMRC payment quarter 2 July – September 2014. Details on salary 809 £162.60 Clerk's expenses July to September. Note this includes travel to the 810 Clerks Conference on 18/9/14 (£47.70). Delegate fees (£58) are being 136.01 covered by Wellington PC. Clerk Resolved: Payments approved. Fownhope were currently considering their position with regard to the Bus Service and wished to know whether DMGPC would continue contributing to the service. This would be put on the agenda Clerk for the October meeting. The Clerk was asked to get total costs and usage figures from Fownhope Parish Council in order to inform the decision. **Highways and Footpaths** 446 a) Highways and Footpath Issues It was noted that there was a need to raise awareness of cyclists' safety, both on the part of car drivers and on behalf of the cyclists themselves (for example not to ride several abreast).

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	Road Safety at Dormington Update – a formal response had been received from Herefordshire Council confirming that the application for a reduction to 30 mph on the Dormington Road was now being processed.	
	b) Checkley Common To Consider ownership and responsibility for upkeep Helen Beale, Estates Management Officer at Herefordshire Council had confirmed that Herefordshire Council had removed the ragwort on Checkley Common and had obtained a legal opinion on future obligations on the part of Herefordshire Council. In summary:	
	 The Council has no duty under the 1899 Commons Act management scheme to remove the ragwort but the powers in Section 3 would give the Council powers to erect fencing or similar to manage the ragwort or to remove the ragwort if they felt it appropriate to do so for the better management of the common. The current guidance on managing ragwort puts the primary burden on the landowner in this instance to manage the ragwort 	
	• DEFRA/Natural England have enforcement powers under the Weeds Act 1959 to serve an enforcement notice on owners/occupiers to prevent the spread of common ragwort (but not other types). Before they would issue such a notice they are likely to expect the Council and the landowner to try and reach a compromise solution based on the severity of the risk associated with the presence of the ragwort.	
	Herefordshire Council are intending to write formally to both the Group Parish Council and the Foley Estate to make them aware of the legal situation and that in future years the responsibility is with the landowner.	
	c) Fly Tipping This item was deferred to the next meeting	
	d) To Consider Litter Bins and Dog Fouling This item was deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to confirm whether Mordiford Green was on a collection route.	Clerk
	 e) To report any defects to the Clerk Verges on both sides of the A438 from Moor Mills down to the bridge over the river (reduced visibility) Hedges on A438 on LHS coming away from Hereford on bend at junction with Dormington to 	
	 Mordiford road (reduced visibility on dangerous corner). State of the Upper Dormington road from Claston Cottages along to junction with Prior's Court Lane – pot holes, damage to sides of road, ditches. Hedge requires trimming back at bus stop on A438 at Dormington on LHS coming from Hereford (reduced room to stand safely on waiting area). Overhanging branches of trees on Checkley road at Mr & Mrs Magnay's house (Checkley Fields) – Cllr Lee to follow up Overhanging branches on LHS of road from Mordiford to Woolhope on hill going into Haugh 	Clerk
	Woods above Widow's Green (Forestry Commission). A tree half way up Sufton Rise on LHS on car parking needs attention. The Clerk was asked to ascertain	Clerk
	ownership of this tree. Work has been started on the road surface between 1 Sufton Lane and the garages but this has not	Clerk
	been finished and is causing a hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact Herefordshire Housing.	Cl. I
	A meeting had been arranged with Woolhope Parish Council and Iain Carter from the National Trust on Friday 25th July regarding Poors Acre. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the minutes.	Clerk

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		t any Jobs for the Lengthsman Dormington service bus shelter needs cutting back		Clerk
447	Neighbourhood Planning In the absence of Cllr Shearer Neighbourhood Planning had not been progressed. The Clerk was asked to contact the Localities Team to notify them that we would not be spending all the grant money this year. The Clerk would also follow up with Data Orchard and Kirkwells. Mordiford Green a) Update from Working Party The plaques were now in position on the memorial benches. Noticeboards for the Hut would be			Clerk
	purchased and shrubs planted as appropriate. Thanks were given to Fred Davies for cutting the grass on the Green. Concern was raised that grass cuttings were being put on the bank of the stream. Resolved: Cllr Dickson would meet with Fred Davies to discuss the options			RD
	type and style	responses from the questionnaire, the Working Group would meet to recone of the flood memorial.	sider the	
		nked the Mordiford Green Working Group for all their hard work.		
		ler any costs related to Mordiford Green	Amount	
	Cheque 811	Expenditure Hammerite for Little Green Hut (Cllr Litchfield)	Amount £51.92	
	812	Reimbursement of costs related to the Little Green Hut (Cllr Ashton-Jones)	£34.83	
	813	Cost of printing fliers for questionnaire (Cllr Ashton-Jones)	£96.25	
		yments approved	130.23	Clerk
449	a) Working The cutting bathey will return The Faculty for	d and Closed Churchyard Party Update ack of the spruce tree has been postponed - Western Power has assured Cllr rn and complete the work. or repair work to the gravestones is still awaited. tween the Burial Ground and the Camping Site has been cut back. The Clerk		Clerk
	to write to the Landlord thanking him. Cllr Dukes to get a quotation for a replacement Hawthorn Hedge.			
		ound metal gates are being repaired and restored. A group would be put tog ngs and the gates once this work was completed.	ether to	
450	Allotments WM Housing is waiting for Harpers to appoint a landscaping contractor before arranging a meeting.			
451	Scutterdine Lime Kilns Western Power has completed a second cut on the trees fouling the power lines.			
452	WW1 Comm There was no	emorations further update. This item would be removed from the agenda.		
453	The GPC cons	Communication with Parishioners idered whether communication with Parishioners could be improved, particular format and content of the Dragon which was delivered to every household.	•	

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	suggested that maybe more local information could be included with the Chair contributing a forward focussed on key issues and each ClIr contributing a section relevant to their area.	
454	Access to Resources by Emergency Co-ordinator Cllr Dukes circulated a note giving an outline of what would need to be considered in case of an emergency and what resources would need to be readily available. This would be included in the Dragon; residents who could offer expertise or resources would be asked to complete the return slip so that a centralised inventory of skills and resources could be compiled.	
455	To Note the Information Sheet (September 2014) and any other Updates Resolved: Information Sheet (September 2014) was noted.	
456	To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting Bus Service, Budget setting process	
457	To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Group Parish Council Tuesday 21 st October 2014 at 7.30pm in Mordiford School	
	Cllr Litchfield requested that consideration be given to moving the DMGPC meetings to another night as he had a training commitment on a Tuesday between October 2014 and March 2015. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the availability of the School Hall for the thrid Monday in January/February and March 2015 and a decision would be taken at the October meeting. The Clerk noted that she was not available on the third Monday of November.	
	The meeting closed at 9.55 pm	
	Signed Date 21 st October 2014 Chairman of Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council	