

DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7.30pm At Mordiford School

Present

Cllrs Ray Dickson (Chair), Jan Ashton-Jones, Joanna Kippax, David Lloyd, John Litchfield, Mel Preedy Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk)

In attendance

Ward Cllr John Hardwick
3 members of the public were present

Item		Minutes	Action	
1.0	To Elect a Chairman / Sign Declara Cllr Ray Dickson was Proposed by C and Cllr Dickson signed the Accepta	Cllr Ashton Jones and Seconded by Cllr Kippax. All were in favour		
2.0	To Elect a Vice Chairman / Sign Declaration of Office Cllr David Lloyd was Proposed by Cllr Preedy and Seconded by Cllr Litchfield. All were in favour and Cllr Lloyd signed the Acceptance of Office in front of the Clerk			
3.0	To Receive Apologies for Absence	To Receive Apologies for Absence – None		
4.0	Declarations of Interest a) To Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr Litchfield declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10(a)			
	b) To Consider Requests for Dispensations There were no requests for dispensation.			
	c) To Adopt Standing Orders and Code of Conduct All Cllrs were circulated with copies of the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. The Clerk outlined that the decision making power of the Parish Council lay with the Council as a whole and not with individual Cllrs, stressing that all issues must be brought back to the Parish Council for discussion and decision with all activities being carried out in line with the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. Resolved: The Group Parish Council confirmed their adoption of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders			
5.0	To Confirm other Officers, Commit		, ,	
	Churchyard and Burial Ground	Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones, Cllr John Litchfield	11	
	Emergency Co-ordinator	Cllr Ray Dickson	11	
	Finance Working Group	Cllr Ray Dickson, Cllr David Lloyd, Cllr Mel Preedy and Parish Clerk	11	
	Footpaths Officer	Cllr John Litchfield	11	
	Allotment Working Party	Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones, Cllr David Lloyd	<u> </u>	
	Planning Working Party Cllr Ray Dickson, Cllr John Litchfield, Cllr Mel Preedy,			
		Cllr Jo Kippax]	

Action

Newsletter Editor	Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones, Cllr Jo Kippax
Webmaster and Facebook	Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones with support from Cllr Ray Dickson
Tree Warden	Cllr Jo Kippax
Balfour Beatty (Highways) Liaison	Cllr Ray Dickson and Cllr David Lloyd
Mordiford Green and Pentaloe	Cllr Jan Ashton-Jones
Green Co-ordinator	Cili Jan Ashton-Jones

Minutes

Resolved: The Officers, Committees and Working Groups were confirmed as per the above

To accept minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on 19th April 2017 Resolved: Minutes of meeting held on 19th April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7.0 To receive brief verbal reports from:

a) Police Update

Item

The May SNT Newsletter had been circulated to all Cllrs. There were the following incidents reported

- **Dormington** Reports of domesticated cats being shot at by air rifle.
- **Mordiford** Luckshall Caravan Park Between 24th and 25th April; located within the site is a red call box. 2 males have been caught on CCTV causing damage to the cash box.
- **Tarrington** SNT have been making enquiries around Barrs Orchard. Tensions in the area remain high; mainly regarding parking in the area.

b) Neighbourhood Watch Update

There was no further NHW Update.

c) Ward Member - Councillor Hardwick

Cllr Hardwick reported that the Council Tax had now been set with Hampton Bishop being the lowest and Tarrington the highest within the Ward. Dormington and Mordiford were in the middle at £1,448.52 for a Band D property.

Additional funding of £8 million had been achieved for the new University project which Cllr Hardwick reported was progressing well. A new Chancellor had been appointed (although the title would not come into effect until University status had been fully achieved) and a deputy had also been appointed.

Additional funding of £2.82 million had been realised for a new Cyber Security Centre on the Enterprise Park which would bring 185 highly paid jobs to the area.

The City Link Road was on schedule and it was expected it would be in use by the end of 2017. The consultation on the Transport Package, the Link Road and Inner Link Road was coming to an end and Cllr Hardwick encouraged Councillors to go to visit the exhibition in the Library.

Planning fees were to go up 20% on 1 July 2017 with the qualifying condition that the money had to be put back into the service to improve the service and to make enforcement more effective.

The Annual Meeting of Herefordshire Council was to be held on Friday 19th May and at this meeting the updated Constitution would be adopted. The proposal was that Overview and Scrutiny would be split into 3 groups with a reduced number of members in each. Cllr Hardwick added that he did not feel this was appropriate in the current circumstances.

The Mordiford School feasibility survey had been commissioned and Cllr Hardwick made the point the Andy Hough, Head of Educational Development at Herefordshire Council was disappointed with the lack of progress made to date.

The Hereford City of Culture bid had been submitted and it would soon be known if Hereford was one of the 4 shortlisted. Cllr Hardwick noted that this was a county bid (not just the city of Hereford) and this may give it an advantage. The bid was from an independent group although Herefordshire Council was supporting the application.

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		asked Cllr Hardwick if there was any progress on the proposal to build a Sunk road, the latest news being that the land had not been released. Cllr Har late.	•	
8.0	Public Participation Session Two members of the School Governing Body were present and expressed concern that actions to address the traffic issues did not seem to be progressing very quickly and the school was disappointed with the progress to date. It was noted that the school reports all issues and incidents on the road throughout the day and there had been some episodes of aggression and bad language from motorists. The PCSO had been asked to come and carry out patrols. Cllr Kippax asked whether the proposal to have a turning circle off the road where parents could pull in to drop off their children had been progressed, Cllr Hardwick noting that there was spare land which could be used for the benefit of the school.			
9.0		Planning Matters sider any Planning Applications		
	-	hfield left the room at this point		
	Reference	Application		
	171387	Cider Mill, Hope Springs, Mordiford. Proposed single storey extension, de double garage with store.	tached	
		puncil felt that these proposals seemed to mirror what had happened with ond agreed to support the application	other property	Clerk
	Cllr John Litc	hfield rejoined the meeting at this point		
	Reference	Application		
	171384	Ann's Cottage, Checkley. Proposed first floor extension above existing flat elevation. Two story rear extension with first floor extension above existi Single storey rear extension to kitchen.		
		puncil considered the proposals for the extension which would not be seen pasis agreed to support the application.	from the road	Clerk
		e any Decisions/Notifications Received	,	
	Reference	Application	Decision	
	170891	St Peters Church, Dormington. Proposed Extension to provide WC facilities.	Approved with Conditions	
	170480	1 Wallflower Row, Mordiford. Proposed 2 storey rear extension and replacement rear porch.	Awaiting Decision	
	Reference	Application	Decision	
	164103	Claston Farm, Dormington. Erection of 2 additional broiler units on	Awaiting	
	104103	existing poultry site with associated infrastructure.	Decision	
		dwick reported that he had asked for independent tests (odor and dust) to sion was made on the Claston Farm application.	be carried out	
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	to comply with this notice with effect from 20 th June 2017.	
11.0	Finance	
	a) To receive a Finance Report from the RFO	

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Business Current Account £55,881.50. Business Reserve account £4,309.04. Income includes burial fees of £425, allotment fees of £40 and the Part 1 Precept payment of £11,222.50. VAT claim for the period 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017 has been submitted (£684.99). It was agreed to transfer £50,000 from the Current Account to the Reserve Account.

Clerk

b) To Agree Payments made since March meeting

Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	Jan Ashton Jones – vouchers for allotment holders (as agreed at April meeting)	£58.00
Chq 930	Refund of allotment fees to Kathryn Napper (as agreed at April meeting)	£64.00

Resolved: Payments Approved

c) To Agree Payment of Outstanding Invoices

Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	D C Gardening invoice 17-1718. Work on churchyard and burial ground April 2017. £200 + VAT	£240.00
BACS	Payment to Wellington Parish Council. 50% of net cost of ink cartridges Viking invoice 137844.	£35.92
BACS	Daniel Squire invoice 74540. Routine grounds maintenance to Community Orchard and Strimming 6 vacant allotments. £150 + VAT	£180.00
Chq 931	Michael Dyer invoice 4. Strimming Spout and Common	£45.00
BACS	Enviroability invoice 2946. Cutting Checkley Barn Picnic Site	£139.40

Resolved: Payments Approved

Clerk

d) To Consider Renewal of Insurance Policy

The Insurance Policy becomes due on 1st June 2017. Came and Company have always been very responsive to requests for information and the recommendation was that the policy is renewed with them for the coming year.

Resolved: To renew the Insurance Policy with Came and Company for 2017/18

Clerk

Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	Came and Company Policy 1519/1391 01/06/2017 to 31/05/2018	£339.52

e) Update on Internal and External Audit

The 2016/17 accounts were currently with Kerry Diamond who was carrying out the Internal Audit.

12.0 Highways, Footpaths and Commons

a) Mordiford Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Proposals

To Consider Proposals for Picket Fences — Cllr Lloyd had contacted Balfour Beatty to ask who had been appointed to Mr Quant's previous role so that discussions regarding the picket gates could continue. Cllr Lloyd also asked Balfour Beatty for information on obtaining a quotation for the project and also who could assist in identifying details of existing underground services ie Water, Electricity, Drainage, Gas, Telecoms, in the vicinity of the proposed gate locations. It had been established that the Police and Crime Commissioner grant was no available and Mordiford was out of scope for Tarmac Grants.

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13.0	Allotments a) Update on Allotments One additional allotment had been leased making a total of 7 out of 13 now occupied. The Hereford Allotment Society was to be approached to see if they have any suggestions of how the occupancy could be improved.	
	b) To Consider Vacant Allotments Several options could be considered such as planting woodland or using it as a Community Meadow, Apiary, Pond or fenced off grazing land. It was suggested the school could be asked if they wanted to use it for a School Growing Project, but it was felt they may already had land for this purpose. The Clerk cautioned about the need to consider liability issues when considering options. Cllr Dickson suggested a working party look at the side and ask the local residents for their suggestions.	RD
	c) Update on Lease Agreement David Campion had now confirmed the lease transfers had been sent to the solicitors acting for the Housing Association and the Covenant had been sent to the Hereford family for execution.	
	d) To Approve Expenditure on Legal Fees These were not yet known	
	e) To Consider any Expenditure There was no further expenditure	
14.0	Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard a) To Consider any Costs related to the Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard There were no costs	
15.0	To Note the Information Sheet (May 2017) and any other Updates The Wye Valley Challenge – Cllr Litchfield had spoken to the organisers who will come in late May/early June to visit some of the sites suggested.	
16.0	To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting Co-option of Dormington Councillors; Potential to hold more meetings at Priors Frome Chapel	
17.0	To Note Date and Time of the Annual Meeting of the Group Parish Council Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 7.30pm at Mordiford Primary School	
	The meeting closed at 9.10 pm	
	Signed Date 21 st June 2017 Chairman of Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council	