

# DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Group Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm at Priors Frome Chapel

#### **Present**

Cllrs David Lloyd (Chair), Mel Preedy (Vice Chair), Ray Dickson, John Litchfield, Craig Preedy and John Wood

Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk)

#### In attendance

Ward Cllr John Hardwick

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1.0	To Receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Julia Cotton	
2.0	Declarations of Interest  a) To Receive Declarations of Interest  There were no declarations of interest.	
	b) To Consider Requests for Dispensations There were no requests for dispensation.	
3.0	To Accept Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018  Resolved: The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chair	
4.0	To receive brief verbal reports:  a) Police Update: There was no update. It was noted that the police would only now attend Parish Council Meetings if there was a specific request for them to attend.	
	b) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Craig Preedy noted that the NHW was no longer active in its previous format and following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Craig Preedy should talk to Brian Dukes to see if he was interested in rebuilding the group. There had been an informal report of a parishioner's house being burgled and money stolen. The Moon had also been broken into as had a number of public houses in the county.	СР
	c) Ward Member – Councillor Hardwick  Cllr Hardwick gave an update on the Hereford Area Plan Consultation which was running until 5 <sup>th</sup> October. The consultation could be viewed at Hereford Library, at various housing and employment sites and on Herefordshire Council website.	
5.0	Public Participation Session The member of the public, Neil Bagley, expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, noting that following recent changes in the Parish Council many parishioners, particularly those living in Dormington, had been left unaware of development issues that affected the village. Mr Bagley noted that whilst he did not have any direct experience of Parish Council matters he had, before starting and running his own business, held senior management roles in large corporate organisations with budget responsibility, project management and staff management. He had also held an elected position on the local Safeguarding Board and worked closely with Clinical Commissioning Groups, Social Work Teams	

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	and Herefordshire Council Finance Department. The Clerk pointed out that the vacancy was for a	
	Mordiford Councillor with both Dormington positions being filled. It was agreed that the Clerk should	Clerk
	arrange to visit Mr Bagley to discuss the role of being a Parish Councillor and, if Mr Bagley wished to	
	take it forward, it would be put on the October agenda.	

## 6.0 To Consider Planning Matters

#### a) To Consider any Planning Applications

Reference	Application
182630	13 Sufton Rise Mordiford - Proposed first floor extension and alterations.

This Planning Application had been received in between meetings. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposals and a comment was submitted to that effect.

b) To Note any Decisions/Notifications Received

Reference	Application	Decision
181867	The Oaks, Checkley – proposed single storey extension	Approved with Conditions
182452	The Pound, Mordiford – proposed extension and alteration to existing dwelling	Awaiting Decision
182067	Stoneleigh, Mordiford HR1 4LR. Single storey side extension	Approved with Conditions
181962	The Beeches, Checkley HR1 4ND. Replacement outbuilding with home office.	Approved with Conditions
182116	The Chestnuts, Checkley HR1 4ND. Proposed 2 storey side extension and alterations	Approved with Conditions
174556	Pump Orchard, Priors Frome. Amended Application Construction of 2 houses with garaging.	Awaiting Decision
181354	Haycroft Cottage, Checkley. Conversion and extension of existing building	Approved with Conditions
180988	Moon Inn Mordiford Hereford Herefordshire HR1 4LW, Application for the discharge of details reserved by conditions 3 & 4 attached to planning permission 174013.	Approved
174463	The Barn, Prospect Field, Upper Dormington. Retrospective application for retention of barn used by processing businesses then continued use of land for the siting of mobile home and improvements to existing access including removal of part of hedge.	Awaiting Decision
182630	13 Sufton Rise Mordiford - Proposed first floor extension and alterations	Awaiting Decision

#### c) To Consider Other Planning Issues and Updates

Reference	Application
180403	21 The Maltings, Dormington. Retention of residential use of former converted carport for ancillary accommodation and retention of the non-material conversion works required to be reversed by Enforcement Notice.

Cllr Hardwick updated the meeting. The Planning Committee, based on section 70c of the Town and Country Planning Act had agreed not to determine on this application, meaning that the enforcement notice came into play and there was no right of appeal. This decision had been challenged legally and it

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had been found that when Herefordshire Council constitution had been amended, Section 70c had been omitted. This had now been rectified, allowing the application to go before the Planning Committee again.

Reference	Application
182452	The Pound, Mordiford – proposed extension and alteration to existing dwelling

Parish Councillors visited the site prior to the July meeting and it was noted that the residents had built what appeared to be a dwelling in an old barn - which it was felt constituted a conversion which was not part of the application and Councillors felt this should be looked into. The Clerk reported this to the Enforcement Officer who has agreed to look into it.

Reference	Application
174556	Pump Orchard, Priors Frome. Amended Application Construction of 2 houses with
174330	garaging.

Residents noted that the entrance had now been widened to such an extent that the wall had been removed and the gate no longer fitted. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer and request that the work undertaken was checked against the approved specifications. The Planning Enforcement Officer replied that the site lay within the original curtilage of the Listed Building, Pump Orchard, and was therefore curtilage listed. This would be discussed with the Conservation Officer and his opinion reported back to the Parish Council. Cllr Craig Preedy said he had been contacted by the residents concerned who did not want the issue progressed and it was therefore agreed that this was not within the remit of the Parish Council.

Church Fields, Dormington – The Agent (James Spreckley) and Developer (Richard Williams) had notified the GPC that they would like to attend the October meeting to put forward their amended proposals for development of the site - a pair of semi-detached houses (one 3-bed, one 2-bed) and a 3-bed bungalow. They will forward the proposed site layout and house in advance of the meeting. On the advice of Cllr Hardwick, it was agreed that this should happen before the official start of the meeting as the Parish Council cannot comment on any application until it has been submitted. This would be a fact-finding exercise only with no comment from the Parish Council.

## 7.0 Finance

#### a) To receive a Finance Report from the RFO

**Bank balances:** Business Current Account £14,484.87. Business Reserve account £54,339.89. Income includes HMRC VAT claim for the period 01/04/18 - 31/07/18 £283.00 and income from allotments £25.00.

b) To Agree Payments made since July meeting

Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount
BACS	Daniel Squire invoice 75210 Maintenance at Shepherds Orchard Community Orchard and Communal Area £65 + VAT	£78.00
BACS	D C Gardening invoice 136-1819 Lengthsman work in July 2018 (as agreed with Cllr Litchfield) £150 + VAT	£180.00
BACS	D C Gardening invoice 135-1819 Grounds Maintenance at Churchyard and Burial Ground July 2018. £200 + VAT	£240.00
BACS	D C Gardening invoice 172-1819 Grounds Maintenance at Churchyard and Burial Ground August 2018. £200 + VAT	£240.00
Chq 940	Leaving present for Cllr Ashton Jones	£59.09
BACS	Enviroabilty invoice 3457. Mowing and strimming picnic sites	£93.50

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	Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount	
	BACS	Street Nameplate Company invoice 6610. Road signs for Sufton Rise£184 + VAT	£220.80	
	SO	Payment to Sufton Estate for lease of Mordiford Green	£20.00	
	c) To Agre	e Payment of Outstanding Invoices		
	Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount	
	BACS	Enviroabilty invoice 3486. Monthly grass cutting and other jobs agreed with Cllr Litchfield	£145.20	
	BACS	Daniel Squire invoice 75263 Maintenance at Shepherds Orchard Community Orchard and Communal Area and strimming allotments £125 + VAT	£150.00	
	BACS	HMRC Payment for Clerk's Salary Quarter 2	£190.60	
	BACS	Clerk's net salary quarter 2	£762.32	
	BACS	PKF Littlejohn LLP invoice SB201800777. External Audit £200 + VAT	£240.00	
1 0 1 6	d) Update on External Audit The Clerk reported that the External Audit had now been completed with no issues. A notice of conclusion of audit which detailed the rights of parishioners to inspect the accounts would now be placed on noticeboards and on the website.  e) To Agree Process and Timescale for 2019-20 Budget and Precept Setting			
v C	The Clerk confirmed that precept proposals needed to be with Herefordshire Council by 31/12/18. It was proposed that the Finance Committee (Cllr Ray Dickson, Cllr David Lloyd, Cllr Mel Preedy and Paris Clerk) met to put together proposals which will then come to the October/November Parish Council meeting for comment/queries before approval. A year to date summary of actuals against budget would be prepared and circulated before this meeting.		y and Parish Council	R N C
0	Currently th churchyard visit (+ VAT)	sider Grounds Maintenance Contracts for 2019 and 2020 be contract with Dave Campbell ends in December 2018. He maintains the closed and burial ground, undertaking 8 cuts per year from March to October at a cost and Expensive Recently he has also been doing some Lengthsman work. The Clerk was asked be Churchyard and Burial Ground for 2019 and 2020.	of £200 per	C
ā	Update on GDPR Schedule and Next Steps a) To Consider Adoption of HALC GDPR Policies Cllr Mel Preedy had produced a set of documents based on the HALC templates and these had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. A consent form would be developed and circulated before the October meeting. It was noted that consent will need to include current contractors who do work for the Parish Council.  Resolved: To Adopt the HALC Subject Access Policy and Privacy Policy. This would be placed on the website so they were easily accessible		N	
k V F	work for the <b>Resolved:</b>	October meeting. It was noted that consent will need to include current contrace Parish Council.  To Adopt the HALC Subject Access Policy and Privacy Policy. This would be place		1

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9.0	Highways, Footpaths and Commons	
	a) Consultation on the Suitability of the Existing National Speed Limit on the C1292 between Dormington and Mordiford  This was being carried out by ADL Traffic and Highways Engineering Ltd who had sent through a series of documents and maps outlining their findings and proposals. These were discussed, and it was agreed that all Councillors should forward their comments and concerns to Cllr Lloyd who would put a response together for the company.	All
	b) Mordiford Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Proposals i) To Consider Proposals for Picket Fences There was no further information at this stage.	
	ii) To Consider Safety Measures outside Mordiford School  Cllr Hardwick had recently met with met with Andrew Hind and Bruce Evans from Highways. He updated the meeting with the current position, saying he felt proposals were positive. More detailed information would be available later.	
	c) To Consider Proposals for School Car Parking No further information was known at this stage.	
	d) Highways and Footpath Issues i) Update on Footpath Maintenance A local resident had reported that another resident who lived near to the Garlands Farm was worried about Ash tree growth by Pentaloe Bridge, where there was an ancient coppiced Ash which had been divided into 6/8 poles, the diameter of each being less than the requirement for Planning Permission to be needed. Cllr Lloyd had spoken to the resident and said that they should go through Major Hereford as the tree was on Sufton Land. It was stressed that the Parish Council had not given permission to fell the trees in a Conservation Area.	
	Dog Fouling - It was noted that Herefordshire Council now had an app for reporting dog fouling.	
	e) Work to be carried out and any Other Issues and Updates Cllr Litchfield had asked D C Gardening to strim the banks of the Pentaloe monthly, or as required and this now needed doing. The strip from the Burial Ground steps to the Loop Walk up to the Rock had a lot of hedge growth and wild clematis and needed cutting back tight to the wall. Saplings along the Pentaloe needed cutting down to the Ground. Cllr Litchfield asked that D C Gardening give an indication of their response time.	Clerk
	The road sign for Sufton Lane needed re-setting and the post straightening or replacing.	Clerk
	The trees along Sufton Lane were overgrown and putting weight on the BT Lines. The Clerk was asked to contact Major Hereford as the trees were on Sufton land.	Clerk
	<b>Potholes</b> – It was noted that the potholes on the T junction and in Sufton Lane had now been attended to. Cllr Preedy asked about the current position on identifying and managing pothole work. Cllr Dickson said he had not yet contacted Manny Smith to arrange a Parish walkabout, but this would be done.	RD
10.0	Allotments  a) To Consider Installation of Additional Water Pipe  Cllr Mel Preedy proposed that an additional water tap further up the allotments would make it easier for those carrying water. It was agreed that Cllr Preedy should get quotations for the work which would be brought pack to the October meeting.	МР
	b) To Consider Allotment Fees for 2019  Cllr Mel Preedy reported that there were now only 2 vacant plots, 3 having been leased in the past month. It was proposed that the annual fees should be raised from the current £40 per year to £50,	

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	Resolved:	To Raise the Annual Charge for Allotments to £50			
.0	Governmen	at Shale Gas Exploration and Production Planning Consultations			
		ferred until the October Meeting. Councillors were asked to consider the consul	tation		
		and to email their feedback to Cllr Mel Preedy and Cllr Cotton who would prepar		All	
		on. The consultation would end on 25 <sup>th</sup> October.	с а рарс.	7 44-	
.0		a and Other Parish Council Communications			
	_	ouncil Website			
	_	eedy gave an update on the current website, saying it would be live before the O			
	_	e felt it would be easy to use and each Councillor could be allocated sections who ibute on specific items. Cllr Craig Preedy asked that all documents go out via the	•		
		k felt that minutes and other meeting-related documents would be better sent d			
		as was currently the case. This would be reviewed once the website was live. Cl	-		
		Cllr Cotton had undergone training with Eyelid Production and cited the range of	•		
		eos that were available. Thanks were given to Brian Dukes for all his work on ma			
	the previou	s website.			
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	_	eedy felt the noticeboards needed upgrading, the one at Priors Frome being in particle Priors Frome Britanne			
	•	The Perspex on the Pentaloe Green noticeboard (although not a Parish Council be deeded replacement. This would be brought back to the October meeting.	oard) was		
	-	ider Format and Use of Facebook	-ancidarina		
	_	eedy reported that the use of Facebook had increased. He said it may be worth or roup which would allow people to raise specific issues and which would link with	_		
		was noted that this would need careful moderating to ensure it used appropriate			
		orther discussed at the next meeting.	,.		
	d) To Cons	ider Advertising Commercial Businesses in Parish Newsletter			
	-	d at the last meeting the Clerk had contacted SLCC and asked for advice on best	practice.		
		It that if the PC was worried about appearing to recommend a business, then a si			
	footnote co	uld be included along the line that the GPC did not endorse or recommend any o	f the		
		contained in the publication and was unable to accept liability for anyone using the			
		was also felt that a comment could be included such as: Commercial advertiseme			
		production of this newsletter for the Parish Council and its residents and the Council the support of level businesses. Pricing structure would be discussed at the Octo			
	meeting.	the support of local businesses. Pricing structure would be discussed at the Octo	bber		
		ider and Expenditure related to the above			
	Chq/ BACS	Expenditure	Amount		
	BACS	Eyelid Productions invoice 2056. Development of Website	£500.00		
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	Resolved: This expenditure had been agreed at the July meeting.				
	High Speed Fibre Broadband for Shepherds Orchards, Bagpipers and Hope Springs				
	Cllr Hardwick had met with Matt Smith and Anthony Bush (Herefordshire Council) and reported that a				
		ct had been agreed with Airband for different fibre cables to be laid by 2020; this			
		npton Bishop, Dormington and Mordiford. Cllr Litchfield asked Matt Smith to pro	vide		
	detailed ma	ps once the contact had been signed.			
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13.0	To Note the Information Sheet (September 2018) and any other Updates  The Information Sheet was noted. Cllr Hardwick said he would be going to the Parish Council Summit to represent the GPC and would not therefore be able to attend the October meeting.	
14.0	To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting There were no items raised. Cllr Preedy asked whether a local craft company could erect sculptures on Mordiford Green. This would be considered at the October meeting when more detail was known.	
15.0	<b>To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Group Parish Council</b> Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm at Priors Frome Chapel (to be preceded by the Planning proposals for Church Fields).	
	The meeting closed at 9.25 pm	
	Signed	