

A meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in the Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday July 8th 2009 at 7-30 pm.**

Present: Councillor P Rye (Chairman), Councillor E Lane, Councillor P Smith & Mr C Hendy Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Councillor D James, Councillor N Davies . Councillor S Gaze, Councillor M Hession

Declaration of interest: none

Councillors were available for the public to discuss any matter not on the agenda.

**Minutes:** The minutes of meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> which had been circulated were confirmed by councillors & signed by the chairman.

**Planning: Dorstone Hill;** Concern had been raised to councillors about a replacement fence , of colour coated steel with a light colouring ,erected above Windsor & which was visible from various parts of the parish. After discussion the clerk was requested to clarify with planners if the fence should be painted to blend more with the countryside.

Concern had also been raised to councillors about the visibility of a caravan in Top Wood & activity at the agriculture building on Dorstone Hill. After discussion it was agreed to contact Herefordshire Council.

**Lengthsmen Scheme** Invoices for work carried out £118.45, strimming grass/ cleaning blocked drain Upper Crossway, Councillor Smith proposed a cheque for £118.45 was drawn, seconded by Councillor Lane & carried unanimously. Concern had been expressed regarding overhanging trees over the road adjacent to Castle Barn. After discussion Councillor Smith agreed to inform owners of The Bell.

**Saving County Pubs,** Councillor Rye had attended a recent meeting, arranged by Herefordshire Council, which was aimed at Publicans, Parish Council Chairmen & others. Those present were informed of a decline in pubs in the county, many of whom were owned by one of two main groups. The owners were taking too much money from wet goods (drink) which resulted in the tenant trying to obtain income from dry goods (meals). Need to encourage people to use the pubs, smoking ban had affected turnover, a good pub relied on the manager/owner, staff, location. In some communities pubs had been bought by parishioners & run by them, the initiative of Dorstone Front Room had been mentioned, pubs would decline if there was no local housing for local people, A film had been made showing pubs that were

in trouble & ways communities had helped. Councillor Rye was thanked for attending.

**Police update** Apologies received from the Sergeant, monthly newsletter discussed. Complaints over high performance cars travelling at speed & noisy had been addressed by targeted patrols & an arrest for drugs. This should reduce the number of incidents which particularly affected Dore View. Events are being organised by the community team which will include “where’s the teddy Bear “ competition, fast 7 furious five-a- side for ages 14-16, internet safety awareness for mums & dads, a re-assurance patrol when officers will knock on parishioners doors to make their presence known, leave a card if no-one is in, be available for the discussion of any issues. Feedback on his/team work was always welcome.

Cycle Tracks, Request had been made for a site meeting on Spoon Lane to discuss a cycle track. Councillor Hession would be asked if she could attend.

**Daffodil bulbs**, Councillors agreed to purchase one net for planting around the parish.

**Parish Plan** Councillors reminded of the open meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Dog Fouling** Complaint received on fouling by dogs around DFR. To be added to next month’s agenda,

**Pot Hole** Councillor Lane reported a pot hole just above Pitt Farm. Clerk to inform Herefordshire Council.

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

Councillor S Gaze.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

A meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in the Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday July 29th 2009 at 7-30 pm.**

Present: Councillor P Rye (Chairman), Councillor M Hession, Mr C Hendy Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Councillor D James, Councillor N Davies.(in hospital), Councillor E Lane.

Also present one parishioner.

There were insufficient councillors present to make a forum, the meeting could not be held.

The meeting would be reconvened for Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

A meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in the Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday July 31st 2009 at 7-30 pm.**

Present: Councillor P Rye (Chairman), Councillor S Gaze, Councillor M Hession Councillor P Smith & Mr C Hendy Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Councillor D James, Councillor N Davies (in hospital).

Declaration of interest: none

Councillors were available for the public to discuss any matter not on the agenda.

**Minutes:** The minutes of July 8th 2009 would be dealt with at the July meeting

**Planning Application;** Demolish the existing dwelling & replace with new dwelling with detached garage at Home Farm. The plans had been passed to councillor Rye & Councillor Gaze & were also available on Herefordshire.gov.uk web site. A design statement indicated the property had been built in 1970's with a large footprint on the site. Consultation has taken place with planning officers regarding a replacement dwelling & policies have been referred to. The proposed dwelling broadly reuses the site of the existing bungalow with a smaller footprint of a storey and half construction. The floor is 88mm below the existing to minimise the impact of the new first floor and steeper roof pitch. Detached garage is sited at the east of the house, water supply is via a spring fed system with existing septic tank arrangements used. Proposal is to incorporate environmentally sustainable technologies. Height will increase by 1.3 metres. Councillor Rye informed the council of a supporting letter she had received requesting the height to be lowered to the existing elevation. Councillors discussed the application, Councillor Gaze proposed the council support the application with an observation that the requested height be lowered to that of the existing dwelling, seconded by Councillor Hession & carried unanimously.

**Internal Audit** An account for £34.50 had been received, Councillor Smith proposed a cheque for £34.50 was drawn, seconded by Councillor Hession & carried unanimously.

**Parish Plan** the meeting previously arranged for July 12<sup>th</sup> had been postponed until Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4-30pm.

**Brooklands Bridge** Councillor Smith had received concern from a parishioner regarding the lack of clearance for water under the bridge. The stream had recently been cleaned out, it was not possible for machinery to remove stone, a sump at the downstream side had collected some stone. This would be added to next month's agenda. The clerk requested permission to approach Peterchurch Fire station if they could use a high pressure jet to clear the stone, agreed.

**Overhanging Trees.** Councillor Smith had spoken to the owners of Bell Tump, the branches would be removed.

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