

A meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in the Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday January 6th 2010 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, (unable to attend due to weather conditions), Councillor C Thomas.

The clerk reported he had been unable to contact Councillor Lane to inform her of the meeting.

Declaration of interest: none

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

Minutes: The minutes of meeting December 9th 2009, which had been circulated, were confirmed & signed.

Planning A planning application for four en-suite guest rooms and on staff room at The Pandy Inn had been received. The application had been passed to Councillor Rye to check & inform/show neighbours of the property. The clerk had sought advice regarding the return date due to the Bank Holidays & requested a plan showing dimensions of the building. Last date for observations/comments was 8th Jan 2010, informed ridge height 6.5 metres reducing to 4.5 metres. Supporting information indicate this is for a scheme reduced in size to that previously approved, all services Water, Electricity, and drainage are to be as for the previously approved scheme. Design & Access, both vehicular & pedestrian access from the public house car park, car parking spaces reduced from that previously approved, design as previously approved but further from the adjacent bungalow, proposed the whole building to be timber clad. A totally modern approach to the fenestration is now preferred to the traditionally approach previously adopted. No letters of support or objection received. Councillors discussed the application, the conditions attached to the approval DCSW2007/2054/F were considered. Councillor Gaze proposed the council support application for a smaller building subject to the following conditions, with reference to DCSW2007/2054/F, inclusion of all of condition 5),6),9),10),11),12),13), external cladding should incorporate local stone which would be in keeping with the Pandy Inn, recent Parish Plan(submitted to Herefordshire Council) indicated 60% of parishioners thought very important new buildings matched existing styles, 33% thought it was very important, 98% were in favour of the use of stone as a material 92% slate roofing tiles, seconded by Councillor Hession & carried unanimously.

Dorstone Front Room A reply from Councillor Price indicated in the opinion of the planning officers any community use of the former shop was ancillary to the main A1 use or alternatively part of a mixed use. When the A1 use ceased there was a change of use which in the circumstances is a material change of use . If an

application was not made the conclusion was it was not expedient to take any further action. After discussion councillors agreed the clerk should submit the application, together with a cheque for £167.50, previously agreed.

The clerk had observed on the website an application for alterations to the Coach House, agreed the plans, when received, would be passed to Councillor Gaze.

Accounts re Parish Plan Two invoices had been received, one from John Platt for £104.49, this was for photocopying, producing copies of plan, purchase of mulled wine, second from Colin Thomas for £58.09 this was for photocopying, refreshments for presentations, stationery. Councillor Hession proposed two cheques were drawn, £104.49 & £58.09, seconded by Councillor Smith & carried unanimously.

Newsletter, Councillor Rye requested this was left until the next meeting.

Herefordshire Council Community Pride/Shop Front Grant Committee. Request had been received for a representative from North Hereford Ward to serve on the committee. The Community Pride Grant is a small grant of up to £750 or 75%, to help local community groups in Herefordshire bring ideas and projects to life for the benefit of Herefordshire citizens. The Herefordshire Shop Front Grant Scheme is a grant of up to £2,000 or 50% of the costs, to help independent retail traders to improve their shop front. After discussion Councillor Hession proposed Councillor Rye to serve on the committee, seconded by Councillor Smith & carried unanimously. Councillor Rye agreed to the nomination.

Marking of High Value Property The Clerk reported all Police Stations in Herefordshire will be open this Saturday between 10am and 2pm to mark property with the owner's postcode using a UV marking pen, advice would be given on how to protect property. Those who attend will also be given a free property-marking kit, containing a UV pen, hologram tamper-proof labels and security advice to take home to mark bigger items, eg TV, videos. He had informed info @ DFR & raised with the police the possibility of the Support Officer providing this service in Dorstone.

Community Pride Grant Scheme, the Clerk had discussed with Herefordshire Council the criteria for the grant, it may be possible to apply for a matched funded grant to provide signs in the village requesting motorists to slow down, the clerk requested permission to further investigate, this was granted.

Parish Freighter The clerk had been successful in obtaining the Parish Freighter services for Dorstone on January 30th.

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

Signed..... Councillor P Rye

January 13th 2010.