

The Annual Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in the Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday May 12th 2010 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillor S Gaze, Chairman, Councillor D James, Councillor E Lane & Mr C Hendy, Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Councillor P Rye, Councillor M Hession , Councillor P Smith, Councillor C Thomas.

No declaration of interest made.

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

**Election of chairman, Vice chairman** Councillor James proposed Councillor Rye as chairman, seconded by Councillor Lane & carried unanimously.

Councillor Lane proposed Councillor Gaze as Vice Chairman, seconded by Councillor James & carried. Councillor Gaze thanked councillors, agreed to continue as vice chairman, chair this meeting in the absence of the chairman, signed the declaration of acceptance.

**Minutes** The minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup> which had been circulated were approved & signed.

No report received from Councillor Price.

No Police in attendance.

**Planning** Application had been received to remove an existing shed & replace with two storey garage at Garden House. Plans passed to Councillor Smith to check & show affected neighbours, plans returned to Councillor Gaze, no comments. The garage to be used for domestic purposes incidental to the house, located lower end of site & set into the ground approx 500mm, below the floor level of the existing garden shed which is to be removed. Timber framed construction with timber cladding, natural slate roof, salvaged brick plinth. Doors made in timber, new retaining wall to the garden area will be constructed in local stone, form boundary of enlarged turning area. The turning area will enable vehicles to arrive/depart in forward direction. Limited space in existing single garage at the top of the drive, used primarily for storage, new building fits in well with surrounding buildings. No letters of support or objection received. Councillors discussed the application/plans. Councillor Lane proposed the council support the application, seconded by Councillor James & carried unanimously.

**Sydcombe**. Amendment to planning permission, increase size of garage/store & workshop, permission granted, commence within three years, carried out in accordance with plans, used solely for purposes incidental to the dwelling, not for the carrying out of a separate business or office.

Pandy Inn, new development, no information received.

Pandy Inn Sign at Bell Corner, Council's Highway Engineer has reiterated his previous concerns, the sign distracts and blocks forward visibility for vehicles, he would not support an application. There may be a possibility of moving the sign to the north west of the current position along a straight section of road, this would need to be discussed in detail. Request received if Amey had given a written agreement indicating they had no objection to the proposed location, Clerk had replied, only verbal no objection. Councillors noted the comments & the need to be discussed in detail, presumably with the owner of the Pandy Inn.

**Insurance**, renewal invitation received, Aon Parish Council Scheme with insurer Allianz, premium £303.48 + administration charge of £5, together with IPT @ 5% total £323.65. The option for extending from maximum of 75 years of age for personal injury to 85 years of age was now available. After discussion it was agreed not to obtain quotation to extend age limit, Councillor James proposed a cheque for £323.65 was drawn seconded by Councillor Gaze & carried unanimously.

**Bus Shelter**, information received from the shop committee, they will not allow the car park to be used as a possible location for a bus shelter. After discussion, agreed to defer to the next meeting.

**Dog Fouling**, requested for inclusion on the agenda by Councillor Thomas, defer to next meeting.

**Relief in Need**, Request received for appointment of Councillor as representative, Councillor Lane currently representative, she agreed to continue, agreed by councillors.

**Lengthsmen scheme**: no invoice received, Ponty Weston Stream water testing, awaiting current costs. River Dore bridge cleaning. Clerk has spoken to Peterchurch Fire Station personnel & Mr C Miles, awaiting replies.

**Web Site Hosting**. Account for £100 from Golden Valley web design for site hosting, period April 10 to March 11. Councillor Gaze proposed a cheque was drawn for £100, seconded by Councillor Lane & carried unanimously.

**Review of Clerks salary**, defer to the next meeting.

**Emergency Co-ordinator Scheme**, information, training June 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>. Letter indicated that councils who have already nominated individuals are asked to re-confirm nomination against a number of criteria. Form to be returned by June 11<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, agreed to defer to next meeting.

**Parish Paths**, grant allocated based on spend 2009/10, Councillor Lane & Councillor James to check footpath map re Mill Wood.

**Speed Survey**, completed, low 30's in village, 45/46 by playing field, higher out of the village environment. Lead Engineer will attend June meeting.

**Revised Housing Strategy**, the document was discussed, Councillor Gaze will complete & forward to the clerk with the council's comments. Individuals can also comment.

**HALC** information on participatory budget scheme, Community Action Plan Implementation officer appointed, request to complete survey. Invoice for subscription of £151.58, 2010/2011 received. Councillor James proposed a cheque for £151.58 drawn, seconded by Councillor Lane & carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**, invitation to GVEG supper June 24<sup>th</sup> for Councillors had been received. Copies of Parish Plan requested. GVEG are now looking forward to working with Parish Councils to identify a range of proposals for supporting local communities in taking advantage afforded by the Sustainable Communities Act. After discussion Councillor Lane indicated she would attend, clerk to circulate information to councillors not in attendance.

**Local Economic Assessment** this is being produced, commencing with gathering statistical evidence, on the state of the local economy. Information on issues:

How robust is the local economy, what are its strengths, what aspects is it vulnerable, what opportunities are there for local business to grow, what hampers growth, what problems do local residents face in terms of accessing employment, developing their businesses etc. The successes and problems of the parish are very important.

After discussion councillors were requested to pass information to the clerk by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>**, speaker on Red Cross Warden Scheme, confirmation not received for speaker from Herefordshire Council. Clerk had advertised the meeting in Hereford Times, posters displayed, request to DFR for posters at Bell Corner & Bridge Cottage.

Next PC meeting confirmed for June 9<sup>th</sup>

The chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting.

Signed: ..... Councillor P Rye

June 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.