

A Meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7-30pm**

Present:, Councillor C Thomas Chairman ,Councillor T Usher, Councillor K Meredith, Councillor C Gethin, Councillor M Hession, Councillor A Phillips & Mr C Hendy Parish Council Clerk.

Acceptable apologies; Councillor D Phillips, family commitment

No declaration of interest

The **minutes** of meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

### **Reports**

Golden Valley Police monthly report circulated.

### **Planning;**

No matters

### **Finance**

Clerks salary July £125, August £125  
Lengthsman account; £180  
HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) £94.56

All payments authorised

Precept 2019-20, request to be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**.

Information indicated when the budget requirement are considered to ensure any forthcoming parish elections cost is included as the council will be required to meet the full costs associated with these and funds need to be included when setting the precept.

Herefordshire Council Budget Consultation, Clerk had attended the recent briefing, information about the consultation was available on line.

Reminder The 2019-20 budget consultation is open until Friday 21 September 2018 and is quick and easy to complete online.

**Herefordshire Association of Local Councils**, information had been circulated

### **GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)**

Work was still continuing sorting council past documents

## Highways,

B4348 updated report from Councillor D Phillips had been circulated

The survey was carried out over the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August

Survey had been conducted using various methods, 184 respondents so far, with 111 replies about vehicles & 24 about bicycles

For assessment of damage to cars the assumption used was £50 per tyre and £100 for other damage

The users of the B4348 are overwhelmingly in favour of major resurfacing work on the road between Locks Garage and Cusop with a first focus on the section between Kingstone and Peterchurch

Most respondents indicate that the whole length of the B4348 outlined in the survey document requires attention with the water drainage to be addressed as a priority

The conservative estimate is that there has been over £15000 worth of damage to vehicles

Respondents report that 21 users of bicycles have been injured or bicycles damaged on the B4348. This is unacceptable.

Councillors thanked Councillor Phillips for the report

Correspondence received by the council from B4348 survey included a document from Graham Bell. This related to HGV traffic, and a suggestion of a weight restriction on the B4348 & some associated road which he requested was distributed to PC members for their consideration. The intention was to put forward a suggestion which might feed in to whatever discussions have already been taking place regarding the roads, and perhaps stimulate further debate within the PC and beyond. He knows this an issue that concerns many people in the area, and has tried to formulate an idea which I believe could make a difference at very little cost. Document had been circulated & councillors noted the suggestions.

## Highway Maintenance

Herefordshire Council's General Scrutiny Committee is planning to undertake a review of highways maintenance – pothole repairs.

The review will consider the highway maintenance plan and seek to address concerns expressed within the community about the potential mismatch between policy and practice on pothole repairs.

The review above will not cover other public realm services as are delivered by the council through its contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP).

The Committee considered performance against the public realm services contract in January 2018. One of the Committee's resolutions was, in relation to the contract, that action to be taken on behalf to the Committee to engage with parish councils possibly through a spotlight review to provide the Committee with a representative picture of views across the county and demonstrate to parish councils that account is being taken of their views.

Accordingly committee would be grateful in the first instance if you would submit your views on the operation of the other services delivered through the public realm services contract. Response required by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councillors resolved to discuss at the October meeting.

Parish Footpath Officer briefing information from recent meeting had been circulated

#### Dog Fouling signage

Information circulated

Herefordshire Council has procured a limited quantity of signs that can be erected around the county in the hot spot areas where dog fouling is prevalent such as open spaces, footpaths etc. A printable version of the dog fouling sign has also been sent to Parish Councils.

Arrangements are being made for the no dog area (mainly children's enclosed play areas) signs to be put up along with the dogs on leads signs.

#### **Draft Children & Young Persons plan consultation**

Information received "The Children and Young People's Partnership has been preparing a new Children and Young People's plan for Herefordshire. It is a high level plan that captures issues and priorities for all children and young people across Herefordshire. It has taken into account relevant evidence relating to children and young people, and to ensure the plan is informed by a broad range of perspectives, we have talked to many children, young people, families and professionals across Herefordshire".

With local communities playing a key role in children and young people's lives and as part of this work to explore the role of Parish Councils in helping to achieve some of the priorities highlighted. An online survey is available to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Councillors noted the information

#### Hereford Area Plan (HAP) – Housing and Employment Site Options Consultation

The Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted in 2015, sets out an overall framework for the scale and location of new development across the county. A key policy area that the HAP needs to ensure delivery of is new housing and employment land. The Core Strategy identifies four strategic sites for housing and employment land at Three Elms, Holmer West, Lower Bullingham and the city centre area. These sites will account for a significant proportion of the city's housing growth target for the plan period. It is the task of the HAP to identify further site allocations to aid the delivery of the remainder of the target.

Work has been carried out to prepare potential site options for the delivery of housing and employment growth for Hereford City and to help inform the preparation of the HAP.

Information about the consultation and how to give views on potential sites is available on line.

**Invitation to a Parish Council Summit** letter from Leader of Herefordshire Council to attend a Parish Council summit on October 17<sup>th</sup> had been received & circulated. The aim of the summit was "designed to share our collective knowledge and experience and identify practical ways in which together we can promote both prosperity and wellbeing". Full letter circulated. Councillor Thomas indicated he was unable to attend.

**War memorial maintenance**

Letter regarding parish council involvement in maintenance of war memorials had been circulated

**Information**

**Herefordshire Council**, From the leader of the council “We are keen to keep Parish and Town Councils better informed about Cabinet decisions so we will be issuing an update following each Cabinet meeting”

British Broadcasting Corporation,, information regarding obtaining stories/contacts for a new radio show circulated

Annual Fire Authority Report 2018-19 has been published & was available on the internet.

**Any Other Business**

Homeleigh, application to carry out works to trees had been received. No plans had been published on website.

Concern raised about surface water on the highway between Playing Field & Pump House

Kissing Gate onto footpath at Playing Field requires repair/replacement

Invitation received for two representatives of the parish council to attend the inauguration of Hereford’s developing university on October 19th at 11-30 am Hereford Cathedral.

Agreed next meeting Wednesday October 10th 2018

No further business the Chairman thanked those who had attended & closed the meeting at 09.10pm

Signed; ..... Councillor C Thomas

October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018