

A meeting of Dorstone Parish Council was held in the Old School Hall Dorstone on **Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7-30 pm.**

Present: Councillor P Rye, (Chairman), Councillor S Gaze, Councillor M Hession, Councillor D James, Councillor E Lane, Councillor C Thomas. & Mr C Hendy, Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Councillor P Smith, Councillor P Price, Herefordshire Councillor.

Declaration of interest: none

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

The meeting scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 had been cancelled on the 13<sup>th</sup> due to heavy snow.

Councillor Lane apologised for not attending the meeting January 6<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**Minutes** The minutes of meeting January 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, which had been circulated, were confirmed & signed.

**Planning** A planning application has been received for the Coach House, a proposed amendment to the previous permission, this included cycle store, toilet extension, increased cartilage to facilitate vehicular access, turning space, parking requirements , application passed to Councillor S Gaze. The design & access statement indicated local materials would be used where possible, the application is intended to address the requirements of building regulations, ground floor facilities, previous approval conditions; cycle storage, parking, visibility splay, vehicular access/parking design, retain the old character. Various other comments were included which were not relevant to the application. Councillor Gaze reported he had shown the application to neighbours of the property, there were no letters of support, or opposition. Councillors discussed the application; concern was raised regarding the cladding on the extension of stained hardwood board & black onduline on the roof. Councillor Gaze proposed the council support the application subject to the following conditions; external cladding should incorporate local stone & roof, slate & fibre cement tiles, which would be in keeping with the building & match existing styles, 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.

**Pandy Inn** Planning permission granted, to commence within three years, carried out in accordance to the plans stamped 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010, details & samples of material to be used externally on walls and roofs submitted & approved in writing by the local planning authority with development carried out in accordance with approved details, programme of archaeological work secured & implemented, details of any external

floodlighting & external lighting to be submitted & approved, no materials to be incinerated on site, no machinery, processes carried out, no deliveries taken at or despatched from the site outside specified hours/days, no development shall be brought into use until the foul drainage plant & means of disposal off site . as detailed in the previous application, have been carried out to the satisfaction of local planning authority unless otherwise agreed in writing prior to commencement of works, covered & secure cycle parking on site to be submitted to & approved in writing, building to be used for holiday & staff accommodation & for no other purpose, building not to be brought into use until access, turning area & parking facilities submitted approved & constructed. The clerk had requested clarification on the plans marked 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010.

The clerk was requested to obtain clarification regarding the details & samples of materials & if they incorporated the comments raised by the parish council, also the previous application & planning authorised & future action.

Dorstone Front Room Planning application, clerk reported Herefordshire Council have requested 8 copies each: site location block plan, floor plans & elevations, proposed signage detailing materials & lettering, Design & Access statement. Letter was forwarded to Mrs Usher.

Mobile Post Office/Orange Councillor Hession reported she had contacted the Post Office, following a visit by the area manager a land line link box will be attached to the shop association building, permission given, which will enable the mobile post office to operate when the mobile telephone signal is not available. Post Office has given assurance the breakdowns encountered will be taken fully into account if the mobile service is reviewed.

The clerk had contacted Orange, they would only indicate there was a fault on the system. Any one unable to receive Orange network should contact them regarding any compensation.

Lengthsmen Scheme An account for £404.80 had been received for work carried out on drainage work Dorstone Hill, Llanarch & Mynyddbrith road. Councillor James proposed a cheque for £404.80 was drawn, seconded by Councillor Hession & carried unanimously. Councillor Rye reported the lengthsmen had attended the parish to carry out gritting duties during the recent winter weather conditions.

Footpaths A sign required replacing on the footpath Playing Field to Arthurs Stone, the spare sign would be erected.

Newsletter Councillor Thomas had produced a draft newsletter; the clerk had raised concern to the chairman, who was signing the newsletter, the minutes relating to some issues reported had not been signed off. Some replies to issues raised had been circulated to those on email, however not all Councillors had access to this.

Councillors discussed this, considered to improve communication the newsletter should not be delayed, the draft was reviewed , amended & approved, the process would require the chairman to approve the newsletter, any disagreement to be decided by the council, copies circulated to all councillors prior to release.

**Parish Plan** The clerk was requested to obtain information regarding re-siting a bus stop, possibly to the Shop Association building which could incorporate a bus shelter.

**Highways** Information from Amey on Winter Gritting had been received, 3291km of roads in Herefordshire, 963km priority gritting routes, while 684km are secondary. Main responsibility is to ensure the primary routes are made secure, and secondary gritting takes place when they are able to ensure this can be maintained. Many of the county's rural lanes are not gritted as a matter of course, however salt bins may be provided if deemed suitable when requested by parish councils to provide cover on minor roads which might otherwise not be treated. An average of 6,500 tonnes of salt is spread each winter. Councillor Hession asked if local farmers were now used to support the snow clearance. The clerk had observed the use of tractors on both the B4348 & unclassified roads, he would clarify with Amey. Following requests from parishioner's salt bins had been replenished, additional bin at Chapel Lane, Long House & replacement at telephone kiosk would be asked for.

Amey traffic engineer would investigate type/location of speed advisory signs which could be erected in the village centre whilst consideration of a speed limit is undertaken. When the installation of the speed monitoring equipment is undertaken the clerk has requested a councillor is present to confirm locations. Councillor Gaze agreed to liase with the engineer.

### **Police Report/Community Safety Evenings**

Police report indicated there had been a change of Community Support Officers, relocation of the fast response crew, 5 field gates & workshop equipment stolen from Dorstone.

Community safety evenings can be arranged in the evenings in parishes. Information on three suspect vehicles & their occupants provided. Neighbourhood watch meeting in Hereford January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**District Councillor Report** No report received. Information received invited Councillors to LDF meeting at Peterchurch on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7-00pm. Councillor Hession & Councillor Thomas indicated they were unable to attend but would visit the later roadshow. Councillor Rye had received an information pack which would be circulated to councillors.

**Register of Electors** The 2010 register indicated 309 on the register, in addition two other electors.

**Parish Freighter** An invoice for £40 had been received for attendance on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Hession proposed a cheque for £40 was drawn, seconded by Councillor James & carried unanimously.

**Dorstone Front Room** The clerk had received a request for a letter from the council to support DFR for their grant application. A draft letter had been sent to Councillor Rye & Councillor Gaze, they agreed for the letter to be sent to DFR.

**HALC**, NALC 1% increase will be passed on, increase from 16.64 to 16.69 per person on the electoral roll for 2010/11. In an emergency HALC will provide Clerk cover at £100 per meeting. Reminder of training courses which are available until March. The next Southern Area meeting is on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Signed..... Councillor P Rye

February 10<sup>th</sup> 2010