



Dorstone Parish Plan Steering Group & Parish Council Meeting

held on Monday 19th April 2010, at 7.30pm
at Dorstone Village Hall

No	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	WHO
1.	Present: Colin Thomas, Bryn Brooks, Simon Gaze, Mary Hession, Pat Rye, Violet Smith, Penny Platts		
2.	Apologies for absence: Toni Birchenough, Chris Hendy, Peter Smith		
3.	<p>To review progress on Action Plans</p> <p>f) Youth Issues – these were raised at the outset to ensure that they were covered by the other Action Plans.</p> <p>a) Planning, Housing, Conservation – draft appendix F The report has focussed on the actual questions asked in the survey. Both the Unitary Development Policy and the Local Development framework have been considered. Page 1 – all approved unaltered Page 2 – points were raised about the cost issues involved in using stone esp. for low cost housing projects. Page 3 Conservation area – **It was agreed that the Grade 2 Listed buildings itemised as in the Conservation area will be included in the minutes of the next Parish Council Meeting so that all are aware of them, and they can be referred to. Any complaint/comments referring to these can be directed to the Parish Council who will pass this on to the relevant department in Planning. **NB** <i>**153757 Cowhouse about 20 metres from GHF is Meadow End Barn</i> <i>**153758 Cowhouse 20 metres SE is Holiday let Cow House</i> <i>**153759 Cart Shed (wooden shed) is 10m EAST of Great House Farm not west.</i> No other amendments were made. The report will go to Parish Council then to Herefordshire Council.</p> <p>b) Traffic & Transport SG reported that the first part of the traffic speed & volume survey had been completed by Great House, Brook Cottage and the Playing Fields. The second is phase at The Bage, Llanafon & ????? is imminent. The Youth Club members had taken part in Sept/Oct in an information session on relative speeds of vehicles involving the Police. Information was given on safe cycling etc.</p>	<p>List to Parish Council</p>	<p>CT</p>

	<p>Amey had been consulted re. drainage and poor road surfaces and general maintenance of roads. This is ongoing and it is indicated that the Hay/Ross Road is due for complete resurfacing in the near future. It was asked if any signage was likely for The Bage – but this would be costly.</p> <p>Bus Shelter – village green site not suitable. Shop Committee to be approached re siting it on the parking area by DFR. Various designs were available and grants to provide it. Some comments were made about the effect it would have on the open parking available at the moment, and the numbers of people likely to use it regularly.</p> <p>c) Environment New recycling seems to be working well. Dog Fouling is still a problem. ** It was agreed that the Parish Council could draft a short item to be sent out via DFR information email to tell dog owners that it is now an offence if dog mess is not cleared away by dog owners. Street Lighting – night cells have been attached to those at Dore View and Oaklands to control the hours lights are on. Village Hall light – new fee agreed. When present light fails it will be replaced with energy efficient one. Energy Challenge – competition details in The Link. Sewerage Scheme – MH reported that the Council testing facilities will be used to test the Pont-y-Weston Brook by Church Bridge and at Brooklands to assess levels of pollution from house septic tank systems. Cycle & Walking Paths – Several bridle paths might make suitable sites. Meeting in JUNE to pursue this ongoing project. Quiet Lanes – Herefordshire Council does not recognise this scheme. It may be possible to pursue this on a larger scale as a Golden Valley Project with Peterchurch.</p> <p>d) Village Facilities Church - No progress reported on any changes for new amenities as yet. New Rector has arrived so this may lead to further developments. Several concerts have been held. Village Hall has received a grant to cover a feasibility study before possible refurbishment. Continuing problems re. licence provisions re noise of moving furniture after 10p.m. Flicks & Borderlines held many film and live events. Playing Fields Children’s play Area – 2nd. Application for grant has been turned down. It will be left to those interested to reapply if they wish. New bark will be laid. If the present area was condemned as unsuitable for modern requirements, then the issue could be followed up.</p>	<p>Item to JP for email</p>	<p>Pat Rye</p>
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	<p>Fence - A new fence will separate the entrance area from the main field. This will extend the parking area and mean that the main gate will not need to be padlocked, as no-one can drive directly on to the field. Hope to have marked parking bays in time.</p> <p>Cricket and table tennis events are planned for the summer.</p> <p>Tennis - No meeting was held for those interested in having new facilities so there is no group to pursue this although many responses to the survey showed interest.</p> <p>Drainage – some drainage had been done to left hand side.</p> <p>e) Communications</p> <p>Website use is growing steadily.</p> <p>DFR email communication is used regularly.</p> <p>DFR maintains posters and boards giving details of village events and sells tickets.</p> <p>WiFi is in DFR.</p> <p>Parish Council Quarterly Newsletter is available.</p> <p>Broadband - no developments on better provision as yet.</p>		
4.	Progress Report – in April Newsletter email and website, GV News and The Link		
	Any Other Business		
	Date of Next Meeting		All

Signed..... Date