

Dorstone Parish Council

Newsletter August 2008

Welcome to this newsletter ,as part of the Parish Plan discussions a comment was raised regarding communication from the Parish Council. At the Parish Meeting, the Annual Report on the work of the council 2007/8 was delivered.

Council are currently obtaining tenders to carry out improvements on ground at Brooklands to provide visitor parking, considering repositioning the street light from the hall wall, updating "Welcome to Dorstone" book. Concern has been raised on the intrusion a telephone post on the corner of Chapel Lane, to provide a overhead cable to the telephone box, has been raised. Should the cable go underground? How can the cost be raised? BT will not pay.

Historically the council policy has sought to keep the precept as low as possible. With the budget for 09/10 to be discussed later this year should this policy continue, or the precept increased to improve facilities in the community?

What do you think of this newsletter ? The cost is under £50.

Councillors look forward to hearing from you.

Pat Rye Chairman

Information

Councillors are appointed to various duties

Councillor Pat Rye, Honorary Surveyor.
Council participate in the Lengthsmen scheme,
minor road maintenance work involving hand
tools, ie visibility areas, blocked drains, ditch
cleaning. Major work is reported to Herefordshire
Council ie pot holes.

Councillor Doug James	Footpath Warden
Councillor Mary Hession	Meredith Maddy
Councillor Elisabeth Lane	Meredith Maddy
Councillor Peter Smith	Playing Field
Councillor Rye, Councillor Gaze & Councillor Hession	Parish Plan Steering Group

Sand bags

A limited supply is kept at Church House for use
in an emergency.

Planning, on receipt of a planning application
this is passed to a councillor to show affected
neighbours, the plans are also on display prior to
the council meeting. Councillors can discuss any
written comments received, either in support or
objecting to the application.

Agenda this is displayed in the Parish Council
notice board of the shop building three days
prior to the meeting.

Balance Sheet 2007/8

Income

Balance at start of year	£4678.98
Business Account	£2120.08
Precept	£1700
Footpath Scheme	£ 456
VAT refund	£2004.09
Refund Lengthsmen Scheme 06/07	£ 494.85
Interest	<u>£ 65.57</u>
Total	£11519.57

Expenditure

Lengthsmen Scheme	£2892.50
Insurance	£ 278.73
Audit	£ 94
Clerk Salary	£ 748
Expenses	£ 80
Parish Plan	£ 144.69
Election Costs	£ 18.05
Heritage Map	£ 155
Bank Charges	
Total	£4410.97

Surplus for 2007/8 £7108.60

Note refund for Lengthsmen scheme 07/08 not received within financial year

Surplus includes Capital for Brooklands Ground Improvement, Street Light replacement, Election Costs, Training.

For 08/09 the Precept for Parish Council is £10.07 per band D

Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Pat Rye	Chairman	550257
Councillor Simon Gaze	Vice Chairman	550926
Councillor Nigel Davies	01497	831338
Councillor Doug James		550111
Councillor Mary Hession		550300
Councillor Elisabeth Lane		550215
Councillor Peter Smith		550026
Parish Clerk Christopher Hendy		550652

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Parish Council meetings are normally held 2nd
Wednesday of each month at 7-30pm.

All are welcome

Village Web site Dorstone.org.uk

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