

PARISH OF DINEDOR

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 21ST May 2019 at Dinedor Village Hall

Present: Mr. D. Green Chairman
11 residents

In attendance: Liz Kelso Clerk, Dinedor Parish Council
Cllr. David Summers Herefordshire Council

1/19 Introduction

As Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Green welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

2/19 Report from the Parish Council

Councillor Green provided a summary of activities of the Parish Council over the past year, noting in particular the results of the recent local government elections and welcomed Cllr. Tim Greenow to the parish council. Also highlighted was the work that has taken place on Dinedor Camp through the year and planning enforcement activities that has taken place through the year.

3/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Penny gave a report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and reported that following consultation on the plan, we now await an updated Habitats report from Herefordshire Council and a draft consultation statement before the plan can be submitted for the next stage of the process to Herefordshire Council. Progress had again seemed to be painfully slow this year.

4/19 Dinedor Camp

Ian Stead gave a presentation on the work that has been carried out on Dinedor Camp under the overall guidance of the Steering Group and with the help of a group of volunteers who meet regularly and the efforts of the Community Payback Team. Illustrating the talk with photographs and emphasising the need to balance the archaeology with wildlife, Mr. Stead showed how the group has cleared the footpaths and opened up the views from the top of the Camp. Some loose timber is now available on site should anyone want to take any. The voluntary group meets on the second Sunday of each month from 2pm onwards.

5/19 Footpaths

As Parish Council Footpaths Officer, Councillor Green reported on matters relating to Footpaths during the year, noting few problems with footpaths or requests for work to be done. The demand for guided walks has fallen recently but can be arranged. If anyone is aware of any missing signs or gates or sees that work is needed on the footpaths, please contact the footpaths officer.

6/19 Ward Councillor Report

Councillor Summers had reported earlier on the results of the recent elections and the current uncertainty of how the administration is to be organised in the coming months and years.

He noted the ongoing issues with issuing an enforcement notice for an unauthorised development on the approaches to Dinedor Camp.

Support from the Ward Councillor was requested in dealing with drainage issues along Hollow Farm Road and in getting a commitment from Herefordshire Council to continue to maintain the access road up to Dinedor Camp.

Finally work on an extended cycle path was noted with further extensions to the cycle path due in the near future.

7/19 Open Discussion

The following items were raised during the period set aside for open discussion:

- A request for the lengthsman scheme to be reinstated so that local repairs and maintenance can be carried out when required and not be dependent upon Balfour Beatty. It was noted that the grant funding that used to be available to fund the lengthsman is no longer available but the parish council could fund this itself. There was general agreement that an increase in the precept to fund a lengthsman would be considered by residents favourably.
- Speeding traffic through the village has been reported and it was also noted that passing places through the main road through the village seem to be disappearing, possibly through lack of maintenance. Village gates could be installed as a visual reminder of the need to drive carefully through the residential areas. It was agreed that this be brought back to a parish council meeting in due course.
- The petrol station on the main Holme Lacy road was felt to be an eyesore. It was agreed to ask the Ward Councillor to address this.
- Members discussed issues arising from properties that are felt to have intrusive exterior lighting. Such matters are sometimes addressed through planning applications but the issue is not generally addressed. Guidance from the planning team at Herefordshire Council will be sought.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman