

**Minutes of The Annual Meeting of DINEDOR PARISH**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at 7pm**  
**In Dinedor Village Hall**

**Present**

Peter Greenow Chairman, (PG) Duncan Green Vice Chair, (DG) Nick Austin,(NA)  
Marlene Kitto,(MA) Ben Price,(BP)

In attendance: Kath Greenow Parish Clerk. Cllr Sinclair Knipe, 1 member of the public

**1. Apologies:** none

**2. RESOLVED:** to agree and sign minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 18/05/2011

**3. Dinedor village hall report** was given by MK as follows:

We are pleased to say we have been successful with the grant application, and supported by the Parish Council for a projector and screen. We have already used the projector at the Quiz Night and the screen will be arriving soon. Thanks to Herefordshire Council Community fund.

We had a very successful music evening with Whalebone, which resulted in a reasonable income with a lot of effort on our part. Duncan has organised a programme of 6 footpaths walks for us throughout the summer months and the art class are proposing a 6 week booking to start in June. The Heritage group have an event on 10/05/2012 and Dinedor Sports will take place at the end of July. Various events are in the pipeline. October there will be a sea shanty evening, a St Patrick's evening next March and we are exploring a possible New Years Eve event The village hall AGM will be on 14<sup>th</sup> June and we are pleased to say we currently have reps from WI, Dinedor Sports, Short Mat Bowls and The Parish Council, but unfortunately not the PCC. If anyone is interested we have a couple of spaces on the committee. We are very pleased to say that we have 2 new holding trustees Bill Mckie & Jan Grzonka. The old oil tank has been replaced with a new plastic one which complies with current regulations. We are pleased with what we have achieved this year, but we couldn't do this without the support of the village

**5. Chairman** thanked Cllrs and the clerk for their work during the last year.

**Chairman's Annual report** The chairman reported that since the elections in May 2011 the make up of the PC has changed and it has been good to have a good debate and different points of view. Life in local government is growing increasingly more difficult, with government through new legislation wanting to make parishes more active and accountable to their parishioners. This message does not in my view seem to be being accepted or acted upon by Herefordshire Council. At a recent visit by the minister for local government Mr Pickles, he was questioned at various locations with regard to parish/ local issues and he repeatedly re enforced the view that Parish Council's should be more active and used for the local benefit- Not increasingly marginalised as per our district administration.

With new parish councils elected we also have a new district councillor who it must be said is more approachable & interested in a wider range of local issues .I would however again ask him to relay to the cabinet the increasing feeling of marginalisation& being taken for granted.

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The parish council has again been active in local issues, another grit bin, although the winter was not so severe, we were better prepared. Footpaths and footpaths walks have been popular and many thanks goes to Duncan the footpaths officer. 2 noticeboards have been purchased for the footpath network & also acknowledge the commerate the Queens Diamond Jubilee

Work has been carried out at the junction of Barry's Cross, however we still have issues with the sub standard of finish, Improvements have been made opposite Dinedor Court access & generally seem to e appreciated.

Perhaps the most controversial issue is the un announced work carried out by Amey at Sink Green, work that was planned and scheduled with out local input or dialogue. We are still asking questions relating to this matter & still not getting answers at present.

The announcement of last year that Rotherwas is to be a Local Enterprise Zone site was made & the PC have tried to access the board to allow some local input into the planning and decisions, Although as a PC we have had visits from the board Chairman Ray Stone no mechanism of interaction has been noted by the board .It would appear that in the last round of PC meetings the board members did agree with a request for an intermediary steering group type mechanism. They have come back to us with what I have to say is not what I felt was agreed- a local info event at Rotherwas on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.This development will change our area forever & I feel strongly that a local non involvement voice should be heard. We will wait and see and always bear in mind Mr Pickle's statement "that we should keep banging on the door until it is opened.

During the later part of the year a steering group has formed to plan and facilitate celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It really is good to see many folks joining together in a community celebration.

#### **5. Ward Councillors report**

Cllr Sinclair Knipe distributed information to Cllr on locality working ,the localism bill and neighbour hood planning, community right to build .The LDF will be out for further consultation due to the new changes in the NPPF(National Planning Policy Framework ) He also report that we was chasing up issues raised regarding sink green road issues

Signed.....

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