

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th October 2020, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020

Present:	Cllr. S. Penny Cllr. N. Austin Cllr. T. Greenow Cllr. J. Over	In the Chair
In attendance:	Liz Kelso Cllr. D. Summers	Clerk/RFO Ward Councillor, Herefordshire Council

066/2020 Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation

Apologies were noted from Cllr. D. Green. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation

067/2020 Drainage works

Members noted that following email correspondence from Cllr. Green regarding work he suggested was required within the village and it had been agreed at the last meeting that Cllr. Greenow would follow this up with the lengthsman. Following that meeting, the lengthsman has quoted for the two jobs, as presented to the meeting, totalling £1,400.00 excluding VAT.

Subsequent emails suggested that Herefordshire Council might be able to provide some ditch clearance through the use of some equipment currently available to them on trial but it wasn't clear whether the use of this equipment would incur a cost.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the issue of the trial of some equipment was unclear but as the work is now required as quoted, the quotes from the lengthsman as presented were accepted. A trial of equipment as

suggested would be considered at a later date and when further information is available. This work will be funded from reserves as this is an unbudgeted item.

Concern was expressed at the lack of clarity about what is required and who is responsible for this work, not helped by not all members of the parish council being in attendance at meetings. Furthermore, it was understood that there is further work required to repair damaged pipes under the road so there was concern that the issue is much bigger than the parish council and the lengthsman are able to respond to. It was agreed that a strongly worded letter be sent to Herefordshire Council to demand that they fulfil their duty as highways authority to keep the road clear from water.

068/2020 **Request for grant funding**

Members discussed a request for grant funding from Dinedor Outdoor Centre towards the cost of essential repairs to the cottage at Dinedor Outdoor Centre. Noting that the building is owned by the Parish Council but leased to the Outdoor Centre on a full repairing lease and further noting that much of the work is to be undertaken by Outdoor Centre staff it was agreed to offer a grant of £1,000.00 subject to clarification of some elements of the proposed work. Cllrs. Austin and Greenow were authorised to discuss the proposed works further with the Outdoor Centre and confirm that the offer can be sent once they have met. The usual terms and conditions of the grant will apply.

069/2020 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th November at 6.00pm via zoom, as previously indicated.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.