

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th November 2020, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020

Present:	Cllr. S. Penny Cllr. N. Austin Cllr. D. Green Cllr. T. Greenow Cllr. J. Over	In the Chair
In attendance:	Liz Kelso Cllr. D. Summers 7 members of the public	Clerk/RFO Ward Councillor, Herefordshire Council

070/2020 Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation

There were no apologies. Councillor Austin declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 6.1 with reference to planning application ref. 203397 which is adjacent to his property. There were no requests for dispensation

071/20 Minutes

071.1 Meeting held on 15th September 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September were approved and the Chair authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

071.2 Meeting held on 20th October 2020

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072/20 Public Participation

072.1 Ward Councillor Report

Members noted the verbal report from Cllr. David Summers as Ward Councillor.

072.2 Matters raised by members of the public in attendance

There were no matters raised by members of the public in attendance. Members noted comments relating to the drainage issues in Dinedor and Talk Community Hub work.

073/20 Clerk's Report

There were no items to raised under this agenda item that were not addressed elsewhere in the agenda.

074/20 Financial Matters

074.1 Payments

The following payments were approved:

• A. R. Preedy		
Construction of shed for flail mower		£240.00
• Dinedor Outdoor Centre		
Grant Payment (Minute ref. 068/2020 0		£1,000.00
• E. Kelso		
Office expenses		£176.76
• PKF Littlejohn		
Audit fees	£200.00	
VAT thereon	£40.00	
Total payment		£240.00

074.2 Receipts since the last meeting

There were no receipts since the last meeting.

074.3 Account balances

Members noted a current account balance of £23,781.97.

074.4 Budget report

Members noted the budget report as presented to the meeting, showing expenditure to date this financial year, noting that some results appeared to be contrary to the budget as a result of timing issues as invoices had been received later than originally intended. Members raised no queries on expenditure to date or anticipated expenditure for the financial year.

074.5 Preliminary Budget for Financial Year 2021-2022

Members noted the preliminary budget for the forthcoming year. It was noted that the final budget would be agreed at the next meeting in January. The Clerk requested that any comments on items for the budget be sent to her prior to the next meeting.

074.6 Completion of audit for financial year 2019-2020

Members noted that the external auditors have now completed their external audit and raised no matters that are to be brought to the attention of the parish council. Completion of audit notices have been placed on notice boards and the website.

076/20 Planning Matters

076.1 Applications now due for consideration

- Ref: 203397
Site: Land Opposite Nellies Oak, Dinedor
Dev: Proposed removal of storage sheds and yard on brownfield site previously used by a painting and decorating business and the construction of a 3 bedroom detached 1.5 storey dwelling

Comments: Cllr. N. Austin, having declared an interest in this agenda item, left the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Members considered the application and wished to record that this development is outside of the development area identified within the draft Neighbourhood development plan. Otherwise there were no objections to the proposed development.

Cllr. Austin returned to the meeting after this agenda item.

- Ref: 203428
Site: Unit 5E, Sigeric Business Park
Dev: Change of use from B8 to Class E

Comments: Members had no objections to the proposed development.

- Ref: 203697
Site: Fairhurst, Dinedor
Dev: Proposed extension into roof and single storey ground extension

Comments: Members considered this application and had no comments to make on this application.

076.2 **To note planning decisions by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting.**

The following planning decisions were noted:

- Ref: 193328
Site: Land adjacent to Calgary, Dinedor
Decision: Approved with conditions
- Ref: 193329
Site: Land adjacent to Hill View, Dinedor
Decision: Approved with conditions
- Ref: 200530
Site: Walnut Tree Cottage, Dinedor
Decision: Approved with conditions

076.3 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group be delegated authority to select an independent examiner from the list provided by Herefordshire Council for the next stage of adoption of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

077/20 **Highway Matters**

077.1 **Lengthsman Report**

There was nothing to report from the Lengthsman although it was noted that the Lengthsman has, as agreed at the last meeting, arranged to meet with Balfour Beatty for the trial of the new equipment within the Parish.

077.2 **Further drainage works**

It was not clear whether the additional works requested at the last meeting have taken place.

After some discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Highways Authority to demand that they use their powers under the Highways Act to resolve drainage problems arising from blocked drains under the highway with in the parish.

077.3 **Footpath officer report**

The footpath officer reported on the report produced by Herefordshire Council on Turnpike Lane which recommended that the length of the lane from Prospect Lane to Watery Lane become a restricted byway. This will now be the subject of a formal consultation which will run to 12th February next year. Thanks were extended to Cllr. Green and the Footpaths Officer for the work getting to this stage with this subject.

077.4 **Speed Reduction Measures**

Members noted the advice note from Balfour Beatty on measures that might be possible for speed reduction on Hollow Farm Road, the cost of which was considered prohibitive. The process of introducing traffic regulation orders, particular in areas where there are no street lights, is generally onerous so informal methods of speed reduction might be more appropriate. After some discussion it was agreed to request our locality steward attend a meeting in January to look at possible speed reduction methods.

078/20 **Dinedor Camp**

Members noted that there has not been a meeting of the Steering Group since the last meeting and local lockdown measures have resulted in the community group not being able to work on site either. The Community Payback team have not been in attendance as a result of Covid restrictions but there have been discussions with the Outdoor Centre about the use of facilities on site to enable Community Payback to return to the site.

079/20 **Talk Community Hub**

Members noted a report on the progress of establishing a Talk Community Hub at the Village Hall. The Village Hall has submitted a bid for funding with Herefordshire Council and are awaiting a response.

080/20 **Future Meetings**

After some discussion it was agreed that in future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of alternate months, starting in January 2021 and that meetings will commence at 6.00pm. The next meeting therefore will be on Thursday 21st January 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

081/20 **Items for the next agenda**

As well as items noted previously, it was agreed that drainage should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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