



ORCOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The of Orcop Parish Council

Wednesday 18th January 2017 held in Orcop Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr Ben Thomas, Vice Chairman Cllr Bob Davies, Cllr Richard Watkins, Cllr Jane Rigler & Cllr Dave Jones

In attendance Parish Clerk and 3 parishioners Balfour Beatty Locality Officer Dave Atkinson

1. Apologies for absence Cllr Ian Garlick & Ward Cllr D Harlow

2. To receive declarations of interest and consider dispensation requests on agenda items

Declarations None

3. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16/11/2016

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16/11/2016

4. Public forum

Members of the public may raise parish matters that they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council (this period is restricted to 10 minutes). Please note that decisions cannot be made at this meeting on items not on the agenda

Matters raised by a parishioner noted as:

Occasional smell coming from the Copy Well area.

5. Reports

5.1 Ward Cllrs report

The ward Cllrs report had been circulated to Cllrs and was noted

5.2 Village hall report JR

Village Hall Kitchen refurb will be starting in the next month. Events that had taken place in the village hall recently had raised a good amount of money for the village hall

5.3 Clerks report

Nothing to report

6. Lengthsman

6.1 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED:** that further ditching work is to be carried out in the parish by the l/man in January & February.

7. Road Defects/ Highways issues

7.1 To consider road defects/ highways issues to be reported to Balfour Beatty

Overgrown vegetation issues at Saddlebow Common. The locality officer had sent a letter to the landowner of the common to advise of the work required, however the landowner concerned says it's not his land any longer. Dave Atkinson to establish who is the rightful owner and advise the PC accordingly.

8. Footpaths

8.1 To receive an update regarding footpaths consider work required.

A footpaths report was given by Mick Murphy the parish footpaths officer, which identified various footpaths that required work to be undertaken on them. Dave Jones had carried out some footpaths work required as agreed by the PC previously.

It was **RESOLVED**: that Dave Jones attend to the footpaths work required as per the footpaths officers report. Some stiles on the footpaths were in a bad state of repair and needed attending to or replacing. The footpaths officer was asked to contact landowners concerned to ask them to acquire new stiles from B/B if required. Repairs and the fitting of the stiles can be undertaken by Dave Jones & Footpaths Officer.

9. Finance

9.1 To note Bank Balance as per bank statement.

£25237.58

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

DC Gardening services(l/man) Invoice 289 £72.00 Invoice 296 £504.00

Clerks reimbursements postage & Stationary £14.68

Heaths Interiors 50% deposit of quote as agreed by the PC for village hall kitchen refurbishment
£3240.00

9.2 To note bacs remittance of L/man & P3 -2/4 claim £400.00 noted

9.3 To note bacs remittance of final L/man & P3 claim 2015/16 £1062.00 noted

10. Correspondence

All correspondence received has been sent to Cllrs in their agenda packs

10.1 To consider correspondence received from Sam Bank Herefordshire Council re Neighbourhood Planning – Orcop

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk contact Sam Banks to inform the ND Planning department that Orcop Parish council would not be continuing with a NDP

10.2 To consider letter from Historic England re: Orcop War Memorial -noted

The clerk was asked to look into the history of the war memorial at Orcop and report back

10.3 To note HALC information Corner and book training as appropriate.

It was **RESOLVED**: that Cllr Jane Rigler attend HALC training event - Grass roots, village greens etc on Monday 20th February 2017

Community Led Plan

11. To note date for a PC meeting with HALC on Community Led Plan

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12. Matters raised for consideration for placing on the next meeting's agenda (no discussion)

13. To note date of next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting as Wednesday 15th March 2017 at Orcop Village Hall 7.30pm noted