

Minutes of Orcop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2015 at Orcop Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Ben Thomas, Vice Chairman Cllr Bob Davies, Cllr Richard Watkins

1 Apologies Cllr Ian Garlick, Cllr Doug Sayce

In attendance: Kath Greenow – Parish Clerk & 5 parishioners BBLP Locality Steward D Atkinson.

2. Decelerations of interest on agenda items –None declared, Dispensation requests received –None

3. It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 19/11/2014

4. Public forum

An update was given on The Fountain Inn Barry Shaw (FOFI) which was noted by the PC. Japanese knot weed was present in some areas of the parish. Parishioners present at the meeting to email the clerk the areas concerned so that she could email the Locality Steward for him to advise and attend to as appropriate.

The locality steward gave an update on the new lengthsman scheme and also Parish Paths Scheme.

In order for the PC to be part of the P3 scheme they would need to have a volunteer footpaths officer for the parish who would report footpaths issues and problems that could be attend to under the P3 scheme to the clerk or if needed for BBLP to undertake as required. Work on the footpaths could be undertaken by volunteers (subject to training and insurance) or via the lengthsman. Working under the P3 remit.

4.1 Ward Cllr report- No ward Councillor present

5. Clerk report on action items

Hedgerow issues in the parish had previously been reported to the locality steward who was in the process of contacting landowners who needed to attend to the hedgerows. Failure to comply with BBLP's request to cut back the overgrown hedgerows could result in enforcement notices being issued by BBLP to the landowners.

6. Lengthsman

The lengthsman has some ditching work to attend to in the parish which will be carried out within the next few weeks.

7. Highways

Defects for reporting to BBLP:.

Highways issues at Saddlebow Common area were reported to the locality steward at the meeting and he would liaise with Much Dewchurch PC over these.

A parishioner had recently contacted HFDC asking for sand bags and Herefordshire Council informed the parishioner that the Parish Council should have sandbags, The clerk reported the PC had no sand bags and that if sandbags were required in the parish BBLP would provide the PC with some if they required them for parishioners to have access to, however the sand bags would need a suitable dry storage place for them to be kept in.

8. Orcop Neighbourhood Development Plan

8.1 update from Foxley Tagg re quote – Foxley Tagg planning consultants had declined to provide a quote for support with the neighbourhood plan.

8.2 To consider quote received from Kirkwells planning Consultants

The PC had concerns that they had currently only had one quote from a planning consultant and the PC would prefer to obtain a quote from another planning consultancy. Discussion took place with regard to the progression of the NDP given the fact that no funding to progress a NDP would be available until April 2015 at the earliest it was also the PC's view that they had reservation as to the benefits of a NDP

It was **RESOLVED**: that the PC would consult with parishioners via a questionnaire regarding a neighbourhood plan.

The clerk was asked to put together a questionnaire asking parishioners views with regard to a Neighbourhood Plan .The questionnaire would be distributed by Parish Councillors and collected by Parish Councillors 2 week's later timescale for distribution of the questionnaire mid February and completion of questionnaire by mid March. The information from the questionnaire would be collated by the clerk.

Orcop 8.3 To consider neighbourhood Development grants available to continue with Orcop Neighbourhood Plan – **DEFFERED**

9. Planning

9.1 Windrush Meadow, Orcop, Hereford

Description: Proposed steel framed general purpose agricultural building to store fodder and house livestock

Application: 143670/F

Applicant: Mr Jones

It was **RESOLVED** to: **SUPPORT** the application

9.2 Newcastle Farmhouse, Orcop Hill, Hereford

Description: Proposed two storey extension and alterations

Application: 143686/F

Applicant: Mr James Steel

It was **RESOLVED** to: **SUPPORT** the application

9.3 The Butts Bungalow Orcop Hill, Hereford

Description: Proposed replacement of small stable yard with a storage barn

Application: 143469/F

Applicant: Mr John Pursey

It was **RESOLVED** to: **SUPPORT** the application

10. Finance

10.1 bank balance noted as: £6039.32

10.2 RESOLVED to pay:

DC Gardening Services Nov invoice £ 404.00

Clerks reimbursements – postage £ 7.44

10.3 10.4 It was **RESOLVED** to set the that the Budget & precept for 2015/16 as £12000.00

11. Training

11.1 It was **RESOLVED:** that the clerk attend website wonder training evening at HALC

12. Correspondence

12.1 Information received from Herefordshire Council re new lengthsman Scheme

NOTED

13. Matters raised for next agenda (no discussion)

Parish Paths Partnership & footpaths officer

14. Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting **NOTED AS:** Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30pm Orcop Village Hall

15. A resolution was passed to exclude the public and press due to confidential employment matters

Signed

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Chairman