

AYMESTREY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2014 at 7.30pm in Aymestrey Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Mary Heale, Chair (MH), Heather Yesson (HY), Domenica Dunne (DD), Marion Griffiths (MG)

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Rob Beavan (RB), Mair Hardwick, Olwyn Barnett (Ward Councillor), Rachel Dixon (Locality Steward), CSO Adam Harris.

No members of the public attended.

Item		ACTION
2	Present and Apologies: See above.	
3	Minutes of the meeting – 23rd July 2014 The minutes of the meeting were unanimously accepted and signed.	LH
4	Declarations of Interest & dispensations +There were none.	
5	To receive a report from our Ward Councillor <i>Cllr. Barnett was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the following comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – OB recommends that someone from PC could attend the Finance training offered by HALC in Hereford on 1st October, prior to setting the precept. – HALC recommends consulting with the electorate and looking at what the PC ought to be doing in future bearing in mind the lack of money in Herefordshire Council. OB believes we have reached crunch point in that Herefordshire has to find even more money next year: she again emphasises that our rural areas will have to find ways to support each other across Mortimer Ward. – OB hopes that Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could broaden their remit and include keeping an eye on vulnerable people in their areas, this may be a way of encouraging more volunteers and yet save setting up another group of people. – OB says 'I am sure everyone is aware of the PPG (patient participation group) run by MortimerGP practice. The Parish Council may wish to consider whether to seek representation on that group. – Rachel Dixon (Balfour Beatty Locality Steward for Mortimer Ward) is making a difference as far as the highways are concerned. She sends weekly updates on work planned and completed (which LH circulates to parish councillors.) 	
6	Vacancy for Parish Councillor No one has yet come forward to fill the vacancy left by George Black. It was felt that people might not have noticed the posters. Further information will be published in the next Aymestrey Matters. HY pointed out that, as there is an election in May 2015, it would be a good opportunity for a potential councillor to 'try it out' in the short term.	LH
7	Parish Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Roads: Rachel Dixon (RD) is sending weekly updates on Balfour Beatty's work on road and other repairs. Significant progress seems to be being made. Yatton road potholes have been repaired. – Traffic Calming: HY reported that the police had been undertaking speed checks since July. To date 73 people have been caught breaking the speed limit 	

	<p>and they will all have been issued with a fixed penalty and/or requirement to attend a speed awareness course. The situation is being monitored to determine whether the speed checking activity is making a difference to traffic speed through the village.</p> <p>The outcome of the 'farm gate' trial in Bosbury is still awaited: Herefordshire Council will decide whether or not to support the installation of such gates generally. HY will contact Bosbury Parish for an update; LH will contact RD to enquire whether this is a matter of financial support or permission from Herefordshire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Circular Footpath: RD had confirmed that there was no financial support for this but had offered support and advice if the village wished to take it forward. A project leader/group is needed. LH to contact Ken Holland to ask if someone could be identified. – Footway from Riverside to Mill Lane: no further news. LH had sent background information to RD. LH to check with RD when and whether the work has been scheduled. 	<p>HY LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
7	<p>Updates on previous actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noticeboard (Aymestrey) MH is chasing a quote from a local carpenter. b. Purchase of cooker: a cooker has been purchased for the kitchen at a cost of £957.50 (excl. VAT). 	MH
8	<p>Payments were agreed according to the schedule below.</p> <p>An additional payment was agreed – to Wigmore School – sponsorship of a prize to be awarded at the Presentation Evening in November. JP and DD will attend the evening on behalf of Aymestrey Parish Council.</p> <p>Precept 2015-16: It was agreed that a precept setting meeting should be organised in October following the HALC Finances meeting. Proposals for 2015-16 precept would be put to the APC November meeting in time for submission to Herefordshire Council at the end of the year. LH to circulate income and expenditure April 2014 to date.</p> <p>Requests for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Parish Hall Management Committee have requested a further c. £1000 funding from next year's precept to provide stainless steel tables for food preparation. – The WW1 Research Group have requested funding for research, street poppies etc. 	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
9	<p>Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 142275 Aymestrey Barns. Removal of condition to restrict letting of 4 holiday cottages to holiday lets only. APC had commented on this application but no outcome had yet been seen. <i>NOTE: 25/9/14 – confirmation has been received that the application has been approved.</i> 	
11	<p>To review post received by the council and agree any appropriate action</p> <p>– see below.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p> <p>Date of next Parish Council meeting: 26th November 2014</p>		

FINANCE:**Bank balances @ 30/6/14:****(1) Natwest: £9,266.67****(2) Santander: Business Current Account: £351.65****(3) Santander: Business Reserve Account: £1,289.43****RECEIVED (but not in time to be included on statement: £1830 (Part 2 of precept 2014-5)**

Payments:		Amount £ (incl. VAT)	VAT £
1	Clerk's pay (August & September 2014)	80.00	-
2	PAYE on Clerk's pay	20.00	-
3	Clerk's expenses (travel to meeting £5)	5.00	-
4	Plusnet (Direct Debit payment - £33 x 2 monthly payments)	66.00	11.00
5	The Wash House (paid) – purchase of cooker for Aymestrey parish hall	1149.00	191.50
6	Wigmore School (prize for presentation event)	30.00	-
TOTAL		1350.00	202.50
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No payments requested			

POSTBAG - September 2014				
	From	Date	Concerning	Circulated
Regular mailings	Herefordshire Council	Weekly	Planning applications/decisions weekly update	No
	Herefordshire Council	Monthly	Funding update	>>HY
	Community First	Monthly	Community Grants etc	>>>HY
	Rachel Dixon	Weekly	(Locality Steward)Update on works undertaken	Yes
	SLCC	Monthly	Clerks & Councils Direct	No
	Police	As necessary	NHW Updates	Yes
	HALC	Monthly	Newsletter	Yes
	Herefordshire Council	29/8/14	Changes to electoral registration system	No
1	Balfour Beatty	18/8/14	Parish Briefing events 24/15 September	Yes
2	Herefordshire Council	12/8/14	Transparency code for parish councils i.e. publishing financial information etc. on parish website. Could become mandatory next year.	No
3	Herefordshire Council	8/8/14	New Community Web Page: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/government-citizens-and-rights/democracy/council-parish-town-council-and-councillors Contains all sorts of info. And specifically highlights next year's elections (national, county and parish).	Yes
4	Herefordshire Council	8/8/14	Briefing on Councillor's Code of Conduct – Hereford – 16/9/14	Yes
5	Balfour Beatty	Sept 14	Offa's Dyke Path Volunteers Update and Training Day Wednesday 24th September, 10am to 4pm Pandy Village Hall, near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire. Lunch provided	>> Don Griffiths
6	Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter	Sept 14	Update	>> HY
7	Wigmore School	Sept 14	Request for prize sponsorship (given annually)	No