

AYMESTREY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January at 7.30pm in Aymestrey Village Hall

Item	ACTION	
1	<p>Comments from the public: There were no members of the public present.</p>	
2	<p>Present: Cllrs. Mary Heale, Chair (MRH), Heather Yesson (HY), Marion Griffiths (MG), Mair Hardwick (MH), Rob Beavan (RB), John Probert (JP), Nick Bohemia (NB), Rachel Dixon (Locality Steward) (RD)</p> <p>Attending: Mr Brian Williams, Lengthsman</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs. Domenica Dunne, Roger Phillips (acting Ward Councillor)</p>	
3	<p>To receive a report from our Ward Councillor</p> <p>Cllr. Phillips had sent his apologies and forwarded his report, which is attached.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the meeting – 9 December 2014</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were unanimously accepted and signed.</p>	
5	<p>Declarations of Interest & dispensations</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
6	<p>To receive a report from our Locality Steward</p> <p>The Herefordshire Council (HC) Cabinet will assess requests for road resurfacing at their meeting in February: we will know what has been agreed in March. Scheduling will be done in due course.</p> <p>RD has been carrying out night-time inspections (to check whether roads are well-delineated and that signs reflect well). She has requested white lining - Aymestrey to Leinthall Earls, A4110 up to Wigmore and junction points, as the markings are very worn. An early warning has gone to HC advising that there is no remaining white line budget: HC & BBLs (Balfour Beatty) will meet to discuss.</p> <p>RD has met again with the Gatley Estate manager regarding drainage: copious quantities of water are wearing away the patched road surface. A drainage assessment has been made and a recommendation put forward accordingly. Resurfacing cannot be effected until the drainage issue is solved. RD has also checked the road from the quarry to Leinthall Earls re: water issues, where a gully was tarmaced over some years ago.</p>	
7	<p>There followed some discussion regarding the New Lengthsman Scheme (esp. what the Lengthsman's responsibilities would be where the extra tier of matched funding was <u>not</u> in place; what a management schedule (required for both the Lengthsman and P3 schemes) would look like etc. It is understood that various elements of the scheme are still under discussion but it is expected that this will be clarified at the forthcoming briefings by BBLs (3/2 and 10/2). RD, BW and LH will attend. In the meantime, Aymestrey PC's expression of interest in the standard level of Lengthsman funding and continuation of P3 scheme would be submitted.</p> <p>It is clear that the Lengthsman is required to have his own public liability insurance, LH will also check the insurance policy in respect of public liability.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
8	<p>Parish Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Traffic Calming: HY and MRH will meet with Simon Hobbs (SH), Senior Accident Investigation Officer for Herefordshire Council, to discuss measures which would be appropriate/possible for Aymestrey. Potential costs can then be assessed. Aymestrey PC will need to pay for any works/signage/gates etc. but it may be possible to access grant money from e.g. the Kingspan Community Fund. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Speed monitoring: There has been no police speed monitoring recently but it is hoped to increase this shortly. To date penalty notices have been sent out to 120 people. The data recorder has shown that average speeds through the village have dropped by approximately 2 mph. It is anticipated that drivers will slow down if they think there is a good chance the police might be monitoring. – Other Parish Plan activities: it was noted that the Parish Hall Management Committee have done very well. It is hoped that someone will take on the establishment of a circular path; there is a point of liaison with the Quarry, which needs to be kept in mind. All Councillors to revisit the Plan for discussion of other activities which can be taken forward – for next meeting. 	All
9	<p>Updates on previous actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noticeboard (Aymestrey): Don Griffiths (DG) has kindly made the new noticeboard . NB to liaise with DG regarding finish and sign-writing. b. Dog waste: this has become an issue on footways/the area in front of The Riverside. Various possibilities were discussed, including installing a waste bin & bag dispenser/putting up signs/leafleting/ including a piece in Aymestrey Matters were discussed. LH to contact Environmental Health dept. to enquire what can be done. 	NB/ DG LH
10	Payments were AGREED according to the schedule below. All in favour	
11	<p>Planning Applications – none received.</p> <p>‘Temporary’ buildings behind Mortimer’s Cross Inn. RP has asked the Planning Dept to progress this matter. LH to check whether an answer has been received.</p>	LH
11	<p>To review post received by the council and agree any appropriate action – see below.</p> <p>Addition: a request had been received from the History Society for the Parish Council to pay for display boards. These would be used in the Church to display material which has been accumulated regarding Aymestrey and WW1. One display board had already been purchased using funds raised by a member of the group herself.</p> <p>Councillors AGREED to spend up to £125 on the purchase of boards. These could be used for the duration of the display and then would be available for community use.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p> <p>Date of next Parish Council meeting: 25 March 2015</p>		

FINANCE: JANUARY 2015 MEETING

Payments:		Amount £ (incl. VAT)	VAT £
1	Clerk's pay (December 14 & January 15)	80.00	-
2	PAYE on Clerk's pay	20.00	-
3	Clerk's expenses - travel to 2 meetings @£5 (Meeting with MH & NB at Aymestrey & Parish Council meeting 28/1/15, Aymestrey) - £10.00	10.00	
4	Plusnet (Direct Debit payment - £33 x 2 monthly payments*)	66.00	11.00
TOTAL		176.00	11.00
LENGTHSMAN		-	-
No payments requested			

* LH to check Broadband usage.

POSTBAG - January 2015				
Regular mailings	From	How often	Concerning	Circulated (date)
	Rachel Dixon	Weekly	(Locality Steward)Update on works undertaken	Yes
	SLCC	Monthly	Clerks & Councils Direct	No

From	About
Police	Adam Harris taking up f.t. police training. PCSO Peter Knight taking over. (Written wishing AH luck and welcoming PK)
Ruth Scamp	Thanks from Parish Hall Mgt C'ttee for Cooker & invitation to look at new kitchen
Precept requests	For both Parish Councils – sent to Karen Jones by post ((WGPC - £16,000; APC - £4651)
Path clearing	RD informs that in future path sweeping will only be done in market towns. Local depot can be asked and delivery time will be 28 days – or can be done by lengthsman. We will arrange meeting in new year when Lengthsman scheme completely decided.
Herefordshire Council	Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter – Dec 2015
Balfour Beatty	December Newsletter Grit bins filled; sandbags available if needed; Speed Indicator devices for hire; new Lengthsman Scheme;
Came & Co.	Seasonal Newsletter – grit, snow, trees, policies etc.
Herefordshire Council/BB	New Lengthsman Scheme – full details, road lengths and expression of interest form.
Herefordshire Council/BB	P3 Scheme: Confirmation (footpaths scheme) continues 15/16
Community First	Petition to continue funding to Rural community councils
Police	SNT Newsletter – Jan 15
Balfour Beatty	Reporting of defects – now to be done via website: at https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-it - This is very straightforward!
HALC	Information Corner - offering Election Evenings for residents Quality Parish Council status Tree Wardens S137 limit for 2015/16 = £7.36 per elector

Herefordshire Council	Neighbourhood Planning – influence of election . No consultations/actions until after the election .
Herefordshire Council	Fastershire Update (Broadband) – North Herefordshire not scheduled so far (probably 2016-17) .
Herefordshire Council	'Community Listening Exercise' re Health & Wellbeing Strategy – 4/2/15
Herefordshire Council	Tree Wardens Scheme – do we want to join in? Would anyone like to volunteer?
Herefordshire Council	News Update: standing for election meetings (29/1/15 – for County Councillors) ; later meetings for potential Parish Councillors' information

Councillor Roger Phillips' report:

Winter is a challenging time for many people and services and I would urge you all to encourage everyone to keep an eye on the vulnerable members of our community particularly in bad conditions. In my patch we are dealing with the challenges of the lack of doctors at the Kington Practice, not a problem thankfully in Mortimer.

Last week over 30 locals, PC representatives and the PC consultant attended the planning meeting in Hereford and spoke on behalf of the community of Leintwardine in their opposition to the development of 45 houses off Rosemary Lane. I supported them and recommended 14 paragraphs of the National Planning Policy Framework as to why it should be refused. The committee supported us. The applicants have up to 6 months to appeal.

Once the Core strategy is in place we will be in a better place to defend ourselves from these types of speculate developments. The public inspection is beginning on 10th February at Hedley Lodge Belmont for 10 days. Included in the sections for her examination are the Hereford relief road, Leominster southern link road and Matter 10 the rural areas. Once she has completed her public inquiry stage and reported back to the authority the Council can move to adopt the strategy probably in the summer.

December saw the end of Hereford United with the club being wound up in the courts. The good news is that as a result Herefordshire Council has, as freeholders taken possession of the two leases and therefore regained the ownership of the ground. The opportunity now arises to develop the two ends of the ground and rent out the pitch and facilities to genuine local supports who can start to rebuild the club again.

The next year looks again challenging for the Council. The recent Government settlement announcement was in line with expectations of reductions although the rural sparsity element of funding was improved. Over the last four years the Council has had to find 49 million pounds worth of savings and in the next two years another 18 million pounds in order to balance the books. This is a national problem with Powys in particular difficulties compounded by their geography and the Welsh Assembly..

In this month's update I cover Highways including next year's capital priorities as discussed with Rachel and I will be bringing a map of the ward with all road numbers for all Parish Councillors to help with the reporting of any problems.

Keep warm and as ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to email me.

ROGER

HIGHWAYS

I have included the **total 2014 County mileage of the programme** to the end of November.

Total area laid April 2014 – November 2014

A Roads = 144,779.00 m2 = 13.40 Miles B Roads = 72,555.00 m2 = 7.25 Miles; C Roads = 184,492.00 m2 = 20.91 Miles; U Roads = 325,490.00 m2 = 62.59 Miles

Total miles on all roads April 2014 – November 2014 = 104.15 ; Total tonnage laid on all roads April 2014 – November 2014 = 106,041.00; Total number of roads surfaced April 2014 – November 2014 = 324

I have discussed next year's capital requests with Rachel Dixon your Balfour Locality officer and I enclose an extract from her email confirming the request to the 2015/16 capital programme (Subject to winter damage).

The primary list through to the Asset Team:

A4110 – all the way through Wigmore village

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A4110 – all the way through Leintwardine village

B4360 / North Rd – through Kingsland village from A4110 jct all the way to Cobnash jct

U91617 Stocking Lane - From jct with C1317 all the way up to Powys boundary

U92622 Killhorse Lane – from Elton jct with C1019 all the way to Portway / The Folly that meets the B4361

U92404 – Lucton (this requires drainage assesment too)

Orchard Rise estate in Orleton – can this be surface dressed, as the entire estate road is potholed and crazed

C1011 – from Byton crossroads jct with B4362 all the way north to where the new surface from last year was laid

U92010 – from Wigmore village jct with the A4110 heading west to the first layby on the left

U92407 – from Camp Hill Cottage jct, heading south east to the pond just by Oakleigh house

I also asked that the C1009, C1016 and U91615 be added to the 2015 programme list, as a secondary request.

I also requested velocity patching along the U92010 and U92006.

Jay Lane was on the 2014 programme list, and is still on there, subject to the road re-profiling arrangements.

The Aymestrey request was for the 92400, 92402 and 92201 – I requested these be added to the programme list some months ago.

The actual agreed 2015 resurfacing list has not yet been finalised and will be based on the condition survey that was carried out, and the recommendations from all the Locality Stewards.

In the meantime Parish Councillors, Clerks and members of the public can report a problem online at: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/roads-maintenance/how-do-i-report-a-highway-problem>

Alternatively they can contact [01432 261 800](tel:01432261800) which will take them to Herefordshire Council's Customer Service Team or the Clerk to Parish Council. I will be bringing a copy of all your highways for each Parish Councillor to the next meetings for you to use.