

Aymestrey Parish Council

Minutes Scheduled Meeting of the Parish Council
 Wednesday 24 July 2019 at 7.30pm in Aymestrey Parish Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ian Banks, Ian Goddard (Chairman) Helen Hamilton, Ken Holland (19:37), and Eleanor Waldron.

Absent: Cllrs Annaly Goodwin and John Probert.

In attendance: 3 members of the public, Footpaths Officer, Ward Cllr Carole Gandy & Maggie Brown (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Received from Cllr David Duggan.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - 2.1. No declaration of interest made.
 - 2.2. No requests for dispensations received.
3. **Open Discussion:**
 - 3.1. Ward Cllr Carole Gandy's [report](#) circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Gandy explained that not every parish council had received letter from Herefordshire Council Leader as mentioned in her report.
 - 3.2. Residents present reported: bund installed on private driveway effective in recent heavy rain.
 - 3.3. Reported by the Chairman:
 - 3.3.1. Message from resident - Footpath AY1 is overgrown (see item 16.3)
 - 3.3.2. PCSO Steph Harper received a report that nitrous oxide canisters have been found in the Parish Hall car park. A similar incident had occurred at Bath Cottage layby in December 2018. The car park has now been added to the Police patrol plan. Noted: similar canisters were found in the Church car park in 2017, and have been seen in other locations.
 - 3.3.3. Editors of Aymestrey Matters have given notice. Volunteers needed for the New Year in 2020.
 - 3.4. Reported by Cllr Ken Holland: Vegetation cleared around all 4 village gates with a sickle, and hedge cut back to within 1m of the roadside. The task should be easier next year as a result. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Holland for his efforts.
4. **Minutes:** RESOLVED: Minutes of the scheduled meeting held on 26 June 2019 be signed as a true record.
5. **Planning:**
 - 5.1. **P191656/L - Listed Building Consent** Gatley Park Leinthall Earls Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9TT, Proposed repair of garden walls including replacement of coping. , Valid [...]

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council has no objection to this application.*
 - 5.2. Additional Document, Surface & Foul Water Management Plan 9.7.19, relating to

P182069/F - Planning Permission Land Adjacent to the Village Hall - Plot 6;
P182071/F - Planning Permission Plot 7
P182072/F - Planning Permission Plot 1a

RESOLVED: *Aymestrey Parish Council OBJECTS to these three applications and asks that its comments be taken in consideration.*

 - 1) *Package treatment plants may not be relied upon to avoid harm to the ecology of the river (SSSI) as they only work if used properly. They are not infallible. The River Lugg is already failing targets for water quality.*
 - 2) *Natural England does not appear to have been re-consulted, despite having raised concerns about foul drainage arrangements within an SSSI impact risk zone.*
 - 3) *The applications are contrary to the Aymestrey Neighbourhood Development Plan which was adopted by Herefordshire Council on 5 July 2019.*
 - 4) *The Government has this week updated its [guidance on self-build housing](#). The argument that these proposals would provide self-build plots does not overcome the conflict with planning policy*

- 5) or the statutory duty to protect the settings of the Grade I listed church. The government has updated its guidance on assessing the need for self-build plots: the new method is likely to demonstrate that the need for self-build plots in Herefordshire is much smaller than indicated by the number of people who have registered an interest. I refer you to Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 67-003-20190722 Revision date: 22 07 2019

- 5.3. **P192305/F - Planning Permission** High View Farm Aymestrey Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9SZ, Proposed erection of a stable building in connection with the existing equine use (horse training and livery). , Valid [...]

RESOLVED: Aymestrey Parish Council wishes to raise its concerns that any expansion of this business is likely to increase inappropriate traffic, which may experience difficulties as the access is steep and in poor condition. It is concerned that insufficient information has been provided by the applicant.

6. Financial Matters

- 6.1. Report and budget update from Responsible Financial Officer received. Reported: Accounts to end Quarter 1 circulated. Spending generally under budget.
- 6.2. Noted: payments made between meetings
- 6.2.1. Direct debit on 20 June, £19.20 to PlusNet for Broadband and
- 6.2.2. £1,039.20 (£866 net) to Kedel Limited for two notice boards (paid 17 July, not yet deducted from General Reserve below).
- 6.2.3. Noted: balances and **RESOLVED** to approve payments:

Balance at 17 July 2019	Lloyds Bank	£16,573.38	
Ringfenced funds:	For Traffic Calming Schemes	£	5,857.43
	Parish initiatives	£	936.00
	Election Fund	£	500.00
	Reserve Fund	£	3,000.00
	General Reserve	£	2,526.05
	TOTAL ringfenced	£	12,819.48
	Un-ringfenced funds available:	£	3,753.90
	Online Payments Approved	Amount	VAT
		(incl. VAT)	
	Barringtons Print Ltd (Aymestrey Matters summer edition)	307.00	-
	Clerk's pay for 2 months (1 June to 31 July)	536.60	-
	HMRC PAYE	35.40	-
	Clerk's expenses: Mileage £6.75	6.75	-
	Total Payments	885.75	-
	Un-ringfenced balance after July Payments:	£	2,868.15

7. Responses to the following:

- 7.1.1. Herefordshire Council [Review of Polling Stations](#) **RESOLVED** to respond: Aymestrey Parish Council is pleased to note that no change is proposed to the poll station arrangements in the Parish of Aymestrey. We shall be obliged if you will contact us if there is any change to this proposal.

- 7.1.2. Invitation to 2nd Brimfield brook Natural Flood Management community group meeting **RESOLVED** Cllr Eleanor Waldron to respond to invitation if able to attend.

8. **"We Don't Buy Crime"** initiative in conjunction with West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner, John Campion. **RESOLVED:** Not to take part in this initiative. Clerk to investigate alternative options.
9. The **Parish Plan**. **RESOLVED:** to update the Parish Plan by listing outstanding actions and removing actions achieved or tried and aborted. Cllr Ken Holland to action. Noted: Cllr Barry Gandy's offer to email a copy of Orleton Parish Council's Welcome Pack. Thanks recorded to Cllr Holland for taking this on.

10. **Good Neighbour Scheme:** Reported: Approximate costs. SIM card - free. Phone approx. £10 - £15. Pay as You Go £10. Leaflets £189 - £230. Insurance £116.00 - £218.00. Insurance companies recommend having employers and public liability insurance. Leaflets to be circulated to every household with Autumn edition of Aymestrey Matters. Policies and procedures to be completed in next 2 months. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Ian Goddard to consider insurance requirements. **RESOLVED** Cllr Eleanor Waldron authorised to spend up to £450 on leaflets, telephone and insurance before the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council if required. The budget for this item to be topped up from General Reserves.
Thanks recorded to Cllr Eleanor Waldron for her work on this project.
11. **Notice Boards:** Reported: 2 new boards ordered; no delivery date received. Site at Parish Hall car park discussed with Hall Committee Chairman. Site at Mortimers Cross discussed with Cllr Annaly Goodwin, agreed best site between post box and bus stop. Repairs/restoration to be organised. Noted: Access to board in Yatton often obstructed by parked car. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Ray Wallace, Balfour Beatty, about siting of board at Mortimers Cross, and add new boards to Parish Council's insurance.
12. **Aymestrey Phone Box:** Reported: No reply received from Parish Hall Committee about siting and use. Noted: Box is in poor repair. **RESOLVED:** For safety reasons, Working Group to remove the door and store it elsewhere.
13. **Commando Bridge.** Reported: Could be added as Public Right of Way if a number of people attest the route has been in continuous use for over 20 years. Would provide a flat circular walk from The Riverside pub. No volunteers to take on project. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Ian Goddard and Ken Holland to assess site and potentially write to landowners to gauge support for project.
14. **Freedom of Information Request** noted.
15. **Detritus in Parish Hall Car Park.** Reported: Detritus removed by resident of the parish. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council's thanks to the resident are recorded; Clerk to send letter on behalf of Parish Council. (Resident's name omitted in accordance with Data Protection).
16. **Highways**
- 16.1. **Traffic Calming scheme.** Reported: White lines through Aymestrey Village touched up by Balfour Beatty. Build out at Church lych gate to be followed up, and report on Speed Indicator Devices prepared for September meeting by Cllr Ian Goddard.
Comments from residents present: traffic at Mortimers Cross still hectic.
RESOLVED: to take advice on Traffic Calming measures in Mortimers Cross for safety of residents and others.
- 16.2. **Lengthsman.** Reported: Gullies reinstated where removed by Gigaclear. No update on gullies at Woodhampton received.
- 16.3. **Footpaths.** Footpaths Officer reported: AY1 and AY1A cleared. Certain species difficult to clear with scythe. Spraying permitted, but spray course qualification required. The Mortimer Trail to be cleared from Lyepole Bridge to Ballsgate Common. Report of large Beech branch received. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to research spray courses in conjunction with Footpaths Officer. Authorised to spend up to £200.00 from General Reserves.
17. Noted: contents of the Information Sheet.
18. Noted: date of scheduled meeting Wednesday 25 September 2019, there being no scheduled meeting in August.

Meeting closed at 21:17

Signed ...*Ian Goddard*...

Cllr Ian Goddard
Chairman, Aymestrey Parish Council.

DATE 25 September 2019

Original signed and on file.