

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th September 2024 at Dinedor Village Hall

Present: Cllr. S. Penny - Chair
Cllr. T. Greenow
Cllr. J. Over

In attendance: Liz Kelso - Clerk/RFO
Cllr. D. Davies – Herefordshire Council
4 members of the public

103/2024 Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation

Apologies were noted from Cllr. Louch. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

104/2024 Minutes

104.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2024, which had been previously circulated, were adopted and the Chair authorised to sign as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

104.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2024

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105/2024 Public Participation

105.1 Ward Councillor Report

Members noted the report from the Ward Councillor as attached to these minutes.

When questioned about progress on the addition of Turnpike Lane to the Definitive Map, Cllr. Davies agreed to request a progress report.

105.2 Matters raised by members of the public in attendance

A member of the public raised concerns about accessing online services by Herefordshire Council.

105.3 Police Matters

West Mercia Police were not in attendance and had submitted no report.

106/2024 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report, as attached to these Minutes, was noted. Members noted the resignation of Cllr. Joe Davey and thanked him for his contribution to the parish council.

107/2024 Financial Matters

107.1 Payments now due:

The following payments were approved:

• HALC		
Website hosting & domain name	£225.00	
VAT	£45.00	
Total		£270.00
• E. Kelso		
Expenses including ink & software update	£67.06	
VAT	£13.41	
Total		£80.47
• Unity Bank		
Bank Charges (Direct debit)		£18.00
• First Rescue Training & Supplies		
Defibrillator pads & batteries (ref. 112/2024)	£175.00	
VAT	£35.00	
Total		£210.00

107.2 Receipts

There were no receipts since the last meeting but it was noted that the second instalment of the precept is due within the next few days

107.3 Budget review, account balances and bank reconciliation

The Clerk presented the budget review for the period 1st April to 31st August 2024 together with the bank reconciliation showing a balance of £8,136.26 as at the date of the meeting, as attached to these Minutes.

108/2024

Planning Matters

108.1 Applications for consideration

There were no planning applications for consideration.

108.2 Applications responded to under delegated powers since last meeting

None noted.

108.3 Applications notified under permitted development rights since last meeting

None noted.

108.4 Decisions by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting

Members noted application reference 241692 for Upper Gate House, Dinedor, has been approved with conditions.

108.5 To consider whether to submit a response to HM Government consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework

It was agreed not to submit any comments in this instance.

109/2024

Highway Matters

109.1 Lengthsman Report

There was no report from the lengthsman under this agenda item although members noted a change to the requirements for a claim under the scheme imposed by Herefordshire Council requiring all claims to include before and after photographs of the work for which funding was claimed. This requirement imposes an unrealistic administrative burden both on the claims process but also on the lengthsman and is being challenged by the Clerk and lengthsman.

109.2 Application for drainage funding

Councillors considered recommendations for projects under the drainage funding scheme and agreed that all would be included in an application to Herefordshire Council.

109.3 Footpath Officers Report

The footpath officers were not in attendance at the meeting but a report submitted for the newsletter was noted.

109.4 Public Rights of Way funding

Members noted that the application for funding for public rights of way has been agreed in part by Herefordshire Council. Funding for capital items has been agreed but estimated installation costs, obtained from potential contractors, has not been agreed by Herefordshire as they are felt to be higher than expected. It was noted that many larger parishes have volunteer groups who can install gates and stiles but this is not available to Dinedor. The footpaths officers and clerk are discussing options with Herefordshire Council and will report on discussions at the next meeting.

110/2024 Dinedor Camp

110.1 Update on Community work group activity

A report on a recent community work day was noted when 4 members of the public attended. It had been suggested that an additional community work day might be trialled to see if this resulted in more people coming forward. A repair to the flail mower is required but notice was too late to be included on the agenda for this meeting and will be considered at the October meeting.

110.2 Report from Dinedor Camp Steering Group

The Camp Steering Group has not met since the last meeting and it was noted that a new chair will be required following the resignation of Cllr. Davey. It was suggested that members of the parish council meet with the Steering Group separately. Cllr. Greenow agreed to convene this meeting.

111/2024 Dinedor Village Hall

Members noted that work is continuing on the design of the new kitchen with committee members visiting other community centres and village halls to view their facilities. A recent survey has confirmed that existing insulation of the building is adequate and consideration is being given to boarding the loft area so that it can be used for storage.

112/2024 Defibrillator

Noting that the defibrillator pads are now out of date, it was agreed to replace the pads and batteries at a cost of £175.00 + VAT.

It was reported that there will be an opportunity for CPR training after the next coffee morning at the Village Hall.

113/2024 Councillor Training Requests

There were no requests for councillor training.

114/2024 Reports from Councillors

Under this agenda item it was noted that there had been a recent power cut in the village.

It was also noted that refuse bins had not been collected from Dinedor Cross up to the Camp in the previous week. This will be raised with the waste management team at Herefordshire Council.

115/2024

Next Meeting and items for the agenda

As not all members are able to attend the next scheduled meeting, it was agreed to move the date to Thursday 24th October at 6.00pm in Dinedor Village Hall. Other than the items previously noted for the next agenda, it was agreed that a s106 wish list would be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

**BALLINGHAM BOLSTONE & HENTLAND, DINEDOR, HOLME LACY,
LITTLE DEWCHURCH, LOWER BULLINGHAM GROUP PARISHES
DINEDOR HILL WARD**

From your local County Councillor

David Davies

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I hope you have all had a good summer. I am currently busy looking at various local concerns from roads to green spaces and flooding prevention, as we head back towards wetter times.



The long established h.Art week exhibition of local artists work begins on 7th Sept till 15th Sept. It gives everyone the opportunity to see the work of individual artists in their homes or local locations against the background of the Herefordshire's beautiful landscape.

Herefordshire exams results last month continue to be at and above the national average. The A level success pass rate was 97.1% particularly helped by Hereford Six Form, which continues its outstanding achievement of being one of the most successful non selection six forms in England for well over the past 20 years. At GCSE 68.5% of our young people achieved grade 4 or above. Performance in science was strong with Herefordshire out performing nationally in physics, biology and chemistry.

Some important news from the new government on increasing house building. The Government expects Herefordshire to increase its house building by 80% from a projected 773 per year over the next 20 years to 1,375.

Herefordshire currently has 82,800 homes (of which 27,000 are in Hereford City) and will have to build an extra 27,500 over the next 20 years to meet the Government's new target. Given are aging population the problem we will have is building more homes

suitable for elderly and enough houses affordable for those working given the restraints on our housing market. The initial impact this announcement has is on our emerging Core Strategy which was due to be advanced next year. This is bound to impact on the timetable and require more consultation on where and what these extra homes should go and be.



This week sees the start of the new waste collection contract which was re-awarded to the existing contractors. My understanding is there is virtually no change to collections so please continue to put out your bins out as normal. There will be a roll out of some new collection vehicles including two electric ones for the City. Those who have collection days have changed have been informed.

Hereford Registry Office is due to move from the Town Hall to an office next door, this is due to happen around the middle of this month.

As ever if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe and well

Dave

HIGHWAYS

Last month saw extensive resurfacing and surfacing dressing works across the county.

The works were part of an 8 million pound capital budget spend which was part of the 2024/25 budget and follow the commitment given by the administration group of the council in last year's local elections to spend more on our highways. There will continued to be many surfacing and dressings across the County so look out for diversions.

This month's closures are listed below and were correct as of the 1st September but may be subject to alterations.

SEPTEMBER HIGHWAY WORKS

Church Road Holme Lacy 23202696 U72007 Resurfacing carriageway Road Closure Resurfacing carriageway (Carriageway) 28-07-2024 08-09-2024

Hentland 23219861 C1234 Tree trimming - No excavation Road Closure Outside Hentland House (Carriageway) 05-09-2024 05-09-2024

Green Crize 23214884 C1261 detailed examination of underbridge using road mounted MEWP & ladders. 23:00 - 06:00 Road Closure RAILWAY BRIDGE (Carriageway) 12-09-2024 13-09-2024

Ballingham 23219772 C1267 Road closure required for pole replacement and OH cabling work. Road Closure Opposite Rock House KILFORGE ROAD CAREY HR2 6QG (Carriageway, Verge) 16-09-2024 19-09-2024

Hoarwithy 23214880 C1262 PRIVATE WORKS - Tree cutting Road Closure at the junction with Hoarwithy Road (Verge) 24-09-2024 25-09-2024

PLEASE report potholes and concerns

Report problems on the road –

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road

Check on progress of a defect

herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/pothole-road-defect-progress-map

Report a serious pothole, flooded road or highway obstruction- Balfour Beatty Living Places : 01432 261800

Footpaths issues –

- PROW - PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk
- PROW No – **01432 383 550**

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your

https://link.edgipilot.com/s/f452e836/Hy5YWk_SgEGkleekL2ROFQ?u=https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

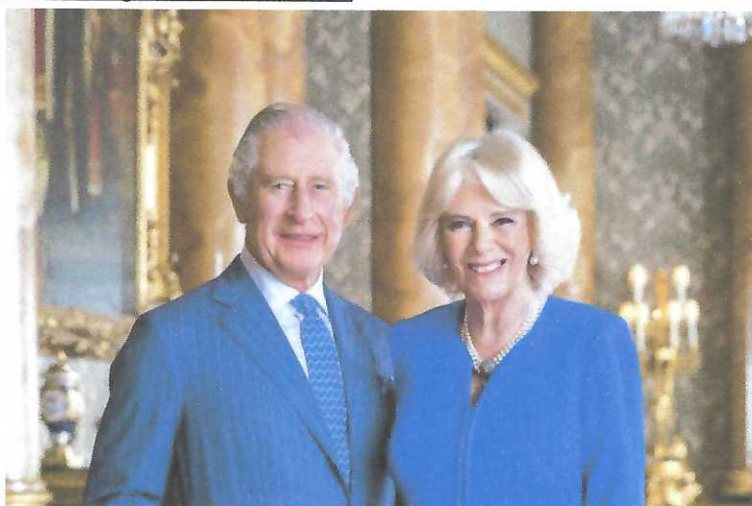
Royal Messages

The delivery of these messages is arranged by the Anniversaries Office at Buckingham Palace, continuing a tradition which goes back to 1917.

Birthday Messages

Cards are sent to those celebrating their 100th and 105th birthday and every year thereafter. The Centenarian Team at the Department for Work and Pensions notify the Anniversaries Office of those approaching their birthday to ensure everyone receives a message, so it is not necessary for individuals or their families to make an application.

Wedding Anniversaries



However, those celebrating their diamond wedding (60th), 65th, 70th wedding anniversaries and every year thereafter do need to apply. As unlike the state pension there is no centrally held information on marriages. The Anniversaries Office must receive an application for a card to be sent no sooner than 5 weeks before the

anniversary date- cards can be sent post anniversary within a few months. For more details visit <https://www.royal.uk/anniversary-messages>



Sign up to police alerts, you can choose which areas you want to hear about and what activity is taking place in that area. You'll also hear about positive police action, good

news stories and be able to play an active part in helping us with our public appeals.

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/bb21d405/UARq0VNajkqv1vLf0zKSJQ?u=http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact

Mathew.Neilson@herefordshire.gov.uk

Planning enforcement concern

PlanningEnforcement@herefordshire.gov.uk

Local Emergency Numbers



Environment Agency: 0800 80 70 60 (24-hours) or visit www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident

Flood alerts: Floodline 0345 988 1188. Sign up online at www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings to get Flood Warnings from the Environment Agency by phone, email or text message. If you live by a river or stream, keep a watch on current and expected water levels.

Power cut: Call 105 or visit www.powercut105.com

BT phone line issues: www.downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 or visit www.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas

Welsh Water: [0800 052 0130](tel:08000520130) (Water emergencies) or [0800 085 3968](tel:08000853968) (Sewer emergencies) or visit www.contact.dwrcymru.com/

The Citizens Advice Bureau Online at advice@citizensadviceherefordshire.org.uk for initial contact by email. Please also give a contact phone number in case we need to contact you for more information.

Supporting Ukraine

Local teams continues to organise supplies - details can be found on

<https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org.ukraine>

<https://www.facebook.com/drivingsupplioustoukraine/>

Dinedor Parish Council

Meeting held on 19th September 2024

Appendix 2

Clerks Report

The following items are brought to members attention but not the subject of a separate agenda item:

1. Parish Council Summit

The next Parish Council summit is scheduled for 8th October 2024 at 7.00pm in Herefordshire Council's Plough Lane offices. There will be a "market place" (an opportunity for networking and to find out about the work of different Herefordshire Council departments) from 5.30pm that day. If a councillor would like to attend, please speak to the Clerk.

2. Lengthsman Scheme

Herefordshire Council has added new requirements to claiming the grant funding under the current Lengthsman Scheme. Photographs of the work for which payment is claimed are now required as part of the claim process although both the Clerk and lengthsman have questioned this requirement as being bureaucratic and time consuming for small maintenance items. The lengthsman may comment further on this under agenda item 7.1

3. HALC

The Conference and Annual General Meeting for HALC (Herefordshire Association of Local Councils) will take place on Saturday 26th October between 0930 – 15.00 at Hampton Bishop Village Hall. A series of speakers are planned for the morning session (funding, pothole filing, play & street equipment) followed by a buffet lunch with the AGM in the afternoon session. As members of HALC, councillors are welcome to attend but booking is required for catering purposes. Please let the clerk know if you would like to attend.

4. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Members may be aware that Joe Davey has resigned as a parish councillor. A notice of vacancy will be placed on notice boards and the website inviting members of the public to request an election. There is also a notice on the Herefordshire Council website. To be valid, a request must be made to the Returning Officer of Herefordshire Council (Paul Walker) by ten or more electors of the parish within a specified 14 day time period. If no valid request is made within the period, the parish council is able to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

5. Parish Council Charter

The Clerk has been working with a small working party consisting of councillors from other parish councils, HALC and Herefordshire Council on reviving the Parish Council Charter; a document dating originally from 2011 which sets out the relationship and expectations of parish councils and Herefordshire Council. The latest meeting of the group took place on Wednesday 18th September at which a draft, drawn up by the working group, was rejected by Herefordshire Council. A list of subjects for inclusion is to be presented at the parish council summit scheduled for 8th October.

6. Dinedor Camp Access Road

The Clerk reported that she had receive comment from the Waste Management Team at Herefordshire Council requesting that trees in Camp Wood overhanging the Camp access road be cut back as branches are impeding the refuse collection vehicles collecting from properties on the road and at Dinedor Camp. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting although it was noted that not all overhanging trees are the responsibility of the parish council. It was further noted that recent use of a larger vehicle than usual for refuse collection had proved difficult for the operators.

	Year to 31.3.2024		Budget 2024-5		Actual to 31.8.2024		Forecast	
Income								
Precept	£	9,500.00	£	9,500.00	£	4,750.00	£	9,500.00
Grants	£	5,120.99	£	310.00	£	-	£	3,850.00
Outdoor Centre Insurance reimbursement	£	981.13	£	1,000.00	£	1,069.44	£	1,069.44
Transmitter income	£	2,000.00	£	2,000.00			£	2,000.00
Insurance Claim	£	-						
VAT reclaim	£	1,414.89	£	-	£	621.25	£	621.25
Other								
Total income:	£	19,017.01	£	12,810.00	£	6,440.69	£	17,040.69
Expenditure								
<u>General Expenditure</u>								
Staff costs	£	5,435.79	£	6,000.00	£	2,176.80	£	5,800.00
Temporary Staff Costs			£	-				
General Office Costs	£	639.99	£	500.00	£	130.28	£	500.00
Room Hire	£	264.00	£	350.00	£	120.00	£	350.00
Insurance	£	1,664.29	£	1,800.00	£	1,805.46	£	1,805.48
Lengthsman Scheme	£	1,820.00	£	3,000.00	£	932.00	£	3,920.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Other					£	-	£	4,790.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Camp	£	695.00	£	6,000.00	£	8,090.00	£	10,000.00
Purchases, other			£	600.00	£	-	£	600.00
Subscriptions	£	459.34	£	550.00	£	-	£	550.00
Audit Fees	£	249.75	£	300.00	£	283.25	£	283.25
Election costs	£	141.50	£	-	£	-	£	-
Advertising/publicity					£	-	£	-
Training	£	90.00	£	150.00	£	50.00	£	50.00
Website	£	225.00	£	250.00	£	-	£	250.00
Newsletter	£	330.00	£	400.00	£	165.00	£	220.00
Miscellaneous	£	330.00	£	100.00	£	-	£	100.00
VAT	£	621.25			£	1,888.72		
<u>Other Expenditure</u>								
Legal costs	£	-	£	500.00	£	-	£	-
Neighbourhood Plan	£	-	£	500.00	£	-	£	-
Donations & Grants	£	1,460.00	£	1,000.00	£	560.00	£	560.00
Total Expenditure	£	14,425.91	£	22,000.00	£	16,201.51	£	29,778.73
Net expenditure:	£	4,591.10	-£	9,190.00	-£	9,760.82	-£	12,738.04
Reserves:								
Opening Balance	£	13,305.98	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08
Add: Net expenditure	£	4,591.10	-£	9,190.00	-£	9,760.82	-£	12,738.04
Closing Balance:	£	17,897.08	£	8,707.08	£	8,136.26	£	5,159.04