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| 1.0 | <p><b><u>Co-option of councillors</u></b><br/> No candidates for co-option were presented at the meeting. There were some people present who were considering the role.</p>   |  |  |
| 2.0 | <p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b><br/> There were apologies for absence received from Cllr. Roger da Cunha (RDC)</p>   |  |  |
| 3.0 | <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</u></b><br/> There were declarations of interest recorded from Cllr White in relation to planning application 241760, land west of Field Fare, and from Cllr Jo Hawthorne in regard to the playing area Poplar trees.</p>   |  |  |
| 4.0 | <p><b><u>To receive, adopt and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</p>  |  |  |
| 5.0 | <p><b><u>To update in regard to the playing field Poplar trees - recent correspondence and further decisions</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Lisle advised that the ecological and bat survey had taken place and the report had been prepared. One tree had been designated for a re-check ahead of the felling. There had been no evidence found of bat habitat “per se”.<br/> Bird nesting would also be given consideration in the felling timetable, ahead of the trees coming down.</p> |  |  |

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| <p><b>6.0</b></p> | <p><b><u>To receive reports from</u></b><br/> <b>6.1) Ward Councillor</b><br/> The Ward Councillor had sent his report.</p> <p>The Ward Cllr summarised some of the points at the meeting. The Council had lost the £6.5 million grant from the Government and this had impacted finances. The Government emphasis appeared to be on urban and not rural areas. Council Tax would be going up by the maximum, 4.99%. The Ward Cllr urged residents to report road concerns and issues on the council website or ring it in on 01432 261800 and get a log number. This way the Ward Cllr can follow things up. A new Locality Steward would be taking over and the Ward Cllr would try to arrange a parish walk with the person to introduce the area and show the systems.</p> <p>Cllr Lisle advised that she had raised faults and they had been logged but it was not always easy to follow up on the action and outcomes.</p> <p>Cllr Lisle had received some communications about Aldwynt Farm and large vehicles following sat nav where they were getting into difficulties due to the road being unsuitable for HGV. The farmers were frequently finding themselves having to assist drivers whose vehicles had become stuck. There was a suggestion that perhaps Balfour Beatty could install appropriate warning signage to deter driver from just following their sat navs into the unsuitable roads. The Ward Cllr would take this suggestion forward.</p> <p><b><u>Balfour Beatty</u></b><br/> Information from the BB Locality Steward had been circulated when received. Lee Fishwick had left his post as Locality Steward.</p> <p><b><u>West Mercia Police and Golden Valley Bulletins</u></b><br/> Newsletters and information circulated when received</p> | <p>Ward Cllr</p> | <p>ASAP</p> |
| <p><b>7.0</b></p> | <p><b><u>Finance and policies</u></b><br/> <b>7.1) Confirmation of bank balances</b><br/> The current account balance stood at £12967.06. Actual balance with all outstanding payments made was £10830.34.</p> <p><b><u>7.2) To agree Invoices for payment (list of proposed payments to be provided)</u></b><br/> To resolve to accept payments as per listing:</p> <p>Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract for Jan)<br/> HM Revenue &amp; Customs (Tax due on salary) £159.40<br/> T Griffiths (Lengthsman, dog bins) Total £686.64<br/> New Ways Ecology Ltd. (Eco and bat survey) £453.50<br/> Dore Community Transport Donation £175.00</p> <p>The payments were resolved to be paid unanimously.</p>  |                  |             |

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|                   | <p><b>7.3) Village Christmas Tree</b></p> <p>The Duchy had donated a Christmas Tree for the Village Green in December 2024.</p> <p>The Clerk would send a thank you letter to the Duchy for the tree donation. Cllr Lisle would supply the Clerk with the contact details.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the possibility of getting a potted tree, as a permanent fixture for the village green and this would be on the agenda for the next meeting. This could then be lit each Christmas as the village tree. There may also be the option of a “stylised” tree and this would also be looked into.</p>   | <p>Clerk/JL</p> <p>JL</p> | <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> |
| <p><b>8.0</b></p> | <p><b>8.1) Play Area - update</b></p> <p>FT advised that the playing field was in good order. There had not been any “massive” branches falling, just a “few little twigs”. The brambles did require cutting back and this should take place in February/March ahead of the Easter Egg hunt. The bins on the play area were full and this had been reported.</p> <p><b>8.2) Roads and Footpaths</b></p> <p>The defects had been noted at various points within the meeting and would be followed up.</p> <p>It was also noted that Laskett Lane was in great need of repair.</p> <p><b>8.3) Lengthsman – activities and funding</b></p> <p>The Lengthsman was not present at the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair would speak to the Lengthsman regarding the action plans and also the bramble clearance in the play area.</p> | <p>CPW</p>                | <p>ASAP</p>             |

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| <p>9.0</p> | <p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p><b>9.1) To consider response to Planning Applications, as notified, and then determined by Herefordshire Council</b></p> <p>There were no further applications for consideration of comments, however there had been notification of a street lighting strategy in regard to planning:</p> <p><b>APPLICATION NO &amp; SITE ADDRESS:</b> Planning Consultation - 241760 - Land to the west of Field Fare, Little Dewchurch, Hereford, HR2 6PU</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 222666 (Outline planning application with all matters bar access reserved for the erection of approximately fifteen dwellings, including 35% affordable.)</p> <p><b>APPLICANT(S):</b> Mr Michael Jeff</p> <p><b>GRID REF:</b> OS 353257, 231924</p> <p><b>APPLICATION TYPE:</b> Approval of Reserved Matters</p> <p>The parish council had received proposals for the street lighting arrangements for the new development on land west of Field Fare.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr White would contact Andy Byng of the Herefordshire Council to ascertain more details in order that the parish council could fully consider the implications of the street lighting.</p> <p>Previously the council had indicated a wish for there to be observance of the “darker skies” policy so the bollard lighting or any overhead lighting would need to be considered with a view to commenting after the February Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p><b><u>From Andy Byng:</u></b><br/> <i>“SECTION 38 - HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 DEVELOPMENT AT LITTLE DEWCHURCH Please find enclosed a plan showing the above-mentioned proposal, which includes the construction of a new estate road. The developer is required to enter into an Agreement with this authority for the future adoption of this road under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980. A clause can be inserted into this Agreement requiring the provision of street lighting on the road. I should be grateful if you would consult your Council as to whether they would require the road to be lighted in order that the appropriate clause can be included in the Agreement if necessary. Please note that the Councils current specification for residential lighting is LED lanterns and the design levels in rural areas will be the minimum level permitted for highway lighting. Partial lighting of the road is not permitted under highway lighting regulations.”</i></p> | <p>LW</p> | <p>ASAP</p> |
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| <p><b>10.0</b></p> | <p><b>Information Sheet/Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>10.1) To note contents and correspondence</b></p> <p>Herefordshire Council:<br/>Talk Community bulletins</p> <p><b>Meeting dates for 2025</b></p> <p>February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, no meeting in August, September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup> and no meeting in December.</p> <p><b><u>Easting/Northing: 354451/231245 - Broadway Lands</u></b></p> <p>E mail from a resident about the <b>Herefordshire Council - Non Intervention comments for Enquiry 11172881</b>. The details of the e mail would be sent to the Ward Cllr for further enquiries to be made.</p> <p><b>10.2) Update on the Little Dewchurch Social Committee and activities</b></p> <p>Cllr Hawthorne updated regarding the Farming Minds fund raising event which had raised £215.21 for the initiative in spite of it having rained the day before. Mince pies and mulled wine had been served. There were plans ahead for further events such as Firework Display, Summer Fair, Easter Egg hunt and a Murder Mystery Event. There were also plans for an auction. There was a requirement for more volunteers, both to join the Little Dewchurch Social Committee and to help with events.</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>11.0</b></p> | <p><b><u>Update on 106 highways matters as raised by council</u></b></p> <p>This topic was discussed and the Ward Cllr advised that following the meeting on site with Scott Tompkins, the agreed works would be taking place once the better weather arrived as lining and road marking success was dependent on suitable conditions to help ensure their longevity.</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>12.0</b></p> | <p><b><u>Matters for the Agenda of the next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Usual items would be included. Also Christmas Tree (potted) and discussion of comments for the lighting proposals for the new development on land west of Field Fare</p>   |  |  |

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| <p><b>13.0</b></p> | <p><b><u>Confirmation of date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting</u></b><br/>         The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p><i>The Meeting closed at 9.11 pm</i></p> <p>Signed: .....Chair</p> <p>Date.....</p> <p>Website link: <a href="https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/">https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/</a></p> |  |  |
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