

LITTLE DEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Little Dewchurch Parish Council, held at the Little Dewchurch Village Hall, on Tuesday 12th November 2024 from 7.30 pm No. LDPC/AW/101

Present:

Cllr. Phil Williams (CPW) - Chair
Cllr. Jane Lisle (JL)
Cllr. Lisa White (LW)
Cllr. Roger da Cunha (RDC)

In attendance:

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright (AW) and Ward Cllr; David Davies (DD) plus two members of the public

Item	Notes	Allocated To	Timeframe
	<p><u>Public Question Time.</u></p> <p>There were two members of the public present. There was a comment made about the planning for the land adjacent to Field Fare (241760) in that there had been some changes made to the planning layout, but that there were still a number of properties going to be facing onto the houses in Field Fare.</p> <p>The Public Question Time closed at 7.35 pm.</p>		
1.0	<p><u>Co-option of councillors</u></p> <p>No candidates for co-option were presented at the meeting.</p>		
2.0	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>There were apologies for absence received from Cllr. Jo Hawthorne (JH) Cllr. Florin Tatoi (FT) was not present.</p>		
3.0	<p><u>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</u></p> <p>There were declarations of interest recorded from Cllr White in relation to planning application 241760, land west of Field Fare.</p>		

<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>To receive, adopt and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2024</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th October 2025.</p>		
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>To update in regard to the playing field Poplar trees – recent correspondence and further decisions</u></p> <p>Cllr Lisle had chaired the October 2025 parish council meeting. There had been a resume of the history about the Poplar trees and the reasons why they had to be removed from the location on the playing field. There had been a meeting with the contractor and the owners of the land where the access to the field would need to be made. The aim would be to carry out the felling of the trees in the Summer of 2025.</p> <p>A bird nesting survey would be carried out ahead of the felling date. The required felling licence had been obtained.</p> <p>A bat survey would be carried out and the Forestry Commission had indicated that a replanting program, after the felling, would be desirable.</p> <p>The Vice Chair advised that previous objectors to the felling were now “happy.” The members of the public present also confirmed that they were agreeable with the proposals.</p> <p>The parish council would keep a watch out for planting schemes and any available grant funding to help with the replanting. There could also be incentives and, hopefully, village involvement to achieve a new and suitable planting outcome.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>To receive reports from</u> 6.1) Ward Councillor The Ward Councillor had sent his report.</p> <p>The Ward Cllr reported that he had met with Scott Tompkins and Cllr Jane Lisle to look at the traffic calming requirements in the village. Scott Tompkins had since approached Balfour Beatty to ask them to do some work on behalf of the Little Dewchurch Village. Steps were going in the right direction, with moves to combat some of the previous works as they had been carried out.</p> <p>The Ward Cllr updated about the landslide at Hoarwithy and the condition of Laskett Lane. There were diversions in place. The council were trying to get the repairs carried out as soon as possible and to target the correct landowners to get the relevant repairs made as appropriate. The Ward Cllr advised that a charge could be levied against the land if the landowner does not respond to a request for assistance with funding the required repairs. The Ward Cllr had contacted the Highways Cabinet Member Ward Cllr Philip Price about the issues. Nothing had happened on this as at the time of the meeting. There was a noted impact on individuals arising from the closures and diversions.</p> <p><u>Balfour Beatty</u> Information from the BB Locality Steward had been circulated when received.</p> <p><u>West Mercia Police and Golden Valley Bulletins</u> Newsletters and information circulated when received</p>		
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>Finance and policies</u> 7.1) Confirmation of bank balances The current account balance stood at £14818.42. Actual balance with all outstanding payments made was £12776.66.</p> <p><u>7.2) To agree Invoices for payment (list of proposed payments to be provided)</u> To resolve to accept payments as per listing: Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract for Nov and Dec) HM Revenue & Customs (Tax due on salary) £105.80 and £84.60 T Griffiths (Lengthsman, dog bins) Total £604.08 Wyenet Internet Services web domain) £23.99 Mrs F White (playground inspection 2024) £62.50</p> <p>The payments were resolved to be paid unanimously.</p>		

<p>9.0</p>	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> 9.1) To consider response to Planning Applications, as notified, and then determined by Herefordshire Council</p> <p>There was one ongoing application for consideration of comments.</p> <p>This was for:</p> <p>APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 241760 - Land to the west of Field Fare, Little Dewchurch, Hereford, HR2 6PU DESCRIPTION: 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.) APPLICANT(S): Mr Michael Jeff GRID REF: OS 353257, 231924 APPLICATION TYPE: Approval of Reserved Matters</p> <p>The parish council discussed the application for reserved matters for the houses at the land west of Field Fare.</p> <p>The parish council had submitted the following comments:</p> <p>“The parish council is concerned regarding the concentration of properties on one particular boundary, that being the one buffering up to Field Fare, The suggestion is that the properties are reconfigured on the site to move the bungalows to the perimeter closest to Field Fare, and to move the double storey homes to a more central position in order to help minimise boundary density.</p> <p>The parish council would also like to make the request that all possible eco-measures are fully maximised on the site, including grey water recycling and solar generation where possible. The installation of solar panels and electric charging points to be fitted, as appropriate, to facilitate energy generation and car charging.”</p> <p>Further discussion about the application took place at the meeting and it was noted that some alterations to the plan had been made before October and so had not been fully reflected in the parish council deliberations. The parish council (via the Clerk) would ask the Planning Officer, Ollie Jones, to please consider, fully, the parish council comments as they had been submitted.</p>	<p>AW</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
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<p>10.0</p>	<p>Information Sheet/Correspondence</p> <p>10.1) To note contents and correspondence</p> <p>Herefordshire Council: Talk Community bulletins</p> <p><u>Barclays Bank</u></p> <p>Terms and Conditions alterations in line with bank policy. Future bank charges may be applicable.</p> <p>Future Little Dewchurch PC - Meeting dates for 2024 - all from 7.30 pm in the Little Dewchurch Village Hall</p> <p>No meeting in December.</p> <p>Meeting dates for 2025</p> <p>January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, April 8th May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, no meeting in August, September 9th, October 7th, November 11th and no meeting in December.</p> <p>10.2) Update on the Little Dewchurch Social Committee and activities</p> <p>Cllr Hawthorne had sent her apologies but had reminded about the Christmas event to coincide with the tractor run on 7th December. Mulled wine and mince pies would be served and Santa would be in attendance.</p> <p>The supply of the annual Village Christmas Tree was being sorted out as the there had been a supply issue with a previous source.</p>	<p>CPW</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>11.0</p>	<p><u>Update on 106 highways matters as raised by council</u></p> <p>This topic was discussed and an update on highways works given during the Ward Cllr's Report Agenda Item 6.1)</p>		
<p>12.0</p>	<p><u>Matters for the Agenda of the next Meeting</u></p> <p>Usual items to be included</p>		

<p>13.0</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting</u> The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 from 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Due to the confidential nature of the business of these agenda items, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of the following agenda item (14 only)</p>		
<p>14.0</p>	<p><u>To discuss implementation of 1/04/24 pay award (back dated) and increment from 1/04/24 in line with NIC correspondence</u></p> <p>The Clerk and Public left the meeting for the discussion of Agenda number 13. The parish council resolved that the NJC Pay Award should be implemented, together with an incremental uplift, with effect from 1/04/24, and the arrears backdated.</p> <p><i>The Meeting closed at 9.04 pm</i></p> <p>Signed:Chair</p> <p>Date.....</p> <p>Website link: https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/</p>		