

8.0 Planning

To consider response to Planning Applications, as notified, and then determined by Herefordshire Council

There was a planning application for discussion:

8.1) APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 203569 - Inchfield, Eaton Bishop, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9QX

DESCRIPTION: Extension to rear of property and removal of garage.

GRID REF: OS 345030, 239472

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

In regard to application 203569, a site visit had taken place and the questions that had been raised by the parish council, regarding drainage matters and the house orientation and footprint, had been answered to the satisfaction of the parish council. It was resolved that the parish council would support the application.

8.2) To update regarding Neighbourhood Planning Review

Cllrs Wall and Chatwin had attended a Zoom Meeting Review on the Neighbourhood Planning situation. Cllr Chatwin gave a resume of the discussion and advised that the Eaton Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan was currently considered to be robust and not in need of significant review. Some changes could be made, and then consulted upon and ratified, in order to achieve "full weight". The question of the designated NDP buffer zone had been discussed in terms of why some planning had been permitted within this zone and the comment was that it was felt to be "too strict". The buffer zone had been designated in consultation with the Herefordshire Council, who had made changes to the area while in the consultation period. The current plan was described as having "no real faults" and there was an opportunity for further discussion to take place in order to explore changes to improve the nature of the plan. It was stated that there was no requirement for a full review at present and that the parish council would continue to work with the Planning Department regarding local planning applications. There could be change ahead when the White Paper (Planning Reform) came into force.

9.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

9.1) To note any defects to be reported to Balfour Beatty

Cllr Wall BEM advised that the road from the Ruckhall Kiosk to Camp Villa had been maintained, in the past, to some extent by Herefordshire Council. It was being described as a Public Right of Way (PROW). Cllr Wall BEM had met with a representative of the Church Commissioners Land Agents, who was the person responsible for the Herefordshire Church Commissioners Estate. The Land Agent went through the lease agreement held by the parish council for the common land parcels. He stated that the parish council was not responsible for maintaining any access in the lease. The Land Agent would talk with the Church Commissioners, and in turn with the Herefordshire Council, to find out why works had been carried out in the past and were not being done presently. The Locality Steward had provided maps that indicated that the PROW had not been an adopted road. The Commons Department at Herefordshire Council may be approached to find out details of the upkeep record. The Land Agent was not "happy" that some of the PROW potholes had been filled in with bricks. The filling should be scalplings, or tarmac if the road were covered with tarmac. No widening of the access with scalplings would be allowed. The Agent was also not happy to find that people had been parking on the grass down the PROW. The purpose was for access only. The verges were to be kept as verges. The Agent advised that he was pleased with how Honeymoon and Little Marsh commons were looking. He had also looked at the verge markers around Ruckhall Common and the Chair had explained about these. The Land Agent was looking into detail of access off the commons and would be looking to prevent the access points becoming any bigger. He would be writing in reference to the local access points. The Chair would ask a previous chair to confirm regarding his knowledge of previous PROW upkeep repairs.

The bridge at Ruckhall had been swept of leaves and the salt bin missing from New Barns Farm had been replaced. The flooding across the road below Vallets Farm would need to be addressed as it was, again, becoming an issue.

9.2. To put forward work for the Lengthsman

Grips and gullies etc. and seasonal upkeep works. Some straight "Way mark" arrows would be dropped in for Cllr Ball.

10.0 Information Sheet and Correspondence

10.1) To note Information and Correspondence sheet including:

- Hereford Transport Strategy Review
- Weekly Covid update 27/11/20
- 3 items including Licensing Policy draft - summary of change
- ROAD CLOSURES - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020 - 20.11.2020

11.0 Matters to be raised on the Agenda for the next meeting

All the usual items would be on the Agenda.

12.0 Confirmation of the date of the next Meeting

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 13th January 2021, from 7.30pm, via Zoom Platform unless otherwise advised.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed:

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Chairman

Date 13th Jan 2021

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