

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.30pm in Lingen Village Hall.

Present

Councillors: Geoff Bevan, Maggie Brown, Susan Harley, Richard Ruell, Simon Whiteman (Chair)

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson

PCSO Adam Harris

Responsible Financial Officer Andrew Gray

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from:

- 1.1 Cllr Gurney – work commitment
- 1.2 Cllr Miles - unwell
- 1.3 Ward Councillor Olwyn Barnett - unwell
- 1.4 Cllr Chilman – arrived at 8.30 due to school meeting
- 1.5 Cllr Morris – not present but no apologies received

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: None

3. Open Session

3.1 PCSO Adam Harris reported that overall crime was low but there had been a theft of batteries from dumpster trucks involved in local roadworks. A P.O. box had also been stolen at Pedwardine but was later found in a field. This sort of theft is becoming more common due to fewer collections in rural areas and the possible higher value of contents.

The rural crime initiative ‘Stop that Thief’ has now been rolled out across Herefordshire. This was discussed in detail at our April meeting with a presentation from PC Dick Alford.

Councillors were keen to hear more about the Community Speedwatch scheme which was recently piloted in Wigmore with 8 trained volunteers. PCSO Harris reported that this scheme reduced speeding on occasions it has been used and explained that a recorded speed of 35mph or above in a 30 mph zone, will trigger enforcement action. 30 groups across West Mercia Police area have already approached the Safer Roads Partnership to set up their own scheme and anyone else interested should contact PCSO Harris in the first instance.

3.2 No report from Ward Councillor Olwyn Barnett:

3.3 No reports

3.4 No issues raised

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 23rd September 2014

These were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

5. Finance

5.1 RFO provided a report showing current bank balances and identified the following payments which were ACCEPTED and cheques raised:

5.2 AGREED to pay £63.82 – Clerk’s expenses

5.3 AGREED to contribute £30 towards History prize at Wigmore School (Sec 137)

5.4 AGREED to pay re-submitted HALC invoices of £60 and £12 at November meeting following clarification

5.5 AGREED to re-issue a cheque for £457 to Lingen originally sent in July 14 but never cashed and now presumed lost.

Current Bank Balances

5.6 Current a/c £13,264.31

5.7 Highway Maintenance a/c £4,083

5.8 P3 (footpaths) £1,994

5.9 Savings a/c £854,54

The RFO reported that BGPC spending is currently under budget but with elections next year this underspend is likely to be needed. The Precept and Budget for 2015/16 will be discussed at the November meeting

6. Planning - to consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following applications:

6.1

SITE: Well House, Lingen, Bucknell, SY7 0DY
DESCRIPTION: Proposed demolition of garage and outbuildings, and erection of a new garage and storage building
APPLICANT(S): Mr J Street
APPLICATION NO: P142956/FH
GRID REF: OS 336653, 266722
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

Response sent 27.10.14 – no objections

6.2 Standing item ref use of Sec 106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F – awaiting an update from Yvonne Coleman, Planning Obligations Officer

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 The next stage is to allocate possible development sites in the 3 main villages. This information will be fed back in 2 weeks' time to the Steering group. A response rate of 55% to the questionnaire was very encouraging.

Minutes/other information from any NP meetings will be made available on lingenweb and the BGPC website - www.bordergroup-pc.org - where a separate page has been set up for easy access to information around NP

8. Highways

8.1 P3 (footpaths)No report available

8.2 Access between A4110 and B4530 – it was reported that the pony was no longer there but concerns expressed that such impediments are unpredictable. It was AGREED to renew the gate post.

8.3 Lengthsman - ditching has been undertaken in Buckton and Coxall, Brampton Bryan and Lingen. Balfour Beatty are providing a culvert by Well House, Lingen, which will be installed by the lengthsman. Ditches will be cleaned by Walford Chapel to ease the flow of water.

8.4 Walford speed limit – still awaiting formal decision from Hereford Council re the introduction of the 40 mph speed limit.

8.5 Junction of C1001 and A4113 – at the Chairmen and Clerks' meeting on 23rd October Paul Segrott (Agent for the Harley Estate) said he would write to the Clerk

with a view to progressing this by lowering the wall at the junction to improve visibility.

9. To review BGPC Code of Conduct

It was confirmed that BGPC had adopted the Herefordshire Code in August 2012 and this would now be put on BGPC website. The revised Standing Orders for the conduct of business have been circulated and will be adopted at the November meeting

10. Provision of skips for use of parishioners

AGREED that 4 skips likely to be needed across BG and that Sec. 106 monies could be used for this as it will cost a lot of money. **See item 6.4 above**

11. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

12. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda (no discussion) –

Precept and Budget for 2015/16

Reeves Hill Windfarm –Powys County Council are due to make a decision over the access road on 6th November

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.35p.m

Signed..... Date.....