

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Brampton Bryan Village Hall.

Present

Councillors: Geoff Bevan, Maggie Brown, Steve Chilman (Vice – chair), Clive Gurney, Richard Ruell, Simon Whiteman

In attendance: 2 members of the public
Andrew Gray (Responsible Financial Officer)
Clerk Maureen Robinson
PC Dick Alford and PCSO Mark Boden

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from:

- 1.1 John Miles (Chairman) – in hospital
- 1.2 Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett
- 1.3 Cllr Philip Morris – in hospital
- 1.4 Cllr Susan Harley

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations:

Cllr Gurney declared an interest in item 6.1 under Planning and signed the Declaration of Interest book as a record

3. Open Session

3.1 PC Dick Alford and PCSO Mark Boden – a very interesting and informative report on a new crime initiative in Kington called ‘Stop that Thief’. This had been successful in Dorset and involves visiting victims of crime, offering advice around prevention and crucially, fitting an alarm to properties. This is trialled by the householder for 3 weeks then option to purchase. With funding from NFU and Crime Prevention agencies, alarms have been bought locally and ‘Stop that Thief’ will be rolled out across the county following the official launch on May 22nd.

The options include:

£85 – for basic alarm box, door contacts and audio alarm. Other items can then be added.

ANPR – can be installed to cover long driveways etc

The local contact is PCSO Adam Harris who can be reached by phoning 101, ex 4539

3.2 Report from Ward Councillor Olwyn Barnett: No report available

3.3. Chairman’s Report – as the Chairman was absent, the Vice Chairman reported on a meeting of Chairmen and Clerks at Leintwardine on 9th April. Rachel Dixon has been appointed Locality Manager for our area and is based at Kingsland. Balfour Beatty are looking to trial pothole work by lengthsman from July 14 and concern continues to be expressed across Mortimer Ward over the state of the roads and the inadequacy of patching

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 25th March 2014

These were APPROVED and signed by the Vice -Chairman with the amendment that Cllr Ruell did not sign the Declaration of Interest record as no interest to declare in item 6.4 and 6.5 under Planning

5. Finance

- 5.1 RFO’s Monthly Report.
Current a/c - £6,068
Highways a/c - £5,995.99

It was noted that £182 will be transferred to P3 a/c from Highway Maintenance a/c
P3 a/c - £52

Final accounts will be brought to May meeting. It was NOTED that new legislation exempts Parish Councils with an income of less than £25, 000 from external audit but the process appears identical using an Internal Auditor instead. This might result in a saving in not having to pay for an External Audit but felt it needed further investigation before any changes made. Discussion continued over who might be willing to act as Internal Auditor this year. This will be confirmed at next meeting

RFO identified the following payments/receipts which were ACCEPTED and cheques raised:
5.2 £119.02 – Clerk’s expenses

5.3 The request for a contribution to the interior decoration of Adforton Community Hall was discussed but felt on balance BGPC would not be able to contribute as it would then have to consider requests from other bodies and did not have funds available to support all such requests.

5.4 Electronic banking – it was decided not to switch at present as the very low level of transactions did not warrant the possible increased risk

5.5 – 1st instalment of Precept noted

5.6 AGREED to pay invoice of £90 for hedge trimming

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

6.1.

SITE: Abbey Court Farm, Wigmore, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9UF
DESCRIPTION: Construction of an agricultural building to house a slurry separator
APPLICANT(S): Mr Clive Gurney
APPLICATION NO: P140565/F
GRID REF: OS 341102, 269955
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

BGPC raised no objection to above

6.2 **Standing item** - Planning Obligation Agreement s106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen. Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F. AGREED Clerk should produce a list of existing Sec 106 contributions as identified by Herefordshire Council. It will then be possible to come up with a ‘wish –list’ to put forward for consideration.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 Following successful funding bid, it was AGREED to call another meeting of the Steering group with a view to producing a questionnaire to go out to all householders across BGPC.

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) – all work now up to date
- 8.2 Blocked Access A4110 and B4530– the gates have been unlocked and it was AGREED to monitor the situation for a month.
- 8.3 Lengthsman – little to report -primarily clearing ditches and culverts. It was reported that water misses the ditch in Lingen and pours over the road as the pipe between the two is disconnected. Queried if lengthsman could fix it?
- 8.4 No developments over speed limit
- 8.5 Erosion of bank at Buckton – No further response in time for PC meeting from Cllr Price or Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett. AGREED Clerk should make further attempt to get a response
- 8.6 Reduction/removal of large tree at junction of A4113 and C1017 at Adforton –still no response to query beyond it has been logged for inspection

9. Information Sheet – Members noted the Information Sheet.

10. Border News – no new edition planned as info can now be found on BGPC website.

11. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda (no discussion): None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50p.m.

SIGNED **DATE**