

**Border Group Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.30pm in Brampton Bryan Village Hall.**

**Present**

Councillors: John Miles (Chairman), Geoff Bevan, Maggie Brown, Steve Chilman, Clive Gurney, Susan Harley, Philip Morris, Simon Whiteman, Clerk Maureen Robinson

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public

Andrew Gray (Responsible Financial Officer)

**1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from: Cllr Richard Ruell, Mike Oliver (Footpaths Officer), Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett

**2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations:** There were none.

**3. Open Session**

3.1 PCSO Harris did not attend so no report available. Last month's was very in depth however

3.2 Cllr Olwyn Barnett unable to attend so no report

3.3 Report from Clerks' and Chairmen's meeting 6.10.13 in Leintwardine:

The Community Bus is ceasing and will be sold. There will be a meeting on 17th October to discuss Leintwardine Library. Proposed to be run by volunteers and Leintwardine PC will pay for lighting, heating and cleaner It was suggested that neighbouring parishes might consider a donation towards running costs and budgeting for this in Precept. There is to be an expansion of the Lengthsman Scheme and a questionnaire has been circulated by Balfour Beatty – ( received by BGPC ). It was felt that Balfour Beatty had not made a promising start to their contract. Rob Williams continues to be the link between PC's and Balfour Beatty.

3.3.1 Mill Cottage – Paytoe. Currently 3 male residents accommodated. Next meeting between BGPC and manager scheduled for November '13

3.4 Views of local residents – none raised

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 17th September 2013**

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

**5. Finance**

1.1 RFO's Monthly Report.

Current a/c - £5,491

Highways a/c - £2,443

P3 a/c £1,366

This financial year BGPC has spent £3,757 compared to £9,395 in 2012/13

RFO identified the following payments/receipts which were ACCEPTED and cheques raised:

- 5.1.2 £100 – Grass cutting P.R Eades
- 5.1.3 £105 – Viking Stationery
- 5.1.4 £20 – Hire of Brampton Bryan Hall
- 5.1.5 £30 – Donation to Wigmore School for History Prize. ( Cllr Chilman will attend event on behalf of BGPC)
- 5.1.6 -£4 to Land Registry for search fee
- 5.2 **Precept** – 2nd and final payment of £3,750 received

**6. Planning - to consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following applications** – Ref 132265/F Bramble Barn, Walford Farm Lane, Walford, Leintwardine, Craven Arms SY7 0JT – to consider removal of conditions 5,6,7 of Planning Permission NW2003/3678/F

**BGPC made the following comment - we do NOT support removal of Condition 5 but do not object to removal of Conditions 6 and 7.**

In a separate discussion questions had been raised by residents in Walford over conversion of a barn where it appeared no permission had been sought. Residents were advised to speak directly to Planning Dept

## **7. Parish Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan**

7.1 At the PP meeting on 23rd September it was decided that NP should be the main focus given resources available and the Parish Plan should be shelved pro tem. Members of the Parish Plan Steering group would be invited to join the NP steering group and/or future NP meetings.

7.2 At the meeting on 1st October funding for the NP was discussed and it was felt the best option was to explore claiming an initial £1500 (out of a possible £7,000) to cover interim costs of hall, hire, printing, refreshments etc. It was AGREED that the Clerk should follow this up. All applications need to be done on line. It was also AGREED that a Public Meeting should be held for parishioners to give their views on NP. A flier giving basic information about what a NP is, will be produced and distributed to every household in Border Group and a ‘Drop-in Event’ held at Lingen on 29th October to which Sam Banks will be invited. A large map of the whole Parish will be required for display. Clerk to research cost further for an ‘AO’ size

7.3 It was AGREED to ask Emma Lawrence ( Planning Dept) for her advice on community consultation

**Minutes from any NP and Parish Plan meetings will be made available on lingenweb and the BGPC website**

## **8.Highways**

8.1 P3 – Work on footpaths continues

8.2. Blocked access between A4110 and B4530 - AGREED to pay £4 to Land Registry for an initial search to see if the piece of land in question is registered.

8.3 Traffic speed through Walford – response from Balfour Beatty indicates nothing likely to happen in near future and they will be in touch to discuss. Clerk queried this response on 6.11.13 but no reply to date

8.4 Work undertaken by Lengthsman – opening of grids to facilitate water flow

8.5 Salt bins – already in hand by Balfour Beatty

**9. Information Sheet** – Members noted the Information Sheet.

**10. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda:**

10.1 To consider running a ‘Heart Start’ course in conjunction with surrounding Parishes. Clerk to contact Wigmore and Aymestry Clerk as she had been gauging interest for this.

10.2 Precept

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10pm

**SIGNED** ..... **DATE** .....