

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7.30pm in Brampton Bryan Hall.

Present

Councillors: John Miles (Chairman), Geoff Bevan, Maggie Brown, Steve Chilman, Philip Morris, Simon Whiteman, Richard Ruell, Clerk Maureen Robinson

In attendance: 1 member of the public
 Andrew Gray (Responsible Financial Officer)
 Mike Oliver (Footpaths Officer)

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from:

- 1.1 Clive Gurney
- 1.2 Susan Harley

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

3. Open Session

- 3.1 Ward Cllr – Mrs Barnett reported that there would be an Extraordinary meeting of the County Council on 19th July to discuss the Local Development Framework given concerns over housebuilding in Market towns and Hereford. There was no further news on CIL payments as the Budget is currently the top priority. The financial situation remains dire as Herefordshire still receives less funding from Central Government due to present funding formula. Cllr Barnett said fewer complaints had been received regarding potholes although Cllr Chilman asked for urgent action at Willey. Grass cutting is now underway.
- 3.2 Verbal reports from Councillors – none received
- 3.3 Views of local residents on parish matters – no matters were raised.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 18th June 2013

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

5. Finance

- 5.1 RFO's Monthly Report.
 Current Account - £3,367.00 credit
- 5.2 RFO identified the following payments/receipts which were ACCEPTED and cheques raised:
 - 5.2.1 £4,765 Lengthsman
 - 5.2.2 £240 Refund of Salary paid to Richard Ambrose (previous Clerk)
 - 5.2.3 Clerk's expenses £77.62.
- 5.3 RFO requested that any invoices which came in before the next meeting in September should be paid so people do not have to wait a long time before receiving payment. Any such payments will be listed on the next meeting agenda. This was AGREED

6. Planning - no applications received

7. Neighbourhood Development Plan/ Parish Plan

There will be a meeting of the Parish Plan group on Tuesday July 30th at Lingen. A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer must be elected before any grants can be applied for and ideally the Steering group will comprise a cross section of all the Parishes although the Parish Council is the lead body. The RFO volunteered to be Treasurer should this be accepted at the meeting.

NDP – Concern was raised over the viability of doing 2 plans, although it was accepted that the NDP provides greater control over planning as it is statutory. It was agreed to set a date for a meeting once Sam Banks (Planning Officer) returned from leave in August. All agreed the importance of encouraging the widest participation possible from local residents across the 6 individual Parishes within Border Group

8.Highways

8.1 Lengthsman -the Footpaths Officer queried the payment to the Lengthsman. It was pointed out that a great deal of work had been undertaken hence the large bill.

8.2. Blocked access between A4110 and B4530 – Mr Mable visited and took photos of blocked access. BGPC AGREED to send a letter to Mr and Mrs Price pointing out they were in contravention of Sec 130 (2 and 3) of the Highways Act 1980 and requesting action be taken to unblock the access no later than 1st August 2013. Copies to be sent to Mr Mable and Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett.

8.3 Traffic speed through Walford – discussion over possible imposition of 40mph speed limit (no limit originally). AGREED to contact Amey and cc Olwyn and to ask Police for their advice

8.4 Work undertaken by Lengthsman – culverts cleared at Letton. It was pointed out that using the lengthsman had resulted in considerable savings compared to Amey and Cllr Chilman was hoping to obtain a breakdown of these costs from Herefordshire Council. No further work was planned apart from cleaning of road signs

9. Update on Website

9.1 The domain has been registered and the website is ready to go live. It has cost US\$ 59 for the year (special offer). It was agreed that Cllr Ruell and the Clerk should be the only people to add items for the time being. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Ruell for his work in setting this up

10. Information Sheet – Members noted the Information Sheet.

11. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda: Revisit Core Strategy following Hereford Council meeting on 19th July

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm

SIGNED **DATE**