

**Border Group Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 7.30pm in Lingen Village Hall.**

**Present**

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

**In attendance:** 11 members of the public  
Andrew Gray (Responsible Financial Officer)  
Ward Councillor Mrs O. Barnett  
Clerk Maureen Robinson

**1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from: Cllr Clive Gurney

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

**3. Open Session**

3.1 PCSO Harris gave his apologies and emailed Clerk to say no incidents to report

3.2 Report from Ward Councillor Olwyn Barnett:

Cllr Barnett reported that changes to school transport policy would now come in from 2015 to allow for transitional arrangements. The hope is that funding will continue to go according to catchment areas rather than the nearest school only.

Locally there was concern about subsidence of the gravel bank between Bucknell and Brampton Bryan with further flooding possibly leading to residents being cut off. The Environment Agency is responsible for the maintenance and Cabinet member Phillip Price is dealing with this.

3.3. Chairman's Report – the next meeting with Mill Cottage Paytoe, will take place on 5th March. Unable to attend scheduled meeting on 11.2.14 due to flooding

3.3.1 Chairman reported that the lorry had been moved from the car park at Adforton following request from Clerk.

3.3 Cllr Bevan reported on a recent burglary at a property in Birtley and emphasised the need to be vigilant following a similar incident in Willey

3.4. A number of residents from Buckton attended the meeting to voice concerns over the dangerous junction from the C 1007 onto the A4113 and the urgent need for a 40 mph speed limit through Walford to minimise the risk of further accidents. The spokesman for the group pointed out that there is a similar speed limit on the A4113 from the Jolly Frog into Leintwardine where there are fewer houses than in Walford. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Cabinet member Price to request a site meeting as it is now many years since this issue was first raised with no action to date. It was also suggested that a public meeting be organised to enable local residents to express their views. Ward Cllr Barnett also offered her support to action.

#### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 21st January 2014

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

#### 5. Finance

##### 1.1 RFO's Monthly Report.

Current a/c - £5,347

Highways a/c - £5,221.24 –available balance

P3 a/c - £1,031.46

The RFO reported that as of 1st March 2014 there will be a £2,000 (approx) surplus in the current account and this will enable BGPC to build up its reserves. RFO identified the following payments/receipts which were ACCEPTED and cheques raised:

5.1.2 £153 – hire costs for Lingen VH

5.1.3 £17.50 – printing costs Lingen Resource Centre

5.1.5 £365 – HALC/NALC affiliation and subscription for 2014/15

5.1.6 £334 + £195 – lengthsman /Mr Jones respectively

5.2 £15.50 -HALC meeting notices and booklet

5.3 £81.20 – Clerk's expenses

5.4 Highway Maintenance grant of £3,150 - noted

Annual adjustments between the 3 accounts were ACCEPTED

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

**Barn at Pant Hall, Willey, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2LY**

**Reconstruction of barn for holiday let use.**

**Mr M Temple**

**P133446/F**

**OS 333031, 268226**

**Planning Permission**

<http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

BGPC agreed to support the application in principle

6.2 Planning Obligation Agreement s106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen. Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F. It was AGREED for Clerk to establish if any monies could be used towards road safety measures in Walford

#### 7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 It was AGREED to apply for the full £7,000 grant available having obtained 3 estimates for delivery of the plan, as supporting evidence. (Cllr Chilman leading on this)

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**8. Highways**

8.1 P3 ( footpaths) – the Footpaths Officer REPORTED that there was £1,031 remaining in this account but further work was being planned

8.2. Blocked Access A4110 and B4530– AGREED that Clerk should draft a letter to Mr and Mrs Price following legal advice and advice from Mr Mable (map modification officer)

8.3. Lengthsman - it was REPORTED that a landslide at Limebrook had been cleared following the collapse and subsequent closure of the road. The lengthsman had also cleaned grips and cleared drains by hand.

8.3.1. Stonewall Hill –minimal maintenance has resulted in some very large potholes. Unclear whether this stretch of road is maintained by Powys or Herefordshire. AGREED Clerk should follow up.

8.3.2 Concern was raised by 1 councillor that the outlets on the road from Brampton Bryan to Birtley were in urgent need of clearing out. It was accepted that this would have been difficult for the lengthsman given high levels of water and would be addressed once levels had dropped

8.4 Speed limit at Walford – residents present REQUESTED support for a public meeting to be held with Cllr Philip Price, Cllr Barnett, representatives of Balfour Beatty and police to make some progress on this (see 3.4 above)

8.5 Erosion of bank at Buckton –AGREED that Clerk should contact Cabinet member Philip Price and support action already requested

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

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

10.1 Sec 106 monies ref Home Farm Lingen

10.2 Erosion of bank at Bucknell and Brampton Bryan

10.3 BGPC website review

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10p.m.

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