

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th November 2013 at 7.30pm in Lingen Village Hall.

Present

Councillors: John Miles (Chairman), Geoff Bevan, Maggie Brown, Steve Chilman, Susan Harley, Philip Morris, Richard Ruell, 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 Clive Gurney, Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett, PCSO Adam Harris

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 No report available

3.3 Mill Cottage – Paytoe. The Chairman reported that a meeting is due to take place between BGPC and manager in November '13

3.4 Views of local residents – concerns raised regarding the Old Methodist Chapel in Adforton which is in a very poor state of repair. It was AGREED that the Clerk should make enquiries to Herefordshire Council about what action may be taken

3.4.1 – a crash in Walford resulted in damage to railings at the Lodge. Had been reported to Police. Clerk to check what action taken.

3.4.2 – a pothole in Brampton Bryan on road to Parish Hall causing concern. Clerk to follow up with Balfour Beatty

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 15th October 2013

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman with the addition of an item on 'Heartstart Course' which had been raised under 'Items for next Meeting Agenda' at October meeting but inadvertently omitted from November Agenda. The Clerk had contacted the Clerk for Wigmore and Aymestry and was awaiting a response regarding future courses

5. Finance

1.1 RFO's Monthly Report.

Current a/c - £6,146.73

Highways a/c - £2,242.24

P3 a/c - £1,366.46

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

5.1.2 £60 – to Lingen Church for mowing churchyard (this included last year's grant which was still outstanding)

5.1.3 £30 -to Brampton Bryan Church for mowing churchyard

5.1.4 It was AGREED to pay £30 for mowing to each of remaining 3 Churches in Parish (Lingen Methodist Church, Adforton and Birtley) upon receipt of their request for this financial assistance

5.1.5 £91.44. – Clerk’s expenses

5.2 **Precept** – following discussion it was provisionally AGREED to maintain the Precept at £7,500 for 2014/15 as expenditure has remained broadly the same over last 2 years

6. Planning - to consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following applications – none received

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 The drop-in public meeting held at Lingen on 29th October was attended by over 30 residents and was felt to have been a useful way of raising awareness of the process. Emma Lawrence, Community engagement officer for Herefordshire Council, attended the Steering group meeting on 12th November and offered advice on how best to encourage community involvement and suggested examples of questionnaires.

7.2 It was RESOLVED to proceed with drawing up of a draft budget and a working group consisting of Vice- Chair, RFO and 2 residents was tasked with this. This will then be brought to next BGPC meeting for consultation/approval.

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 – No work currently underway on Parish footpaths

8.2. Blocked access between A4110 and B4530 - response from Land Registry indicates the land in question has not been registered. Cllr Whiteman offered to ask advice from Land Agent to see if BGPC could undertake first registration and find out cost

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. Still awaiting response

8.4 Work undertaken by Lengthsman – opening of grips to facilitate water flow. Repairs needed to concrete wall down Letton Lane. With the advent of colder weather, gritting will be necessary on side roads to allow safe access for school transport

8.5 Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to attend Balfour Beatty session on use of Lengthsman

9. Information Sheet – Members noted the Information Sheet.

10. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda: None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.35pm

SIGNED **DATE**