

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Lingen Village Hall.

Present

Councillors: Geoff Bevan, Maggie Brown, Steve Chilman (Chair), Clive Gurney, Susan Harley, Philip Morris, Richard Ruell, Simon Whiteman

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Andrew Gray

Ward Cllr Roger Phillips

Rachel Dixon, Locality Steward, Balfour Beatty

3members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from: None
2. **Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: None**
 No requests for dispensations
3. **Open Session – brief verbal reports received from:**
 - 3.1 PCSO Knight – not present
 - 3.2 Ward Cllr Roger Phillips – Roger distributed maps to show main gritting routes and confirmed capital requests for 2015/16. The agreed resurfacing list had not yet been finalised but will be based on recommendations from Locality Stewards and the condition survey.
 Roger reported that £49 million had been cut from HC budget over the last 4 years with a further £18 million to come out over the next 4 years. He also reported that Hereford United football club had ceased and that 2 leases will come back to the Council. The plan is to let the pitch area with possible development of land at both ends.
 3.2.1 Rachel Dixon (Balfour Beatty) reported that locality stewards had been asked to put forward priorities for resurfacing in 2015/16. She had highlighted U92010 Wigmore to Deerfold; C1109 Wigmore to Lingen. Velocity patching will take place from Adforton to Letton in Spring; the U91620 in Willey will be done in Feb. Surveying data of road surfaces is currently being collated from electronic scanning across the county. We will be advised in March what will happen in our patch. Rachel carries out statutory inspections every month. Pothole filling is temporary but £100 million would be needed to resurface all roads therefore Balfour Beatty must prioritise.
 Rachel advised that gritting routes are on the Hereford Council websites and are divided into priority and secondary routes. The Ward member must negotiate with Clive Hall at Herefordshire Council if any new routes are to be added. The lengthsman can also carry out gritting as required.
 The collapse of the road at Brampton Bryan (U92009) is with the drainage team but to date little has happened. It seems there have been lots of personnel changes which may account for delays.
 There had been a request for a salt bin on the C1017 at Stanway Bank where water running off the slope had made the road icy. (The lengthsman will put some grit down in the interim). Another request had come in for an extra bin on the U92010 at the top of Brunts Lane. Rachel to advise.

The railings at the roadside in Lingen on the C1007 in Lingen are in a state of collapse. Rachel to advise on action
BGPC felt Rachel was doing an excellent job and thanked her for all her hard work.

3.3 Cllr Harley raised the issue of installing barriers along the A4113 at Mocktree Barns beyond Leintwardine where there is a sheer drop. Rachel agreed to investigate

3.4 No issues raised by public.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 20th January 2015

These were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

5. Finance

5.1 RFO provided a report showing current bank balances and identified the following payments which were ACCEPTED and cheques raised:

- 5.2 AGREED to pay Clerk's expenses £49.99
- 5.3 AGREED to pay £24 for hire of Lingen VH (Neighbourhood Plan Meeting)
- 5.4 AGREED to pay £24 for hire of Lingen VH (NP meeting) 19.12.14
- 5.5 AGREED to pay £20 for hire of Brampton Bryan VH 25.11.14 BGPC
- 5.6 AGREED to pay £20 to Brampton Bryan VH (NP meeting) 3.12.14
- 5.7 AGREED to pay £8.60 for photocopying to Lingen Resource Centre 30.10.14
- 5.8 AGREED to pay of £12 to Adforton Community Hall on 2.12.14 (NP meeting)
- 5.9 AGREED to pay £978 to Purrfect Cat Hire (Lengthsman)
- 5.10 AGREED to pay £434 to Phil Jones (Lengthsman)
- 5.11 AGREED to pay £219.80 to Hoople (NP)
- 5.12 AGREED to pay £400.98 to Lingen Resource Centre (NP)
- 5.13 AGREED to pay £71.25 to Data Orchard (NP)
- 5.14 AGREED to pay £13.30 to Harley Thomas (stationery for NP)
- 5.15 AGREED to pay £10.10 to Lingen Resource Centre (NP)
- 5.16 AGREED to pay £80.00 to Jackie's Cuisine (NP)

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

6.1 None received this month. Objections to Oak Hill Barn, Boresford, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2NB, application no. P143527/F **noted**

6.2 Planning permission granted at Parks Cottage, Stonewall Hill, Presteigne, Application no. P143424/F - **noted**

6.3 **Standing item ref use of Sec 106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F** – awaiting an update from Yvonne Coleman, Planning Obligations Officer. Clerk to enquire if financial help available towards cost of work on wall at Buckton junction in Walford

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 Final plan is being drawn up. There will be a small repayment of grant for the underspend. Amount to be advised in February

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) – no report available
- 8.2 Access between A4110 and B4530 – no issues to report. Gate will be re-hung shortly
- 8.3 Lengthsman - lots of work undertaken recently. The drain on the Buckton road needs clearing and some grips have been missed due to lack of visibility. It was suggested using a line marker to identify locations
- 8.4 Walford 40 mph speed limit – **NOW IN PLACE**
- 8.5 Junction of C1001 and A4113 – Cllr Whiteman will bring quotes for work on the wall to next meeting and Rachel will explore from her side. The landowner does not wish to pay for the work and as it is a private wall, it is not a Highways issue. It was suggested the Clerk contact Ray Wallis in Traffic Management to see if any financial help might be available as it is likely to cost in the region of £3,000.

9. To note introduction of new Lengthsman Scheme - noted

10. To consider if BGPC Register of Interests should go on website – following advice it was AGREED that a link to Herefordshire Council is sufficient

11. To discuss proposed Mortimer Trail – it was AGREED further info was needed and to leave on agenda

12. To consider options for grass cutting in 2015/16 – it was AGREED to confirm areas cut initially. Clerk to contact Mr Eades who currently carries this out for BGPC

13. To discuss forthcoming Elections – all AGREED it was important to encourage participation and confirmed if any councillor did not wish to stand again they do not put their name forward

14. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

15. To raise items for next agenda – Mortimer Trail

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00p.m

Signed..... Date.....