

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 23rd September 2014 at 7.30pm in Adforton Community Hall.

Present

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public
Andrew Gray (Responsible Financial Officer)
Clerk Maureen Robinson

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from:

- 1.1 PCSO Adam Harris
- 1.2 Ward Councillor Olwyn Barnett
- 1.3 Mike Oliver – Footpaths Officer
- 1.4 Cllr John Miles
- 1.5 Cllr Richard Ruell

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: Cllr Harley declared an interest in item 8.5 on agenda

3. Open Session

- 3.1 No report available from PCSO
- 3.2 No report from Ward Councillor Olwyn Barnett:
- 3.3 Report from Code of Conduct Mtg at Hereford Council on 16th Sept 14 by Cllr Brown – described as poor quality with one item of information inaccurate, difficult to hear because of bad acoustics and very little of use imparted to build on existing knowledge. Would have been preferable to send out the PP slides and save a journey.
- 3.4 Steve Chilman (Chair) reported that the proposed school transport changes due to come in Sept 2015 will have a serious effect locally as many children are bussed in from other areas. The Governors of Wigmore School have agreed to continue to provide transport but it will need to be funded by parents at a cost of £750 p.a. per pupil (approx.)
- 3.5 An Adforton resident queried the lack of a bus timetable for the notice board and it was AGREED the Clerk should request one.
- 3.6 Buckton residents remain concerned over dangerous junction onto A4113. Still awaiting formal decision from Hereford Council over introduction of 40 mph limit

4. Minutes of the previous meeting –22nd July 2014

These were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

5. Finance

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

- 5.2 AGREED to pay £117.98 – Clerk’s expenses
- 5.3 AGREED to purchase new edition of Charles Arnold Baker Guide for Clerk at £56.25 plus postage
- 5.4 AGREED to pay Internal Auditor £80

- 5.5 AGREED to pay £20 for hire of Brampton Bryan VH
- 5.6 AGREED to pay £150 to Mr Eades for 8th (final) grass cutting
- 5.7 AGREED to pay £120 to Grant Thornton for external audit
- 5.8 AGREED to pay£20 for hire of Lingen VH
- 5.9 Payments made in August noted

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

6.1

SITE: Stone House Farm, Birtley, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0DT
DESCRIPTION: Replacement porch at rear.
APPLICANT(S): Mr David Ellis
APPLICATION NO: P141940/FH

GRID REF: OS 336856, 269460
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

Response sent on 10.8.14 following consultation with Planning Working Group – no objections raised

6.2

SITE: Parks Cottage, Stonewall Hill, Presteigne, Herefordshire, LD8 2HD
DESCRIPTION: Demolition of existing house and replace with new dwelling.
APPLICANT(S): Mr Peter Wright
APPLICATION NO: P142378/F
GRID REF: OS 331608, 266892
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

No objections raised

6.3

SITE: Land at Yew Tree Cottage, Lingen, Bucknell, Shropshire,
DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use of paddock, access improvement and construction of 3 bed cottage
APPLICANT(S): Mr Joseph Thomas
APPLICATION NO: P142219/F
GRID REF: OS 336362, 267404
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

No objections raised

6.4 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

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 An analysis of the questionnaire will be presented to the Steering Group at the beginning of October, followed by a meeting in the 2nd week of October to discuss the results

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 The finger post is missing on the footpath between Wigmore Abbey and Adforton; otherwise a lot of work has been carried out across the Parish from strimming and bracken clearing to installing new gates

8.2 Access between A4110 and B4530 – it was reported that a pony was grazing in the lane making it impossible to move livestock. The gate was also not swinging well on its hinges. AGREED that Clerk should write to owners asking them to remove the pony and offering to adjust the gate to aid access

8.3 Lengthsman - clearing of road signs, litter picking and ditching work have all been undertaken. It appears Balfour Beatty are keen to be ‘visible’ and carry out lots of work but they are also keen for the Lengthsman scheme to be extended

8.4 Walford speed limit – Clerk has been informed that a formal decision is awaited from Hereford Council re the introduction of the 40 mph speed limit.

8.5 Junction of C1001 and A4113 - AGREED a site meeting is necessary to progress improvements at the junction. Clerk to follow up

8.6 AGREED to ask for a site meeting with Cllr Rone re the river course in Brockley Meadow and the erosion of the gravel bank between Buckton and Brampton Bryan

9. Response to HC Travellers Sites Consultation -AGREED that Councillors would forward any comments directly

10. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

11. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda (no discussion): Donation of £30 towards Wigmore School History Prize

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30p.m

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