

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 25th March 2014 at 7.30pm in Adforton Community Hall.

Present

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

In attendance: 9 members of the public

Andrew Gray (Responsible Financial Officer)

Mike Oliver – Footpaths Officer

Clerk Maureen Robinson

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from:

1.1 Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett as she was at Aymestry PC meeting

1.2 PCSO Adam Harris

1.3 Cllr Philip Morris – not present but no apologies received

1.4 S.Wynne (resident of Walford)

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations:

Cllrs Harley, Bevan, Whiteman and Ruell declared an interest in item 6.4 and 6.5 under Planning and signed the Declaration of Interest book as a record

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: No report available

3.3. Chairman's Report – the meeting between Cllrs Miles and Gurney and Mill Cottage, Paytoe, took place on 5th March. Currently 2 young people accommodated and there has been no reduction in funding. The lease expires in Dec 2015 and it was agreed to meet every 6 months unless any problems occurred.

3.3.1 – The Old Chapel, Adforton – the Chair reported that the owner had visited but no apparent remedial work carried out.

3.3.2 Cllr Brown reported that Powys Council had responded promptly to her enquiry re Reeves Lane but Herefordshire Council had not replied to date

3.4. A resident from Adforton asked the PC for a contribution to the interior decoration of the Community Hall following extensive renovation of the exterior. Fund raising is on going to help meet this cost and any contribution from BGPC would be gratefully received. AGREED to add to agenda for next meeting

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 25th March 2014

The minutes were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

5. Finance

1.1 RFO's Monthly Report.

Current a/c - £2,539

Highways a/c - £6,244

P3 a/c - £1,052

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

5.2 £40 – Clerk's expenses

5.3 External Audit paperwork -noted

5.4 HALC -AGREED to issue 1 new cheque for £85 to cover both amounts

5.5 CiLCA bursary -noted

5.6 AGREED to renew HALC subscription

5.7 £66 – unpaid VAT element on lengthsmen invoice

5.8 £1,182.61 – Joe Thomas for work on footpaths (P3)

In addition the Highway Maintenance a/c is owed £890 for the payment on the lease for the photocopier. This debt will be cleared by 2015

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

6.1.1

SITE: Lane Cottage, Birtley Deerfold, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0EF
DESCRIPTION: Erection of 2 polytunnels
APPLICANT(S): Mr Richard Sidgwick
APPLICATION NO: P140475/F
GRID REF: OS 337809, 268817
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

6.1.2

SITE: Buckton Mill, Buckton, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0JU
DESCRIPTION: Replace existing garden outbuilding with new detached garage/store. Minor alterations to the house, including replacement of window, porch and carport
APPLICANT(S): Mr and Mrs P Derrick
APPLICATION NO: P140720/L
GRID REF: OS 338478, 273298
APPLICATION TYPE: Listed Building Consent
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

6.1.3

SITE: Buckton Mill, Buckton, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0JU
DESCRIPTION: Replace existing garden outbuilding with new detached garage/store. Minor alterations to the house, including replacement of window, porch and carport
APPLICANT(S): Mr and Mrs P Derrick
APPLICATION NO: P140605/FH
GRID REF: OS 338478, 273298
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

6.1.4

SITE: The Hall, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0DH
DESCRIPTION: Closure of existing access front drive access onto A4113 and new access onto Church Road, including new gates and driveway.
APPLICANT(S): Mr Edward Harley
APPLICATION NO: P140682/F

GRID REF: OS 337026, 272585
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>
 6.1.5
SITE: The Hall, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0DH
DESCRIPTION: Closure of existing access front drive access onto A4113 and new access onto Church Road, including new gates and driveway.
APPLICANT(S): Mr Edward Harley
APPLICATION NO: P140683/L
GRID REF: OS 337026, 272585
APPLICATION TYPE: Listed Building Consent
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BGPC agreed to support the applications in principle

6.2 **Standing item** - Planning Obligation Agreement s106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen. Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F. Awaiting response re using monies towards road safety measures in Walford

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 The application has been submitted and we will hear by mid-April if the bid has been successful.

7.2 Noted- but no-one attending from BGPC or Steering group

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) – the Footpaths Officer REPORTED work done to date which included installation of fingerposts, hedge trimming, repair of stiles, installation of a kissing gate, clearing of bracken and fallen trees and general overview of footpaths Thanks were RECORDED to Mike Oliver for his hard work and commitment

8.2.P3 paperwork was approved, signed and sent to Herefordshire Council

8.3 Blocked Access A4110 and B4530– AGREED that Clerk should deliver a letter to Mr and Mrs Price stating that BGPC will remove the obstructions on 15.3.14 unless they are taken away prior to this date.

8.4 Lengthsman – little to report -primarily clearing ditches

8.4.1. Stonewall Hill –minimal maintenance has resulted in some very large potholes. Unclear whether this stretch of road is maintained by Powys or Herefordshire. Clerk had requested this information from Balfour Beatty but no response to date.

8.5 It was AGREED to continue with Mr Eades following his submission of an estimate for grass mowing this year at £150 per cut

8.6 Speed limit at Walford – there has been a positive response from Herefordshire Council and it is hoped the speed limit will be in force in the not too distant future. The spokesman expressed his disappointment that no response from Alistair Neill(Chief Exec) or the Safer Roads Partnership in connection with this matter. It was additionally requested that the proposed limit be extended along the Lingen road to the junction with the A4113 where the road narrows. The issue of the dangerous junction from Buckton onto A4113 still unresolved and no date forthcoming from Cllr Price re a site meeting –(see also 8.5)

8.7 Erosion of bank at Buckton – Clerk had contacted Cabinet member Philip Price, who responded by email giving an undertaking to attend a site meeting following discussions with senior Balfour Beatty staff. (No further response in time for PC meeting. It was REPORTED that the County Surveyor had been out in the area so Council are aware)

8.8 Reduction/removal of large tree at junction of A4113 and C1017 at Adforton -Clerk reported this to Balfour Beatty but no response to date

9. BGPC website –AGREED to add missing information over coming months and to be completed by end of 2014. This includes Standing Orders, Charter with Herefordshire Council, Code of Conduct, timetable of PC meetings, budget, Precept (NB All of these are available from the Clerk as hard copies)

10. Information Sheet – Members noted the Information Sheet.

11. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda (no discussion):

11.1 Contribution towards cost of internal decoration to Adforton Community Hall

11.2 Preparation for Annual Parish Meeting across Border Group Parish to include ‘walk round’ by councillors.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.04p.m.

SIGNED **DATE**