

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7.30pm in Brampton Bryan 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

Mike Oliver (Footpaths Officer)

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from: PCSO Adam Harris

2. **Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations:** Cllr Harley declared an interest in item 8.5 on agenda and signed the book as a record. No requests for dispensations

2. **Open Session** – the Chairman opened the meeting by asking for a minute’s silence to remember John Miles who gave many years’ service to the Parish as a councillor and Chair. His dedication, commitment and vast knowledge will be greatly missed and all sent sincere condolences to his family.
 John’s death followed quickly on that of our Ward Councillor, Olwyn Barnett, a renowned supporter of Parish Councils. Both will be remembered for all their hard work and dedication over many years.
 - 3.1 PCSO Harris reported that thefts in general were on the increase and stressed the importance of vigilance. The Police can be contacted on 101 for all non-emergency matters.
 - 3.2 The Chair reported on the recent Chairmen and Clerks’ Meeting in Leintwardine where the main topic was the proposed extension of the Lengthsman Scheme. Both Rachel Dixon (Balfour Beatty) and Sam Banks (Planning) attended. The Balfour Beatty roadshow at Kingsland in October had been well attended. On the subject of ditching, the NFU had reported that the responsibility of landowners to maintain these was not being enforced locally.
 - 3.2.1 Cllr Bevan reported he had represented BGPC at the recent showing of WW1 films in Lingen and had found it a most interesting event
 - 3.2.2 Mike Oliver reported that the cross border Health Forums he had attended were now defunct which had left participants feeling very disillusioned and disheartened
 - 3.3 No parishioners present

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 14th October 2014

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 £116.50 – Clerk’s expenses
- 5.3 AGREED to pay £525 for cutting verges across Border Group
- 5.4 AGREED to pay £8 for hire of Adforton Community Hall
- 5.5 AGREED to pay £36 for hire of Lingen Village Hall
- 5.6. AGREED to pay £335.40 to Hoople for village maps

- 5.7 AGREED to pay £1,864.00 to Data Orchard for Survey report
 5.8 AGREED to pay £494.10 to Data Orchard for planning advice and Support
 5.9 AGREED to pay £12.00 to Joe Thomas under P3 (footpaths)
 5.10 AGREED to pay £478.80 to Joe Thomas (P3)

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

6.1

SITE: Little Tan House, Lingen, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0ED
DESCRIPTION: Proposed single storey extension.
APPLICANT(S): Mrs Elizabeth Johnstone
APPLICATION NO: P143122/FH
GRID REF: OS 336707, 267135
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

Response sent 17.11.14 –one objection but majority supported

6.2 Planning Appeal

SITE: Land at Yew Tree Cottage, Lingen, Bucknell, Shropshire
DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use of paddock, access improvement and construction of 3 bed cottage.
APPEAL NO: P144219/F

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE : APP/W1850/A/14/2227216

AGREED to send a letter from BGPC supporting appeal

6.2 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 The grant must be spent by 31st December. There will 3 further consultation meeting across the Parish at the beginning of December to view the 3rd draft plan. Permission to pay invoices which come in in December was granted as no BGPC meeting till January

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 Mike Oliver (Footpaths Officer) presented his report on work to date. It was also AGREED to fix the signpost by Willey Chapel where the pointer to Leintwardine has fallen off
 8.2 Access between A4110 and B4530 – no issues to report
 8.3 Lengthsman - opening grips in Brampton Bryan. Rachel Dixon (Balfour Beatty) has been round the area with the lengthsman on inspections. Reeves Lane is on the list to be re-surfaced but will need prior drainage work to be carried out. The Raft

(U91120) will also be re-surfaced. The Adforton to Letton road re-surfacing is to be confirmed. The lengthsman will do the ditching along the C1001

It was requested that the Birtley to Brampton Bryan road is gritted for the school bus. Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty.

It was also requested that the Lengthsman work schedule is put on the BGPC website so residents can see what he does.

8.4 Walford 40 mph speed limit – should be in place early January 2015

8.5 Junction of C1001 and A4113 – need to explore costs before any work can be considered. Update in New Year

9. To finalise Precept for 2015/16 and consider Election Costs for May 15

Responsible Financial Officer produced a budget showing spending categories and justifying the Precept of £7,500. Election costs have been included in this budget

10. To review BGPC Code of Conduct (Standing Orders)

The revised Standing Orders are now complete and have been adopted as of 25.11.14. Ditto the new Financial Regulations. Both will shortly appear on the BGPC website.

11. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

12. Matters raised for the next meeting agenda (no discussion) – Elections, Mortimer trail, grass cutting in 2015/16

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.35p.m

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