

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.30pm in Brampton Bryan Village Hall.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson
Ward Cllr Roger Phillips
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllrs Chilman and Harley, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Andrew Gray, Footpaths Officer Mike Oliver, PCSO Pete Knight

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 reported that council tax will rise by 1.9% in 2015/16 (just below the figure necessary to trigger a referendum). This had been unanimously agreed by all 58 councillors. There will be a small surplus at the end of the year despite cuts and need to balance books. Hereford Council will also reduce the amount of money paid to care homes as this accounts for one third of all council tax. There was a general discussion over wider impact of cuts now and in the future.

The proposed draft of re-surfacing work across Mortimer Ward was discussed and ranked in order of priority. Finally it was reported that approval had been given for the Reeves Hill windfarm although still some uncertainty over the Powys aspect.

3.3 No reports

3.4 A member of the public raised the state of the railings by the road side in Lingen and was advised Balfour Beatty had been notified.

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 £91.44

5.3 AGREED to pay £16 for hire of Lingen VH

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

6.1 None received this month.

6.2 **Refusal of Planning Permission at Yew Tree Cottage, Lingen** - noted but felt to be very unfair

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. On sick leave until March.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 Final plan is being drawn up. As the underspend was less than £1000, we will not now be required to repay this and it will be used to cover costs.

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) – Mike Oliver sent in his report. In summary, three hours with Joe Thomas on site visits to plan work. A tree has been removed from a footbridge, posts and rails have been repaired. One bridleway gate and three kissing gates have been installed in the Lingen area

8.2 Access between A4110 and B4530 – no issues to report.

8.3 Lengthsman - no work to report

8.4 Junction of C1001 and A4113 – Cllr Whiteman will bring quotes for work to March meeting

8.5 Clerk to contact Safer Roads Partnership re speed detection measures

8.6 Barriers on A413 at Mocktree Barns – awaiting update

8.7 New grit bins -**AGREED** to leave on agenda, no decision made. These will cost approx. £140 each and £40 each for filling.

9. Reeves Lane drainage issues – AGREED Clerk to contact Powys Council- Richard Hobbs was given as the contact

10. Arrangements for grass cutting 2015 –discussion over whether to reduce number of cuts/cease cutting due to cost. Cllr Brown to contact the Harley Estate to explore possibility of them cutting the village green in Brampton Bryan and the land adjacent to the Hall leading to the church

11. BGPC website – AGREED to leave on agenda. Cllr Brown offered to help run in future

12. To discuss proposed Mortimer Trail – it was **AGREED** that Cllr Bevan would act as liaison with Mortimer History Society who are promoting this.

13. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

14. To raise items for next agenda: defibrillator for Lingen VH, BGPC website, Reeves Lane

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

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