

# **Border Group Parish Council**

## **Minutes from the Annual Meeting for the Parishes of Adforton, Paytoe and Grange, Stanway, Walford, Letton and Newton held on the 13th of May 2014 in Adforton Church Community Hall.**

1. **PRESENT** Cllrs Gurney (Chair)( Adforton, Paytoe, Grange and Stanway) and Whiteman ( Walford , Letton and Newton)  
Clerk Maureen Robinson

Attended by 3 parishioners.

2. **APOLOGIES** -Cllr John Miles, Mrs A. Voysey, Mrs R. Swainson

3. **THE MINUTES** of the previous year's meeting were accepted as a true record by those present on that date and attending the current meeting and duly signed by the Chairman. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Miles for his many years of service to the Parish Council and residents. A letter will be sent thanking John.

4. **REPORT BY CHAIR** – Cllr Gurney reported on a busy year with many challenges including a new Clerk.

### **5. Matters Arising**

**5.1 Adforton Community Hall** – the new roof was noted and agreed a good job had been done although costs considerable

### **5.2 Keys Care, Mill Cottage, Paytoe**

Meetings continue to be held between BGPC and the home every 3 months to resolve any issues. A good working relationship has been established with 3 young people currently accommodated. The lease is due for renewal in March 2015 but there have been no concerns for some time

### **5.3 Highways**

Potholes – remains an issue but it is possible the lengthsman may be able to fill in in future under new contractor arrangements with Hereford Council. (This has not been agreed at time of writing)

### **5.5. Walford flooding**

Thanks were recorded to Cllr Whiteman for his efforts to improve this since 2013. Has been greatly alleviated but no guarantee it will not re-occur as gravel is constantly being washed into the drains. Balfour Beatty ( Highways contractor) are working with the lengthsman to keep ditches and culverts clear, enabling any flood water to drain away more quickly. Measure such as sluices are not currently possible as no money available from HC to implement them

### **5.6 Blocked access** at Brandon Villa/ Fiveways

The gates have been unlocked but tied with bailer twine. Security is an issue for the owner of the animals. Discussion over gated footpaths and how to balance conflicting views. The gates at the west end are difficult to open as they are resting on the ground and also tied with twine. AGREED Clerk would pursue

## **6. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

A consultant has been appointed to write a draft plan and assist with questionnaires and analysis. The questionnaires will be hand delivered and collected and the plan must be complete by end Dec 2014

## **7. COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS**

### **7.1 The Old Chapel –Adforton.**

Strong feelings were expressed over continuing deterioration with residents very unhappy with its condition. AGREED that Clerk would follow up to see if any way of compelling owner to take action.

**7.2 Bus service to Hereford** – a discussion took place over the problem of getting a regular service but in practice little can be done given demand and the fact that most people prefer to use their cars.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25pm

