

**Border Group Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 7.30p.m at Lingen Village Hall.**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Clerk Maureen Robinson

Responsible Financial Officer Andrew Gray

8 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from: Cllr Gurney ( chairing another meeting); Footpaths Officer Mike Oliver (family commitment), PCSO Pete Knight; Cllr Chilman arrived late due to another commitment.

**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 No reports

3.3 A member of the public raised concerns about daffodils being prematurely cut down in Lingen but BGPC had not carried this out. The recent map modification order for by ways in Lingen and Willey also caused concern. The consultation period runs until May 20<sup>th</sup> if anyone wishes to object.

Reeves Hill windfarm – much anxiety expressed over private water supply, inaccuracies in the report and overall lack of confidence in the process. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would send in comments to Hereford Council supporting the residents' concerns.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> March 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 £45.72

5.3 **AGREED** to pay £15 for hire of Adforton Community Hall

5.4 **AGREED** to pay £20 for Clerk's PC security update

5.5 **AGREED** to increase amount Clerk receives towards telephone and broadband costs to £40 per month plus a salary increase of 5% for 2013/14 and 15/16 respectively. No increase in utility payment.

5.6 VAT repayment of £824.65 noted

5.7 **AGREED** to approve Annual Accounts. Thanks were recorded to Andrew for his preparation of the accounts which will now go to the Internal Auditor. Andrew reported that BGPC have 4 accounts with the majority of transactions going through the current a/c. There is a surplus of £690 from the NP grant which will be spent on implementation. The Precept for 2015/16 was reduced to £7,500 from £7,750

in line with budget for current year. The P3 grant (Parish footpaths) will be £2,775 for the current year and the Lengthsman grant £5,634

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

### 6.1 Application no 150869 – Christmas Cottage, Adforton, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0NF

**Proposed side extension, detached garage and carport. Alterations to first floor dormers**

**Mr and Mrs Slater –full householder**

BGPC raised no objections

### 6.2

**SITE:** Reeves Hill, Reeves Lane, Near Knighton, Herefordshire,  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed erection and operation of 4 Wind Turbines and associated access tracks, hardstanding and sub station building.  
**PARISH:** Willey  
**APPLICATION NO:** 081479  
**APPLICATION TYPE:** Planning Permission

Details have been received in respect of the discharge of conditions for the above application. The details can be viewed via the following link:-

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/development-control/planning-applications>

BGPC **AGREED** to send in comments supporting residents' concerns over water supply and timescale for objections.

**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. Geoff Hughes has agreed to investigate further but no news yet.

## 7. Neighbourhood Plan

7.1 There will be a meeting with Sam Banks (Planning officer) on 30<sup>th</sup> April to advise of any changes required to NP in light of modifications made by the Inspector to the Core Strategy. The consultants advising BGPC will attend and a steering group meeting will then be organised.

**Minutes/other information from any NP meetings will be made available on lingenweb and the BGPC website - [www.bordergroup-pc.org](http://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) – .no more work planned currently as grant of £2,775 not yet received

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

8.3 Lengthsman - the Annual Maintenance Plan has been sent to HC following consultation with Rachel Dixon ( Balfour Beatty Locality steward). Culverts will be cleaned out in Buckton and broken drains replaced in next 2 weeks. Litter picking will also be undertaken across the Parish.

8.4 Junction of C1001 and A4113 at Walford – no change as no funding currently to carry out work.

8.5 New grit bins -**AGREED** to leave on agenda, no decision made.

8.6 Reeves Lane drainage issues – site meeting took place but no feedback.

**AGREED** Clerk to follow up with Rachel Dixon

8.7 Lengthsman contract – Cllr Chilman to follow up

**9. Arrangements for grass cutting 2015** – BGPC voted 3 to 2 in favour of not cutting grassed areas this year (apart from Adforton green which is owned by HC)

**10. Map Modification Order for Lingen and Willey –noted.** Concerns raised over width of track, future maintenance and how to police e.g. if used by off- road vehicles. Clerk to contact Mike Mable (HC Map Modification Officerfor advice).

**11.** Dates for Annual Parish Meetings confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> May for Adforton and Brampton Bryan and 13<sup>th</sup> May for Lingen with the Annual Meeting of PC on 19<sup>th</sup> May at **7.00pm** at Lingen.

**12. BGPC website** – it was **AGREED** that any ‘official ‘notices could be put straight on e.g from Clerk or HC. Items of interest from other sources would require agreement from whole Council.

**13. Information Sheet** -Members noted the Information Sheet.

**14. To raise items for next agenda:** Hedge by phone box in Walford in need of pruning. Cllr Whiteman to follow up

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 p.m

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