

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

**Present:**

Councillors: Phillip Barnett, Maggie Brown, Steve Chilman, Paul Derrick, Clive Gurney (Chair), John Walker

**In attendance:**

Clerk Maureen Robinson

Mike Oliver Footpaths Officer

Rachel Dixon – Locality Steward

4 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from:

Ward Cllr Carole Gandy (on holiday), Responsible Financial Officer Andrew Gray

**2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: None**

No requests for dispensations

**3. Open Session – brief verbal reports received from:**

3.1 Report from Rachel Dixon – as this is her last week with Balfour Beatty, Rachel asked for any ditching requests by the end of the week. Interim cover will be provided by other locality stewards until a replacement is recruited

New grit bins have been ordered for Brunts Lane and Stanway Bank as requested. On the C1006 verges have been pulled back to original siting and not to widen the road in any way. A resident in Lingen had reported a section of grass verge had not been cut and Rachel agreed to investigate. A discussion took place re private hedgerows obstructing the highway. In such cases Balfour Beatty will visit/ contact the owner and if no action is taken, they will do a ‘safety cut’ and invoice the landowner for the work. There was a query about culverts between Buckton and Brampton Bryan (C1001) being blocked. It was **AGREED** this would be reported directly to BB. BGPC wished Rachel well in her new role and thanked her for her professionalism and enthusiasm. Mike Oliver gave a brief overview of work carried out in conjunction with BB/ lengthsman scheme and praised Rachel’s contribution

3.2 PCSO Knight – not present but it was reported that a new NW scheme had been set up.

3.3 Reports from Chair/other Cllrs – query over progress of removal of dead tree on A4110 at Adforton. Adforton ‘green’ will be cut twice. Cllr Chilman to action.

It was **AGREED** to remove Cllrs Harley and Morris from circulation list as their seats are currently vacant

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 16th June 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 of £83.64 and back pay of £240 (chq no.101559/560)

5.3 **AGREED** to pay £30 towards churchyard maintenance for Adforton Church (chq no 101561)

- 5.4 **AGREED** to pay £30 towards churchyard maintenance for St Barnabas, Brampton Bryan (chq no 101562)
- 5.5 **AGREED** to pay £16 for hire of Lingen VH (chq no 101563)
- 5.6 **AGREED** to pay £40 for hire of Brampton Bryan Village Hall x 2 (chq no. 101564)
- 5.7 **AGREED** to establish if website will still work if we cancel hosting but **AGREED** to pay DreamHost if no other option.
- 5.8 **AGREED** to pay £338 to Lengthsman (inv 626) (chq no 100380)
- 5.9 **NOTED** payment of £391.20 to Joe Thomas (P3) (chq no 101558)
- 5.10 **AGREED** to move to 1 bank account instead of 3. (Bank mandate to be amended).

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

### **6.1 APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 151837 - Motte House, Walford, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0JT**

**DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use of two outbuildings from residential to ceramics workshop, and minor changes to both outbuildings and the house.**

**APPLICANT(S): Mr Garry Jones**

**GRID REF: OS 339052, 272402**

**APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission**

**WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>**

BGPC did not support this application as there appeared to be a mismatch between the plans and the work to be done. There was also concern that some work had been carried out pre- planning.

**6.2 Standing item ref use of Sec 106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F – no progress. Ward Cllr Gandy is following up with Geoff Hughes who originally agreed to pursue on our behalf.**

## **7. Neighbourhood Plan**

7.1 A final draft is ready. Walford will now have permitted development but there are concerns over the flood risk and the EA must support any plan for new dwellings. Otherwise the other 3 villages (Adforton, Brampton Bryan and Lingen) must accommodate proposed increase. £870 is left from original grant with a further funding application proposed. (A further meeting of the Steering group will be held in 2 weeks.)

**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) – Mike Oliver (Footpaths Officer) reported that steps had been rebuilt in Stapleton Wood; hand rails were to be replaced on ditch crossings; bridleway gates to be inspected; repairs/replacements made to sign and marker posts; routine strimming to be carried out
- 8.2. Lengthsman Scheme –BB will provide a grid for the ditch on the corner below Leylands in Lingen. BB have carried out the majority of ditching across BG so the

lengthsman will concentrate on clearing vegetation round road signs and cleaning them as well as clearing out the ditch by the Chapel in Walford

8.3 Wall in Walford -**AGREED** to explore the possibility of the lengthsman carrying out the work provided this is permitted by BB and HC. Cllr Chilman to follow up and report. Funding also needs to be confirmed as BGPC cannot pay for work.

**9. The Old Chapel, Adforton** – following a recent lecture on ‘Affordable Housing’ a resident reported that there may be Government money available to bring empty properties back into use. Compulsory Purchase Orders were very tortuous to enact. The Clerk reported that Mr Rourke had visited her for a second time to explain his plans but little evidence to date of any action. Cllr Gandy is also following up with HC

**10. Vacancies in Brampton Bryan and Willey noted.** If no election called by 6<sup>th</sup> August, then BGPC can co-opt 2 Cllrs at September meeting

**11. AGREED** to set aside £80 p.a. for repairs/ replacement boards. Mike Oliver to ask Joe Thomas if he is willing to help with this. The boards will be added to BGPC Asset Register and the amount reviewed annually.

**12. RESOLVED** to consult residents re possible increase in Precept to cover grass cutting/other services given the cuts to Hereford Council funding from Central Government which is only likely to reduce further.

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

**14. To raise items for next agenda: draft Precept**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.35 p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Lingen VH on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30

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