

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.30p.m at Brampton Bryan Village Hall.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson
Responsible Financial Officer Andrew Gray
Ward Cllr Carole Gandy
1 member of the public – Manager, Keys Care

1.Apologies for absence were accepted from:
Mike Oliver (Footpaths Officer)

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: None
No requests for dispensations

3. Vacancy for Willey–Trevor Pritchard was co-opted as Councillor for Willey.
Proposed by Cllr Chilman, seconded by Cllr Gurney. All in favour. We welcome Trevor to his new role.

4. Open Session – brief verbal reports received from:

- 4.1 Ward Cllr Carole Gandy – Cllr Gandy gave an update on S106 monies – no progress; the Old Chapel, Adforton – has been referred to the Enforcement team; litter picking- procedure under review by HC but keen to support community efforts with the Powys scheme possibly being implemented. There will be a new campaign launched by Christmas which should give a more consistent approach. Riaparian ditches were again discussed and it was emphasised that this has always been the responsibility of the landowner but in the past HC contractors have done it for safety reasons e.g. – where water runs onto the road. Balfour Beatty will continue to carry out work where safety or flooding is an issue but will in future invoice the landowner for the work. It was acknowledged where a ditch had been cleared and the spoil knocked back in by tractor movements, it was unreasonable to expect the same farmer to clear it again. Balfour Beatty are not allowed to remove spoil but some farmers are willing to have it spread on their land. Core Strategy – this was passed by HC on 16th October with provision for revisions as it lasts until 2031. It should put an end to speculative development and it was stressed that Neighbourhood Plans should be submitted for examination as soon as possible.
- 4.2 Locality Steward -No report this month
- 4.3 PCSO – no report this month
- 4.4 Reports from Chair/other Cllrs –Cllr Gurney reported on the quarterly meeting with Keys Care and the Manager, Mark Pearson, attended the meeting. There had been a complaint (relating to landlord responsibilities) which had been resolved. Mr Pearson explained that a maximum of 4 young people aged between 11 and 18 (but with no more than 4 years age difference at any one time) are accommodated and the community is taken into consideration when placements are made with certain offences e.g. arson and theft precluding someone from being resident.

Cllr Brown raised the issue of notices and agendas for PC meetings going up in a timely fashion as decisions made at PC meetings could be deemed unlawful if the requisite notice had not been publicised correctly. This information was on the BGPC website and lingenweb but for those without internet access, the Parish notice boards were the only means of publicising meetings.

4.5 Local residents –no matters raised

5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 15th September 2015

These were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman with a correction under item 4.1. This should read ‘the Ward Cllr **can ask** to call in’.....

6. Finance

6.1 RFO identified the following payments which were **ACCEPTED** and cheques raised:

6.2 **AGREED** to pay Clerk’s expenses of £ 72.21(chq no 101570)

6.3 **Draft Precept/ Budget for 2015/16** – this was discussed at length and **AGREED** to keep Precept at £7,500 as our spend is in line with last year. BGPC are grateful to Andrew for his work on the accounts and appreciate him giving up his time. Cllr Whiteman proposed and seconded by Cllr Brown. Grass cutting arrangements will be reviewed in Spring for Brampton Bryan. Other areas are working well using volunteers and thanks were recorded to those who had helped this year.

6.4 **AGREED** to pay £16 for hire of Lingen VH (inv 1066, chq no 101571)

6.5 **AGREED** to donate £30 towards History Prize at Wigmore school (funded from s137 monies, (chq no 101572)

6.6 **AGREED** to pay £120 to Grant Thornton for external audit (chq no 101573)

6.7 **NOTED** conclusion of Audit and comments

6.8 **NOTED** new Transparency Code which is available to read on BGPC website

7.1 Planning - to consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following :

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	152742 - Cranes Lane Cottage, Paytoe, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0NB
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed amendment to increase the height of the cart shed style garage with storage above. Original approval P142037/AM.
APPLICANT(S):	Mr Andrew Boulton
GRID REF:	OS 341236, 271476
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK:	http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

No objections

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	152595 - Little Tan House, Lingen, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0ED
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed single storey extension.
APPLICANT(S):	Mrs Elizabeth Johnstone
GRID REF:	OS 336707, 267135
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK:	http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

No objections

7.2 Standing item ref use of Sec 106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen Ref

DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F –. Ward Cllr Gandy reported at the last meeting that staff had been unable to access the relevant spreadsheet and there was some doubt if the money had ever been paid by the developer. Cllr Gandy will continue to investigate.

7.3 **AGREED** to resurrect Planning Group in line with HALC advice to discuss applications which come in between PC meetings and not rely solely on emailed comments.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

8.1 A draft Plan should be ready in 2 weeks, followed by a 6 week consultation period

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

9. Highways

9.1 P3 (footpaths) – no work carried out this month

9.2. Lengthsman Scheme –storm drain has been put in in Lingen and grips to be cleaned

9.3 Wall in Walford –work is complete. There will be an additional cost for tarmac of £250 paid for from the Lengthsman budget. Thanks were recorded to the Harley Estate for their permission to carry out this work to make the junction safer. Clerk to write to Paul Segrott. Cllr Chilman’s efforts in finally resolving this were also recognised.

9.4 Balfour Beatty have ordered the bins

10. The Old Chapel, Adforton – the Clerk reported that Mr Rourke had visited her again - this time with drawings and plans for proposed redevelopment. Whilst this is welcome, it was felt that we should continue to keep pressure up for work to start!

11. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

12. To raise items for next agenda: use of SIDS possibly financed from sec 106 money. Speeding continues to blight neighbouring villages as well as those across BGPC, especially Walford and Brampton Bryan

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10 p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Adforton Community Hall on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30

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