

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 7.30p.m at Lingen Village Hall.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson
Responsible Financial Officer Andrew Gray
Ward Cllr Carole Gandy
Locality Steward Balfour Beatty
4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from: **None**

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

No requests for dispensations

3. Open Session – brief verbal reports received from:

3.1 Ward Cllr Carole Gandy – Cllr Gandy reported that HC budget will be considered on 21.1.16 with a proposal to increase Council Tax by 3.9% to safeguard Adult Social Care – which will be ring-fenced. Central govt has allowed an increase of 2% in Council tax this financial year in recognition of cuts to budget. Funding has dropped by 80% in last 5 years and future funding will be found from Council tax and business rates rather than Central govt. although some top up funding may be available given the rural nature of Herefordshire. A decision on the Library service will be made in October 16

Cllr Gandy also reported she is now the Vice-chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is also tasked separately with reviewing Early Years (0-5) Provision. She concluded by saying she had been very impressed with Border Group's draft Neighbourhood Plan.

3.2 Locality Steward –Mike Brooks reported that Balfour Beatty are finalising their Annual Plan setting out work for 16/17. £800, 000 has been set aside for A, C and U roads respectively. Reeves Lane is with the Drainage team and the request for a mirror at the junction will be considered if one was there previously. If there was no mirror before then none will be provided. (It was thought that the last one had been hit by a tractor). It was pointed out that the 2 grit bins requested January 2015 had still not been installed and Mike AGREED to follow up. He also confirmed that Balfour Beatty were monitoring the culvert on the C1001 between Coxall and Brampton Bryan

3.3 PCSO – no report this month but regular SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) newsletter is circulated

3.4 Reports from Chair/other Cllrs –Chair gave a brief resume of his recent visit to Israel to gain an insight into their farming and irrigation methods and associated challenges.

Cllr Walker reported on a meeting he had attended on the Examination of the Core Strategy where it was confirmed that the figure of 14% increase in housing would

be reduced if local environmental factors preclude this e.g flood plains. The Core Strategy will be under review at least every 5 years which has implications for our Neighbourhood Plan should there be any changes to Core Strategy in future. It was also pointed out that affordable housing targets may not be met as such developments are less profitable and therefore not always economically viable for builders.

- 3.5 Local residents – concerns were raised again about the need for gritting on the C1007 between Birtley and Brampton Bryan as it is the route for the school bus. This was brought up last year but seems no progress. The Locality steward will investigate.
Brampton Bryan – problem with water drainage in village compounded by difficulty in locating the outlet to relieve the drains. There is also a loose manhole cover (BT) which passing traffic makes very noisy. Concerns were also raised about speeding by lorries from Radnor Hills site.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 17th November 2015

These were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

5. Finance

5.1 RFO will provide a detailed report on the 3rd quarter (Oct to Dec) at the February meeting

The following payments were **ACCEPTED** and cheques raised:

5.2 **Noted** payment of Clerk's expenses for December (chq no 101581)

5.3 **Noted** payment of £12 to Adforton Community Hall (chq no 101580)

5.4 **Noted** payment of £250 to Phil Jones (lengthsman) (chq no 101578)

5.5 **Noted** payment of £380 to Purrfect Cat Hire (lengthsman) (chq no 101579)

5.6 **AGREED** to pay £16 for hire of Lingen VH (NDP meeting, chq no 101582)

It was also **AGREED** that the R.F.O. should have permission to view accounts on-line as paper statements are often not up to date by the time they arrive.

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

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	153215 - Togpen, Willey Lane, Lower Willey, Presteigne, Herefordshire LD8 2LU
DESCRIPTION:	(Retrospective) - Construction of a passage way between a barn conversion and garage. Construction of a woodshed on the north side of the garage. Construction of a summer house to the east of the garage. Green house to the south of the barn.
APPLICANT(S):	Mr Paul Murray
GRID REF:	OS 334255, 267074
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK:	http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanninapplications

BGPC objected to the application following a meeting of the Planning Group on 29.12.15. The application was **REFUSED** on **4.2.16**

6.2

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	153583 - Tan House, Lingen, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0ED
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DESCRIPTION: Proposed garage and vehicular access.
APPLICANT(S): Mrs Elizabeth Johnstone
GRID REF: OS 336739, 267146
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

BGPC supported the application but felt no strong external lights should be permitted to protect dark skies.

The application was **WITHDRAWN** on **3.2.16**

6.3

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 153597 - Land at Boultribrooke House, Norton Road, Presteign, Powys, LD8 2EU
DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use of land from private amenity land to tourism accommodation comprising a woodland timber cabin (part retrospective)
APPLICANT(S): Dr Richard Tennant-Eyles
GRID REF: OS 331255, 265669
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

BGPC supported the application

6.4 Planning Appeal

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Application Reference & Site Address: 081479 - Reeves Hill, Reeves Lane, Near Knighton, Herefordshire,
Description of development: Proposed erection and operation of 4 Wind Turbines and associated access tracks, hardstanding and sub station building.DCNW/2008/1289/F
Appellant's name: Bolsterstone Innovative Energy (Reeves Hill) Ltd
Appeal reference: APP/W1850/W/15/3137440
Appeal start date: 26 November 2015
Website: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk>

Deadline for comments 31.1.15 – for information only.

6.2 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 that an invoice had now been raised with £3,600 set aside for sustainable transport and £317 towards open spaces. It was **AGREED** the Clerk should contact Bruce Evans and Ruth Jackson at HC to clarify current position.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

8.1 The draft is out for consultation till 8th Feb with copies in all main villages. Thanks were recorded to Sam Banks in the Planning Dept for all her help and support with statutory matters and the PC thanked Cllr Chilman and the Steering group for their efforts in making the plan a reality.

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) – no work carried out this month due to very wet weather
- 8.2. Lengthsman Scheme – opening grips to reduce water levels in Brampton Bryan and Stoneybridge. It was reported that a resident had obtained a quote for a drain to be put in at the latter to alleviate the flood risk. It was **AGREED** that BGPC should ask Balfour Beatty if the lengthsman grant could be used to fund this. (Approx £2,500 had been set aside for drainage work from the lengthsman budget). It was **AGREED** to keep on agenda for February.
The culvert at Walford needs cleaning and work required to a tree in Lingen churchyard
- 8.3 – SIDS – **AGREED** Clerk would follow up costs and see if it was possible to purchase our own device
- 8.4 It was **AGREED** that the roads from Adforton to Letton and Lingen to Wigmore should be top priority for resurfacing
- 8.5 Litter along A4113 – much of it is packaging and is blown off lorries as they pass through. It was **AGREED** to try and identify the source and contact business concerned as believed to be local.
- 8.6 It was **NOTED** that moving the sign would require a Traffic order with a wait of at least 8 years.

9. The Old Chapel, Adforton –No progress since last meeting. It was felt the owner was not delivering on his promises but Cllr Gandy reported enforcement action unlikely before Spring as might be deemed unreasonable in current weather. **AGREED** to keep on agenda

10. Information Sheet -Members noted the Information Sheet.

11. To raise items for next agenda: future of lengthsman scheme; SIDS , drainage at Stoneybridge

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40 p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Brampton Bryan Village Hall on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 7.30.p.m.

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