

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 12th of May 2015 in Adforton Church Community Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs Gurney (Chair), and Walker (Adforton, Paytoe, Grange and Stanway) and Cllr Simon Whiteman (Walford , Letton and Newton)
Clerk Maureen Robinson

Attended by 5 parishioners.

1. **APOLOGIES** Mrs A. Voysey,

2. **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.

3. **Matters arising**

Bus stop and pole at Adforton – HC have agreed to provide and install

4. **REPORT BY CHAIR** – Cllr Gurney began by expressing sadness at the deaths of Past Chairman John Miles and Ward Cllr Olwyn Barnett both of whom gave many years' service to the Parish and community. He summarised the challenges facing the PC in the light of funding cuts from HC for things such as grass cutting, lengthsman work and budgets generally. On the plus side, BGPC had been successful in having a 40mph limit imposed through Walford, flooding had been greatly alleviated and Adforton Church had benefitted from a new roof which would enable a wider range of uses for the building. There was still concern over dilapidated properties in the village and it was hoped these might be restored in the near future as all agreed they gave a poor impression of the village. Finally Cllr Gurney thanked staff at Keys Care for their co-operation and reported that regular meetings take place to sort out any potential problems and monitor activities.

5. **Report from Local Charities -None**

6. **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

No meetings had taken place since December 14 and it was felt some momentum had been lost. The Consultant was still working on the final plan as a result of modifications to the Core Strategy for Herefordshire. The figure of 14% increase in housing was across the whole of the Border Group area and 7 potential sites had been identified in Adforton

7. Vacant Premises

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 Cllr Gurney also agreed to speak to owner of the farmhouse about the dilapidated condition of his house

8. Roads and Rights of Way.

Access at Five Ways had been successfully resolved with the PC agreeing to re-hang the gate to make it easier to open and close.

The road markings at the jct in the middle of the village had almost disappeared.

AGREED Clerk would find out when re-painting due to take place

9. Open Discussion/Recommendations to the Parish Council

- **Concerns were raised over speeding and possible solutions discussed e.g SIDs or rumble strips**
- **Very bright security lights at the Patches – could the hoods be tilted down as concern over anti –social effect on local area and impact on ‘dark skies’.**
- **Work to tree at jct of A4110 and Burrington turn – any news?**
- **S106 money – still no sign of it! Clerk to ask Ward Cllr**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

