

Border Group Parish Council
Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 30th June 2016 at 7.30p.m at Adforton Village Hall.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson

Bill Bloxsome (Planning Consultant for Border Group Neighbourhood Plan)

16 members of public

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Cllr Whiteman.

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: Cllr Barnett declared a Pecuniary interest, signed the book and left the meeting. Cllr Harley declared a non-pecuniary interest, signed the book and remained for the discussion but with no vote.

No requests for dispensations

2. To approve the Draft Border Group Neighbourhood development Plan for onward transmission to Herefordshire County Council

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and clarifying the reasons for the meeting. Concern had been expressed by a member of the public about the eligibility of Steering Group members to vote on the proposal and following advice from HALC it was determined they could do so lawfully. An amendment was then put forward by Cllr Walker (seconded by Cllr Brown) as follows:

“To approve the Plan only after it has received a report from the BGNDP Steering Group providing the following:

1. Evidence the draft plan has been agreed by the Steering Group along with the key supporting documents.
2. Reasons why housing estates of 5 or more as a minimum have been chosen and how that fits with the density and character of the villages.
3. Reasons for the village boundaries, especially an explanation of those instances where the boundary extends beyond the Conservation area (e.g. Lingen).
4. An assessment of how far the draft NDP satisfies the original public consultation.
5. Details of the pecuniary interests of members of the BGNDP Steering Group, and what steps have been taken to ensure their public disclosure at all stages.”

Following general discussion/ clarification of the above points and input from Bill Bloxsome and Cllr Chilman as Chair of Steering Group, a vote was taken and the amendment was not carried (4 votes against to 2 in favour)

Cllr Brown then put forward a further amendment (seconded by Cllr Walker) as follows:

"Not to approve the Plan before all the current draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Schedule of Representations & the Housing Need paper June 2016 have been made public".

Following lengthy discussions, a vote was taken and the amendment was not carried (4 votes against to 2 in favour).

Finally a vote was taken on whether to approve the draft Neighbourhood Plan. It was **AGREED** to approve it with 4 Cllrs (Derrick, Gurney, Chilman and Pritchard in favour and 2 Cllrs (Brown and Walker) against. (It was also **AGREED** that 4 further documents would be put on the BGPC and Lingen website)

Thanks were recorded to the Steering Group for their hard work

4. To raise matters for next meeting agenda. No discussion

Traffic mirror; SIDS; Community Litter Pick; Rights of Way; Vacant and dilapidated properties; Transparency Code

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00 p.m.

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