

**Border Group Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30p.m. at Brampton Bryan Village Hall.**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Clerk Maureen Robinson  
 Ward Cllr Carole Gandy  
 Balfour Beatty – Sean Rooney and Zhana Vincent  
 3 members of public

**1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from: Cllrs Gurney and Chilman,

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

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

3.1 Sean Rooney, Head of Highways for HC, and Zhana Vincent, Traffic Management Team Leader for Balfour Beatty, had kindly agreed to attend in response to an invitation from Cllr Gandy to explain the current situation with SIDs. Mr Rooney declared his support for SIDs but with the proviso their use is consistent and appropriate and how it was necessary to consider the whole of the road network to avoid an unsightly and ineffective use of these devices. HC has procured some new SID equipment for use by Parishes but he stressed that Parishes themselves were free to put forward solutions for consideration as SIDs may not be the best method for regulating speeding. A discussion followed over the need for a Traffic assessment prior to a SID being installed and it was pointed out this ensures the device is managed properly and is in the right location. Mrs Vincent added that the policy is under review but once formally approved by HC, it will be published on their website. It is likely that in future more services currently provided by HC, will be devolved to PCs and speed surveys are an example of this. It was pointed out that at least 3 surveys would be necessary across Border Group and this would place a great burden on our budget. Mrs Vincent recognised this and agreed there was room for compromise given the proximity of the sites. The fee would cover cost of traffic counts and data collection and also provides information on collision history, whether speeds are excessive and by how much. BGPC will need to apply for an assessment in the first instance and then HC will make recommendations as to the best option. If recent data is available (as appears to be the case in Lingen) then this may be used. The Chair and Ward Cllr Gandy thanked Mr Rooney and Mrs Vincent for their contribution and they left the meeting at this point.

3.1.1 Cllr Gandy then presented her report which began with her recent visit to The Old House in Hereford where a Trust has been set up to manage the building following cuts in funding. She also attended a flag raising ceremony for Armed Forces Week and enjoyed the delights of the Mortimer Food Fair at Brampton Bryan. She gave an update on CIL and stressed the importance of identifying infrastructure issues in the NP which may be eligible for joint funding from HC if they coincide with its needs.

Cllr Gandy asked that she be kept informed of any problems with bus passes on the 491 and 498 routes as a resident in Brampton Bryan had been told by the driver she

could not use her pass. This was later resolved and the fare refunded. Finally Ward Cllr Gandy congratulated BGPC on its website for being very informative and professional. Cllr Brown was thanked for her work on keeping the website updated.

3.2 The Locality Steward was not present

3.3 Reports from Chair/ Councillors –none

3.4 Local residents –the issue of the telephone service in Lingen was raised and **AGREED** to be put on Sept agenda for further discussion. Concerns were raised by one resident over whether there had been changes to the original NP and whether BGPC had therefore failed to consult on these. According to other residents, no change had been made to the site identified as the Nursery. Although they said they had previously pointed out an error no-one at the PC meeting could confirm what came of this. It was **AGREED** to ask the Steering Group if the final draft required any amendment and also to ask Sam Banks for her view. Clerk to follow up and report back.

#### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

These were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman with the following addition under item 7.1: ‘Cllr Walker proposed that ‘a decision on the approval of the NP be delayed to allow proper consideration’. This was not seconded....’

#### 5. Finance

5.1 It was **AGREED** the Clerk would take on the RFO role. Proposed by Cllr Whiteman and seconded by Cllr Barnett. It was further **AGREED** that an extra 5 hours per month would be paid to Clerk at current rate from 1<sup>st</sup> August and BGPC would review the situation in January 2017. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Walker.

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

5.2 It was **AGREED** to pay Clerk’s expenses for July of £62.86 (chq no 101611)

5.3 It was **AGREED** to pay £20 for hire of Brampton Bryan VH (chq no 101610 )

5.4 Payment of £438 to Joe Thomas ( P3) **NOTED**, (chq no 101608 )

5.5 It was **AGREED** to pay £25 for hire of Adforton VH (chq no 101612)

5.6 It was **AGREED** to pay £30 towards upkeep of Lingen Churchyard ( St Michael and All Angels) (chq no 101609)

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

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 161474 - Stoneybridge Farm, Walford, Leintwardine, Craven Arms

DESCRIPTION: Permission for a static caravan.

APPLICANT(S): Mr Richard Ruell

GRID REF: OS 339078, 271720

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

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

#### WITHDRAWN

#### 6.2 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

##### APPEAL UNDER SECTION 174

Application Reference & Site Address: 161901 - Togpen, Willey Lane, Lower Willey, Presteigne, LD8 2LU

Description of development: Enforcement Appeal 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.

Appellant’s name: Mr Paul Murray

Appeal reference: APP/W1850/C/16/3149237

Enforcement Reference: EN/2016/002326/ZZ

Appeal start date: 8 June 2016

**Herefordshire Council have withdrawn their Enforcement Notice and the Appeal has therefore been withdrawn. A Contravention notice will now be issued**

6.3 APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 161769 - Birdsmeadow Cottage, Lingen, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0DY

DESCRIPTION: Erection of single storey rear extension

APPLICANT(S): Mr & Mrs B Williamson

GRID REF: OS 336678, 267098

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

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

**BGPC did not raise any objections**

6.4 Ref : P162056/PA7 – Prior Approval. Togpen Willey Lane Lower Willey Presteigne LD8 2LU, Proposed road. Valid.

**Although Herefordshire Council stated they were not accepting comments on this application it is linked to 6.2 above and is therefore in abeyance.**

**6.5 Standing item ref use of Sec 106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F – on-going**

## **7. Neighbourhood Plan**

7.1 Members of the Steering Group present were unable to provide an update.

**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) – No update provided but **AGREED** we need to confirm materials required for future work as this will now come out of P3 funds.

8.2. Lengthsman Scheme – **AGREED** to proceed with purchase of traffic mirror and post at Reeves Lane and Lengthsman will install rather than Balfour Beatty.

8.3 Traffic Mirror – see item 8.2 above

8.4 SIDS – on-going

**9. Governance review** – on 30<sup>th</sup> May HC reported that they will write to all Parishes to confirm next steps after June 23<sup>rd</sup> but the Committee had not recommended a countywide review at this point.

## **10. Vacant and dilapidated properties**

No action on Church Cottage, Adforton. Cllr Gandy advised she had contacted Building Control and the owner of the Old Chapel had until the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to secure the building (under s77 of the Building Act 1974). Cllr Walker and Clerk **AGREED** to check and report back to Cllr Gandy after this date.

**11.** To consider organising a Community Litter Pick – decision deferred till October 16

**12.** To discuss Rights of Way including footpath access on Harley's Mountain- deferred to Sept for Mike Oliver's input

13. To discuss compliance with Transparency Code – The Internal Audit report noted that BGPC are working towards this. Clerk to seek advice on what more we should be doing and report back in September

14. To consider an application for a grant to Kingspan Insulation Community Trust- no action, review prior March 2017 when grant becomes available again.

15. To note the Information Sheet - **NOTED**

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

- Sign for Reeves Lane and Orchard Close, Adforton
- Rights of Way
- Compliance with Transparency Code
- Feedback from HC Budget Consultation Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> July

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40 p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Lingen Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016. (No meeting in August)

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