

**Border Group Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Lingen Village Hall.**

**Present:**

Councillors: Phillip Barnett, Steve Chilman, Tom Dixon, Clive Gurney, Susan Harley, Trevor Pritchard, John Walker, Simon Whiteman (Chair)

**In attendance:**

Clerk/RFO Maureen Robinson

Ward Cllr Carole Gandy

No members of public

**1. Apologies for absence** were accepted from: Cllr Brown ( holiday), Locality Steward Mike Brookes ( personal reasons submitted post meeting)

**2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations:** Cllr Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15 on agenda as an employee of one of organisations involved. No requests for dispensations.

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

3.1 Ward Cllr Gandy presented her report which included news that 2,700 properties across Herefordshire are to be connected to faster Broadband. Mortimer Ward will be the last to be done but hopefully in place by end of March 17. BT's contract with HC finishes at the end of December and there will be a new contract with Gloucestershire who will pick up the balance of 350 properties in early 2017. (Phase 2 will be listed on HC website and residents can enter their postcode to find out when they will be connected). Cllr Gandy also urged all residents to complete a survey on the Final Draft Plan on the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sustainable Transformation Plan which outlines future Health proposals for the County and has significance for all of us. The survey can be found at [www.yourconversationhw.nhs.uk](http://www.yourconversationhw.nhs.uk) but Cllr Gandy stressed it is not a consultation

3.2 Locality Steward – not present

3.3 PCSO Pete Knight – not present

3.4 Chair and Councillors reports – Cllr Gurney reported on a very successful visit with the Clerk to Mill Cottage to share a Christmas lunch with staff, young people and their families.

3.5 Local residents – none present

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 22nd November 2016**

These were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman

**5. Neighbourhood Plan**

5.1 The dates of **12<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017** were **AGREED** for the second Reg 14 consultation. Proposed by Cllr Chilman and seconded by Cllr Gurney – all in favour. The on –going concerns of Walford residents about potential development there were noted. Leaflets will be delivered to every household in Border Group and consultation evenings planned. Copies of the Plan will be available at venues across the Parish and Leintwardine Library. Ward Cllr Gandy offered to help with leaflet delivery and Cllr Walker has produced a link on the BGPC website for responses.

5.2 Wigmore Neighbourhood Plan – the issue of the lack of affordable housing provided for was raised

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

## 6. Finance

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

6.1 It was **AGREED** to pay £72 to HALC for Social Media training on 11.10.16 (chq no 101633)

6.2 It was **AGREED** to pay Clerk's expenses of £65.40 for December (chq no 101630)

6.3 It was **AGREED** to pay £30 towards upkeep of the churchyard at St Michaels and All Angels, Lingen (2017/18) (chq no 101632)

6.4 It was **AGREED** to pay £720 to lengthsman (chq no 101631)

6.5 **NOTED** – purchase of traffic mirror at £443.40 (chq no 101618)

6.6 P3 – footpaths. It was **AGREED** to defer a decision on materials until January.

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

7.1  
**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** 163822 - Land at The Ridges, Birtley, Bucknell, Hereford SY7 0DT  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed conversion of existing barn to provide new residential dwelling.  
**APPLICANT(S):** Mr David Lloyd  
**GRID REF:** OS 335321, 269565  
 No objection as bringing a redundant building back into use

7.2  
**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** 163484 – The Cottage Adley Moor, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0ES  
**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed replacement tiles on north side of the roof  
**APPLICANT(S):** Mr Stephen Raleigh  
**GRID REF:** OS 337445, 274407  
**APPLICATION TYPE:** Listed Building Consent  
**WEBSITE LINK:** <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>  
 No objection

7.3  
**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** 163724 – Brookside Cottage, Adforton, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Herefordshire SY7 0NF  
**DESCRIPTION:** Single storey side extension  
**APPLICANT(S):** Mr John Tierney  
**GRID REF:** OS 339952, 270967  
**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder  
**WEBSITE LINK:** <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>  
 No objection

7.4 Standing item : ref. use of Planning Obligation Agreement s106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen. Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F.

No new information. Ward Cllr Gandy had recently emailed Yvonne Coleman twice seeking an update but had not received a response to date.

## 8. Highways

8.1 P3 (footpaths) – work is dependent on decision over materials

8.2. Lengthsman Scheme – a discussion took place over current spending levels and the consensus was in region of £800 per quarter. The Annual Maintenance Plan will be approved in January

8.3 Grit bins – additional ones still to be purchased but Cllr Chilman to check with Locality Steward over replacements for damaged ones. A discussion followed over sandbags and it was **AGREED** 50 bags will be filled for Walford and Lingen respectively

**9. Pension Regulator – update NOTED**

**10. To consider** adopting HC ‘Unreasonable behaviour Policy’ – it was **AGREED** to adopt this insofar as it relates to BGPC and review it at the Annual Meeting in May. Proposed by Cllr Chilman and seconded by Cllr Pritchard. Cllr Walker disagreed and his objection was noted.

**11. To consider** changes to BGPC website – it was **AGREED** that the NP should go on the website. Cllr Chilman to liaise with Cllr Brown over an article to accompany the Plan to clarify the process for local residents. It was felt that any discussion re other changes should take place when Cllr Brown was present as she is the webmaster

**12. To agree** adoption of listed phone box at Brampton Bryan – not necessary as not listed for removal

**13. To consider** Broadband provision across BGPC – see Ward Cllr Gandy’s report at item 3.1

**14. To consider** the Freight Survey –deferred till January

**15. To consider** Sustainable Transformation Plan for Herefordshire and Worcestershire – deferred till January

**16. To note** Information sheet/ Correspondence received and responded to. **NOTED**

**17. To raise** matters for next meeting agenda. No discussion

*A resolution will be passed to exclude members of the public due to the confidential nature of the following item*

**18. Employment matters – role/hours of Clerk. The Clerk left the meeting at this point with the Chairman making brief notes of the discussion**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Adforton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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