

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Brampton Bryan Parish Hall.**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Clerk/RFO Maureen Robinson

Ward Cllr Carole Gandy

Footpaths Officer Mike Oliver

7 members of public

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from: Cllrs Dixon, Pritchard and Whiteman
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 Gandy presented her report which can be seen on the Border Group website
  - 3.2 Chair and Councillors reports –none
  - 3.3 Local residents – 7 residents were present from Walford who wished to raise concerns about possible development under the Neighbourhood Plan – in particular the high water table and the fact that Walford is on the site of a glacial lake; the issue of run-off from hardstanding associated with development, was also raised and an example was highlighted in Selly Oak where this had been a problem.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> July and 14th August (extra-ordinary meeting) 2017**  
These were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair with the addition of Cllr Dixon's name on the latter.
5. **Finance**
  - 5.1 It was **AGREED** to pay the Clerk's expenses of £117.75 for August/Sept (chq no 101667)
  - 5.2. It was **AGREED** to pay £1,287.00 to Joe Thomas (P3) (chq no 101672)
  - 5.3 It was **AGREED** to pay £186 to Presteigne Gates (P3) (chq no 101669)
  - 5.4 It was **AGREED** to pay £16.00 to Lingen Village Hall – inv 1160 (chq no 101671 NP)
  - 5.5 It was **AGREED** to pay £10.00 to Adforton Village Hall (chq no 101670)
  - 5.6 It was **AGREED** to pay £538 to Purrfect Cat ( lengthsman) (chq no 101668)
  - 5.7 It was **AGREED** to accept the quote of £4,074.42 from Data Orchard for consultancy costs for NP)
  - 5.8 It was **AGREED** to set up a Finance Working party to consider budget and Precept for 18/19 comprising Chair, Vice-chair plus one councillor. To be co-opted between meetings without consultation with full PC.

Payments approved. All in favour.

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## 6. Planning

6.1 To consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following applications:

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

<b>Application Reference &amp; Site Address:</b>	162900 - Togpen, Willey Lane, Lower Willey, Presteigne 2LU
<b>Description of development:</b>	A Retrospective Planning Application for Four Small Outhouses, changes to the Entrance on to the Public Road, the Inclusion of a Wood Burning Stove, the Erection of Fences outside the Development Area and the Resultant Increase in the Curtilage
<b>Appellant's name:</b>	Mr P Murray
<b>Appeal reference:</b>	APP/W1850/W/17/3176885
<b>Appeal start date:</b>	25 August 2017
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk">https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk</a>

It was **AGREED** that BGPC would submit comments and not support the appeal

6.2 **P173148/PA7** –Prior Approval Paytoe Hall Leintwardine Craven Arms Herefordshire SY7 0NB, Proposed livestock handling building. Valid – not accepting comments. (BGPC has been advised that we can still submit comments particularly if local knowledge has a material impact on the application in question)

6.3

<b>APPLICATION NO &amp; SITE ADDRESS:</b>	172723 - The Annexe at Limebrook Court, Lingen, Bucknell, Herefordshire SY7 0EB
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Proposed single storey extension and alterations to existing annexe.
<b>APPLICANT(S):</b>	Ms A Phillips
<b>GRID REF:</b>	OS 337520, 266582
<b>APPLICATION TYPE:</b>	Full Householder
<b>WEBSITE LINK:</b>	<a href="http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/search/planningapplications">http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/search/planningapplications</a>

BGPC did not submit comments

6.4 Standing item : ref. use of Planning Obligation Agreement s106 monies in respect of Home Farm, Lingen. Ref DCNW/2008/3016/F, 113046/F. It was confirmed that £4,400 had been paid into BGPC account. No decision made on how this would be spent.

## 7. Neighbourhood Plan – it was **AGREED** to move this item up the agenda after item 4.

The following motion had been put forward for consideration by Cllr Dixon:

‘In view of the danger of surface run-off flooding posed by the planned 4/5 house scheme in Walford, and the support of both our county councillor Carole Gandy and our planning officer Sam Banks for the residents’ proposed compromise scheme of two houses, plus an increase in the windfall total by two, the steering group is instructed to reconsider its rejection of the proposed compromise, and to review its proposals relating to Walford’.

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Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote but rejected. All in favour.

In addition, it was reported that character assessments for Brampton Bryan and Walford were still outstanding. There will be a further Steering Group meeting in October for the Plan to be checked and then brought to the PC meeting for approval and submission. It was emphasised that there was still ample opportunity for residents to make representations. The PC was sympathetic to the concerns of Walford residents but felt that in fairness to other villages it could not reduce the number of potential sites to less than 3 (from the original 5/6). BGPC was anxious to maintain this compromise and stressed the importance of getting the Plan to referendum so that it carries weight with any future planning applications. It was suggested that Walford residents commission their own flood risk assessment to provide independent evidence

7.2 Grant application – costs were confirmed ref room hire to add to application. Clerk to complete and submit

7.3 A response was **AGREED** to local resident

**Minutes/other information from any NP meetings will be made available on the BGPC website - [www.bordergroup-pc.org](http://www.bordergroup-pc.org) - where a separate page has been set up for access to information around NP**

## 8. Highways

8.1 To consider work to be undertaken under P3 scheme and receive an update on works to date – the Footpaths Officer's report can be seen on Border Group website [www.bordergroup-pc.org](http://www.bordergroup-pc.org). It was **AGREED** that P3 work needed to be prioritised given funding constraints. Cllr Chilman to discuss with Locality Steward.

8.2 To consider work to be undertaken by Lengthsman – opening grips, clearing ditches and roots. Thanks were recorded to the lengthsman for his prompt and excellent work clearing a large amount of rubbish outside Brampton Bryan. A member of the public had alerted the Clerk to the problem and the lengthsman had been out the same day to remove it. The possibility of joining the Enhanced lengthsman scheme was discussed as this would enable him to fill potholes on C and U roads **ONLY**. It would involve further training for our lengthsman and we may be able to use a neighbouring lengthsman in the interim. It was **AGREED** to consider training for lengthsman. Clerk to report back. (The Locality steward will still be responsible for marking any potholes in the first place)

8.3 Community Speedwatch – awaiting response from Safer Roads Partnership but in interim it was **AGREED** to ask Highways dept for Lingen speed data from recent exercise

8.4 It was **AGREED** to purchase 2 new bins from a supplier listed in Farmers Weekly. Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Brown. All in favour. Clerk to action

9.1 To consider setting up an Employment Working Group – **AGREED** and will consist of Chair, ~~Cllr Gurney~~ and 1 other Cllr tbc. See 5.8 above as same procedure will apply. All in favour.

9.2 To agree that the council will not normally debate employment related matters without first hearing a recommendation and report from the Employment Working Group on the matter in hand. **AGREED**. All in favour

10. To consider vacant premises locally including any update on the Old Chapel Adforton.

The s215 deadline has now expired but any prosecution appears remote. It was noted that some work had been carried out. Concern was expressed over the corrugated sheet and tarpaulins covering the roof, being blown off in high winds.

11. Phone box at Birtley – no further action

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12. To review how Councillors are informed of Planning responses - **AGREED** no longer necessary as any Planning applications now feed into BGPC website and can be viewed there

13. **Governance Review** – following discussion it was **AGREED** that BGPC does not wish to be considered as part of the review. A vote was taken with 4 in favour and 1 against. Response to be submitted to HC by Clerk.

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

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

- o Budget
- o S106 monies
- o Drainage in Walford
- o Prioritising P3 work ( footpaths)
- o Neighbourhood Development Plan coming back to BGPC re Regulation 16

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.56 p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Lingen Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Signed..... M [Redacted] wn ..... Date..... 17/10/17.....