

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Brampton Bryan Parish Hall.**

Present:

Councillors: Maggie Brown, Tom Dixon, Clive Gurney, Susan Harley, Trevor Pritchard, John Walker, Simon Whiteman (Chair)

In attendance:

Clerk/RFO Maureen Robinson

Ward Cllr Carole Gandy

2 members of public

Not present: Cllrs Barnet and Chilman

1. Apologies for absence: Mike Oliver, Footpaths Officer

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: Agenda item 6.5. Cllr Whiteman declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a close friend of the applicant. No requests for dispensations.

3. Open Session – brief verbal reports received from:

3.1 Ward Cllr Gandy presented her report which can be seen in full on the Border Group website. Ward Cllr Gandy also reported that dog fouling notices will be put up on request by Herefordshire council at no cost.

Mark Tansley from Herefordshire Council Planning dept has now written twice to the owner of the barns which were demolished next to Wigmore Abbey but no response has been received. The owner of Wigmore Abbey is very concerned about the condition of the gatehouse and the risk of combines passing through.

3.2 Chair and Councillors reports – a complaint had been received about overgrown hedges along Letton Lane in Adforton. It was **AGREED** the Clerk would write to residents asking them to cut back their hedges as this is their responsibility. It was pointed out that the Parish Council could ask Balfour Beatty to carry out the work on safety grounds but residents would be billed for this.

3.3 Local residents – a Brampton Bryan resident raised serious concerns over speeding there following on from the Parish Meeting in May.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 19th June 2018

These were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with a correction to spelling of 'Stocking Farm' to 'Stocken Farm'

5. To discuss options for the future of the 498 bus service – the meeting heard other local Parish Councils were also in favour of contributing towards this to ensure its survival. It was considered vital to keep it as some residents would be unable to get to hospital appts, visit family etc without it. It was **AGREED** that further discussions would take place at the Mortimer Ward meeting for Chairs and Clerks on 21st July and the Chair had the authority to offer a contribution in line with our finances/Precept

6. Highways

6.1 To discuss a review of traffic calming measures in Brampton Bryan and enforcement of the speed limit on the A4113 – following on from concerns expressed in item 3.3 the Clerk told the meeting that Ian Connolly from the Safer Roads Partnership had offered to meet with the PC and look at options for addressing the problem of speeding. The Locality Steward would also need to be

involved as Balfour Beatty are the Highways contractor. **AGREED** the Clerk would set up a meeting and residents were asked to report any traffic incident to the Police so a log can be kept. The possibility of grants etc towards traffic calming measures was also discussed.

6.2 To consider purchase of a SID (Speed indicator Device)- it was **AGREED** to purchase one from Pandora Technologies at a cost of £1,795.00 (plus VAT) subject to advice on siting it in the 4 villages.

6.3 To consider work to be undertaken under P3 scheme – Mike Oliver sent a report from the recent meeting at Balfour Beatty for Footpaths Officers which he found interesting and informative. Thanks were recorded to Mike for his attendance.

6.4 To consider work to be undertaken by Lengthsman – Adforton Green still needs to be cut and the hedge around the car park at Adforton

Resident (Lm 43)

6.5 Footpath diversion – Lingen. It was **AGREED** to write to ~~Mr Ames~~ supporting the proposed change to the footpath.

S.P.W.

7. Finance – the following payments and invoices were approved for payment

7.1 To receive the quarterly financial report from the RFO – the bank balance stands at £22,024.12. The bank reconciliation will be sent out again as it contained an error. It was **AGREED** the Finance Working group would check the next quarter’s figures prior to the October meeting.

7.2 Clerk’s expenses of £19.99 for July, June salary of £372.94 (incl £40 towards home office costs) (chq no 101718/9)

7.3 Payment of £373 to Joe Thomas (P3) (chq no 101716)

7.4 Payment of £20 to Brampton Bryan Parish Hall for room hire (chq no 101721)

7.5 Payment of £15 to Adforton Village Hall for 2 meetings (chq no 101720)

All in favour.

8. Neighbourhood Plan –no update available

9. Planning – no applications received

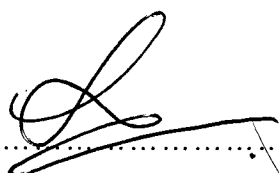
10. New Code of Conduct – deferred to September meeting

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

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

- Sluice at Walford
- SID update
- Parish Notice boards
- Financial Regulations
- Presentation by Save Mortimer Forest Group (tbc)
- Meet the new PCSO – Steph Annette

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.16 p.m. The next Meeting will take place at Lingen Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th September 2018

Signed..........Date..... 18...9...18.....