

Border Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.00 pm at Lingen Village Hall. (Incorporating the monthly Parish Council Meeting)

Present

Councillors: Phillip Barnett, Steve Chilman, Clive Gurney, Susan Harley, David Kelly, Trevor Pritchard.

In attendance:

Clerk Maureen Robinson

Ward Councillor Carole Gandy

2 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Nominations were requested with Cllr Gurney proposing Cllr Chilman. Following a vote with all in favour, Cllr Chilman was elected unopposed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Election of Vice- Chairman

Cllr Whiteman was the only nomination and therefore elected to the office of Vice – Chairman.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Whiteman and Dixon

4. Cllrs were reminded to update their Register of interests- Noted

5. The composition of the Employment and Finance Working groups was discussed and it was AGREED to bring any issues for discussion to the full Council rather than separate working groups.

6. To receive Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations. None received

7. Open Discussion

To receive brief verbal reports from:

7.1 Ward Cllr Carole Gandy – the report can be seen in full on the BGPC website. In addition, Ward Cllr Gandy said a resident had reported a smashed milestone outside Adforton. Cllr Gurney to follow up.

7.2 Chairman & other councillors – incl. feedback from Parish Meetings and Chair's report.

Outgoing Chair, Cllr Whiteman, had circulated his report prior to the meeting and it can be seen on the website. Verbal reports were received from individual Cllrs for Adforton, Brampton Bryan and Lingen incorporating their respective hamlets. The main issues concerned speeding, pot holes, flooding. A blocked drain in Lingen was cleared by a resident – it appears to be blocked by roots and Balfour Beatty have so far failed to resolve it. A new sign was needed at the Walford turn to Lingen as the existing one is too long and is getting struck by vehicles. Ward Cllr Gandy to follow up both these matters. Copies of all reports will shortly appear on BGPC website www.bordergroup-pc.org.

7.3 To hear views of local residents on Parish matters – concern was expressed over development at Birtley. Ward Cllr Gandy is following this closely and asked to be kept informed of any news.

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8. Minutes of the previous meeting – 16th April 2019

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

9. **To receive** an update on SID (Speed Indicator Device) – has been delivered to Clerk's address. Need to check size of post and socket for installation. It was agreed that the first village to use it would be Brampton Bryan

10. **To receive** an update on Mill Cottage- Cllr Gurney reported that the Court case for arson against the 2 youths had been thrown out – apparently due to an 'inadequate' report from the Fire and Rescue Service. Cllrs were incensed to hear this and it will be followed up as a matter of urgency.

11. Finance:

11.1 To receive and note the IA report- Noted

11.2 To approve and sign Annual Governance statement – approved and signed

11.3 To approve Annual Return and Accounts- approved and signed

11.4 To note dates for Elector's Rights – 27th June to 3rd August 19

11.5 To confirm cover/premium with new provider (Community Action Suffolk) before renewing insurance with Zurich (£167.44) and commence cover if appropriate.

The Council RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

11.6 Clerk's expenses of £66.09, April salary of £332.16 (incl £18 toward home office costs) (Chq nos 101764/5)

11.7 £40 to ICO for annual data protection registration (chq no 101766)

11.8 £108.00 (incl VAT) to Mr Bevan for hedge-cutting at Adforton car park (chq no 101767)

11.9 £18 and £5 to Adforton Church for room hire. (chq no 101768)

11.10 Following advice received from SLCC.it was **AGREED** to submit a claim for refund of VAT on the defibrillator at Brampton Bryan

11.11 Risk Management Policy updated and approved

11.12 Asset register updated and approved

12. **To receive** an update on the sluice at Walford and consider possible dredging of the brook.

The sluice will cost in the region of £600 + VAT incl galvanisation and installation. An alternative to dredging would be to clear the brook which runs under the road but it was felt this should be discussed with Walford residents – deferred to June meeting as Cllr Dixon not present.

13. **To set a date** for free property marking session at Lingen – **Saturday 6th July, 10-12 Lingen VH**

14. Highways

14.1 To consider work to be undertaken by Lengthsman. – clearing vegetation around signs in Letton and Newton. Adforton Green to be cut

14.2 To consider work to be undertaken under Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – nothing raised. Thanks were recorded to Footpaths Officer, Mike Oliver and Joe Thomas for all the work they do and best wishes to Joe who is unwell..

14.3 To consider Annual Maintenance Plan 19/20 for Lengthsman/P3 and submit to Balfour Beatty - done

15. **Planning** To consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following applications:

15.1

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:

Planning Re-consultation - 184287 - Land at Lingen Nursery, Lingen, Herefordshire, Proposed erection of eight dwellings with garages, double garage for the existing dwelling, new access and associated

DESCRIPTION:

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development on land at Lingen Nursery.

APPLICANT(S):
GRID REF:
APPLICATION TYPE

Mr & Mrs Davis
OS 336639, 266872
Planning Permission

BGPC **objected** to 15.1 on grounds of access and drainage issues

15.2 P191559/AM - Non Material Amendment

The Old Cottage Lingen Bucknell Herefordshire SY7 0DY, Proposed non-material amendment to planning permission ref 161059 (Demolition of kitchen and outbuildings and rebuild with lounge extension) - Retain an oil burning boiler in same location as the existing boiler, reduce number of windows to front elevation of the extension to 1, Valid

BGPC **supported** 15.2

16. To review Standing Orders – reviewed, no changes.

17. To discuss letter from Police and Crime Commissioner re offer of Smartwater kits- no action at present

18. The Information Sheet was noted.

19. Matters raised for the next meeting: Thursday 25th June at Adforton Church Hall at 7.30 pm

- SID – incl possibility of hiring to Stapleton PC
- Sluice at Walford
- Fence at Adforton car park

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

SIGNED

S. J. Chlman

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