

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at Lingen Village Hall.**

Present:

Councillors: Philip Barnet, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Tom Dixon, Clive Gurney, David Kelly, Trevor Pritchard, Simon Whiteman

In attendance:

Clerk/RFO Maureen Robinson
Ward Cllr Gandy
Local residents –

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Alford

2. Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations: None

3. Open Session – brief verbal reports received from:

3.1 Ward Cllr Gandy had circulated her report which can be seen in full on the Border Group website. In addition she gave an update on the development at Birtley where a decision is likely by the end of the week.

3.2 Chair and Councillors' reports: Cllr Dixon had circulated feedback from a meeting for Parish Councils with Balfour Beatty and the Environment Agency on Jan 6th at Wigmore

3.3 Local residents - representatives from Buckton and Walford attended the meeting to express their continuing frustration and dismay at the lack of action in clearing up the aftermath of the floods and to ask for an urgent investigation of the concrete culvert which runs alongside the road from Adforton to Walford. It seems this culvert is silted up and therefore water is unable to flow quickly enough to prevent it flooding. A meeting will be arranged by Cllr Dixon and Walford/Buckton residents and Balfour Beatty and the Environment Agency as well as Ward Cllr Gandy to explore solutions. Resilience Planning to improve preparedness and response will be a topic for future discussion.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – Monthly Meeting of Parish Council 19th November and Extraordinary Meeting of Parish Council on 3rd December 2019

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

5. To receive an update on a sluice at Walford – On- going. Still not ready

6. To provide an update following meeting on 6th January re flood response -a meeting will be organised shortly by Cllr Dixon for residents of Walford and Buckton and various agencies, plus a Mortimer Ward- wide one at Aymestrey in early March with Herefordshire Council, Balfour Beatty and the Environment Agency. Residents present were upset and frustrated that a lack of maintenance appeared to have contributed to recent flooding and they demanded action. There is no specific funding available for flood relief but there are environmental projects which can attract funding indirectly. It was **AGREED** that a sub -group of residents might be best placed to take this forward with advice from Ward Cllr Gandy and others. The possibility of introducing a flood warden was one suggestion.

7. To receive an update on SID – been in Lingen and is currently in Walford. A location has been agreed on the Knighton side of Brampton Bryan for the erection of the SID (Speed Indicator Device)

8. Neighbourhood Plan -to consider carrying out a review -it was **AGREED** as BGPC's Plan was less than 2 years old no review would take place as still carried full weight in Planning terms.

9. Finance

- 9.1 The current account balance stands at £19,159.65 Spending in line with budget.
- 9.2 Payment of Clerk expenses of £78 (Dec/Jan) (chq no101802)
- 9.3 Payment of £15 to Adforton Church for room hire (chq no 101799)
- 9.4 Payment of £106.32 (incl VAT) to Presteigne Gates for P3 work (footpaths)(chq no 101800)
- 9.5 Payment of £89.88 (incl VAT) to Presteigne Building Supplies (PBS) (P3 materials) (chq no 101801)
- 9.6 To consider appointment of new Internal Auditor -it was **AGREED** to contact HALC to see if they were interested in providing Internal Audit services
- 9.7 To consider HALC subscription for 20/21- **AGREED** to pay subscription for 20/21 of £551.46 (incl VAT) (chq no 101803)

Payments approved. All in favour.

10. Highways

- 10.1 To consider work to be undertaken under P3 scheme – Mike Oliver presented his report which can be seen on BGPC website. BGPC is very grateful to Mike for everything he does as Footpaths Officer.
- 10.2 To consider work to be undertaken by Lengthsman – ditching at Stocken and Lingen; to attempt a clear up of Buckton lane plus jobs identified since last November. See invoices on BGPC website for details.
- 10.3 Still waiting for new directional signs for Walford towards Lingen.
- 10.4 **AGREED** to respond to proposal from Herefordshire Council re verge cutting

11. Planning

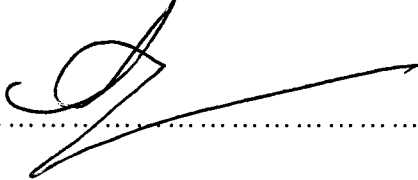
To consider comments to Herefordshire Council on the following applications: None received

12. To note Information sheet/ Correspondence received and responded to. **Noted**

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

- SID
- Sluice at Walford
- Election/ Co-option of Brampton Bryan Cllr
- Update on residents’ meeting re flooding in Walford and Buckton
- Resilience Planning

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40p.m. The next Meeting will take place at **Lingen Village Hall at 7.30pm** on Tuesday 18th February 2020.

Signed..........Date..... 18...2...20.....