

Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes of Thursday Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
at Ballingham Old School Hall 7.30pm

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Peter Pember, Cllr Frank Probert, Cllr Patricia Fitzpatrick, Cllr John Lyons, Cllr Sherwood Keogh & Cllr Henry Rudge

**1.Apologies:** Cllr Sally Pike, Cllr Dave Stuffins

**In attendance** Kath Greenow Parish Clerk.

Ward Cllr David Summers & 5 parishioners

**2.To receive Declarations of interest on agenda items and consider dispensation requests**

Chairman Cllr Martin Soble declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 9.1planning application 163797

**3.To co-opt member to fill current vacancy**

2 candidates stood for co-option. Mr Lowe and Mr Watkins both from St Owns Cross area. Both gave a brief introduction about themselves.

A paper ballot took place and the result of the ballot was that Mr Watkins was co-opted as a parish Councillor

**4.To agree and sign the minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting held on 15/12/2016**

An amendment was made to the draft minutes to put the member of the public in as attending the meeting and not under apologies. It was then **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting held on 15/12/2016 as a true record of the meeting.

**5.Public forum: Members of the public may raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council**

**(this period will be restricted to 10 minutes. Please note that decisions cannot be made at this meeting on items raised that are not on the agenda)**

No matters raised

**6.To receive to reports from:**

6.1Ward Cllr Report - Nothing to report

6.2Clerks Report - None

**At this point in the meeting the Chairman brought forward agenda item 9.1 Planning application 163797**

9.1To consider commenting on planning application:

Application 163797/F Change of use of part of paddock from equestrian to residential. Construction of new 3 bed dwelling with associated garaging, access and landscaping

It was **RESOLVED** to: **SUPPORT** the application and to make the following comments  
The Parish Council acknowledges the community work that the applicants have been involved in over the years.

The application meets the criteria set out in the NPPF which promotes sustainable development which is assessed under three areas. Social, economic and environmental roles. It was the PC's view is that the application meets the NPPF criteria.

**7. Lengthsman & P3**

7.1To consider lengthsman & P3work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman in the parishes.

**It was RESOLVED:** that the clerk contacts the locality officer to arrange a meeting with Terry Griffiths (lengthsman) regarding the filling in of small pot holes in the parishes under the enhanced lengthsman scheme. Terry Griffiths to contact the clerk with a costing of the work to be undertaken once the meeting had taken place

#### P3 WORK

Hentland Parish – HN3A red and white tape has been erected at this location and it was **RESOLVED:** to inform the locality officer and request that he investigates and reports back to the PC. The stile at this location needs attention and Cllr Henry Rudge offered to look at the stile and speak with the landowner. Footpaths along the Biblets area have a number of overhanging trees and the PC are waiting for quotes to come in for the work to be carried out on these.

Cllr Sherwood Keogh reported about a hand rail needing attention near The Cottage of Content. The hand rails are unsafe and need attending to. The bridge is also needing so attention. Cllr Henry Rudge offered to look at the problem and speak to the landowner. Two new gates need to be installed on some of the footpaths and it was delegated to the clerk to purchase 2 gates. A budget of £450.00 was set for the purchase of the gates. The clerk was to liaise with Cllr Henry Rudge on the type of gates required

7.2 To consider advising for a new parish lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED:** that the clerk contact Balfour Beatty for a list of lengthsman and a job spec for the role of lengthsman. Advert for the lengthsman to go in parish newsletter and on the website.

#### **8.Highways**

8.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

8.2 To receive an update on meeting with Land drainage officer

No meeting has taken. A meeting is to take place week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

#### **9. Planning**

9.2 To consider commenting on planning application:

Application: 163941 Garden Store Change of use of land to residential curtilage (retrospective)

It was **RESOLVED:** to comment No objection

9.3 To note planning application approved/refused by Herefordshire Council since last meeting

Application 163383- 4 Gillow Cottages St Owens Cross Hereford to fell a liner group of trees lying to the north of the dwelling - **Application refused**

Application: 163607 The New Harp Inn Hoarwithy Hereford -to fell 1x Western Red Cedar.

#### **Application Approved**

#### **10.Neighbourhood Development Plan**

10.1 To receive an update on NDP and next step required for regulation 14 consultation

The clerk reported that that Herefordshire Council are still putting together the 2 environmental reports that are needed to go into the draft NDP.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Herefordshire Council relating to: Neighbourhood Development Plan- Potential Housing Sites Availability which read as:

Through a recent Council “Call for Sites” process, Herefordshire Council sought land in rural areas for potential housing development, to aid the preparation of the upcoming Rural Areas Development Plan Document (DPD). This document will not, however, cover areas that are producing NDPs.

Therefore, where we have received details of sites in areas that are producing NDPs, we have informed the landowners and/or agents that Herefordshire Council would not be assessing them, as the role of identifying and allocating sites for development will fall to the NDP.

We have therefore notified the landowner's agent that we shall pass the details of their client's submitted sites in St Owens Cross onto the Parish Council, in order to make the NDP steering group aware of their availability for their assessment and consideration in identifying potential housing sites

The information was noted.

#### **11.Finance**

11.1 To note bank balance

Bank Balance noted as: 16164.13 as per bank statement dated 05/01/2017

11.2 To consider quotes for signage regarding HGV's

Discussion took place regarding HGV signage required. It was **RESOLVED:** that the Chairman liaise with the clerk with regard to HGV signage and the clerk is to seek quotes for signage.

11.3 To consider invoices for Payment

It was **RESOLVED:** to pay:

Plynlimon Trust November Transport £41.00

J Round L/man December Invoice £459.00

BOSH invoice for village hall hire£20.00

A4 Office Products £29.69

Radbourne's – Sand Bags £110.50 + vat

Payment of grant to Ballingham PCC towards replacement of hedge at Ballingham

Churchyard £400.00

Clerks mileage May – December 2016 £41.76

#### **12.Correspondence**

All correspondence had been emailed to Cllrs as appropriate

**13 Matters raised for consideration for placing on the next meeting's agenda**

**(no discussion)**

**14.Date of next meeting scheduled Parish Council Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm Ballingham village hall**

Next Meeting date noted

**Signed**

*M Soble*

**Chairman**

**Dated 16/02/2017**