

Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council
Minutes of Thursday 15th June 2017
At St Catherine's Church Hoarwithy 7.30PM

Present Chairman - Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Dave Stuffins, Cllr Phil Watkins, Cllr Patricia Fitzpatrick, Cllr Simon Harris

In attendance Kath Greenow Parish Clerk & Ward Cllr David Summers

1.To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Peter Pember, Cllr Sally Pike Cllr Henry Rudge

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

Cllr Phil Watkins declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 8

3.To agree and sign the minutes of The Annual Parish Council Meeting 18-05-2017

It was **RESOLVED**: to agree and sign the minutes of The Annual Parish Council Meeting 18-05-2017

4.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 members of the public present

5. Clerks report on action items

The Clerk reported that the HGV signage had been ordered, no response to date from The Duchy relating to flooding issues in Hoarwithy, maps sent by locality steward had been sent to Cllrs.

6.Website issues

Discussion took place concerning the current website and the clerk reported that she was having difficulty with managing it as she couldn't put things on easily.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk obtain a quote from Eyelid productions for a website, domain name and webhosting

[Clerk to Action](#)

7. Lengthsman & P3

7.1 To receive a report from the lengthsman

No report from lengthsman. Chairman to ask the lengthsman to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

It was delegated to the Clerk to give instructions to the lengthsman to carry out work as required in between meetings with in the budget constraints for the lengthsman scheme budget 2017/18.

[Clerk to Action](#)

7.2 To receive a report from the footpaths officer

No report.

7.3To consider lengthsman & P3work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman in the parishes.

The Clerk was asked to contact the lengthsman to request stimming around the repeater signs in the parishes and that this is added to the regular maintenance work carried out.

Footpaths work: Clerk to chase up Balfour Beatty locality officer regarding HN2. Hoarwithy area by the toll house, the landowner has replaced the fence by the stile.

Footpaths officer reported that a parishioner had offered to donate a picnic table and metal bench in memory of her husband which was to be sited near The Riverside area.

It was **RESOLVED**: to purchase a pedestrian gate at a cost of £150.00 +vat and that this would be fitted by the lengthsmen. Gate to be delivered to the Chairman and Cllr S Harris would advise lengthsmen where it was to be sited. [Clerk to Action & Cllr S Harris to contact lengthsmen](#)

8.To consider cost for verge cutting in the parishes.

It was **RESOLVED**: to accept the quote from G Watkins Contractors and request that they carry out 1 verge cut of C & U roads in mid-July throughout the group of parishes.

[Clerk to Action](#)

9.Ballingham village Green

9.1 To consider maintenance of Ballingham Village Green

A new noticeboard is to be erected on Ballingham Village Green by the village Green Group and the Parish Council were asked if they would maintain it

It was **RESOLVED**: to attend to the maintenance of the noticeboard as required.

It was **RESOLVED**: to continue with the maintenance as is at present on Ballingham Village Green which is carried out by Will Clift [Cllr D Stuffins to contact Will Clift](#)

It was **RESOLVED**: to contact the lengthsmen and ask him to inspect the tree on the village green [Clerk to Action](#)

9.Highways

9.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Pot holes are still an issue in the parishes, and have not been attended to by Balfour Beatty

It was **RESOLVED**: to ask Terry Griffiths to inspect the potholes and to give a quote to fix those that he could attend to. [Clerk to Action](#)

10. Planning

10.1 To note planning permissions granted/ refused since last meeting

None

10.2 To consider commenting on Planning Application:171516 – Buildings at Gannah Farm Bolstone Herefordshire

Description: Conversion of existing cow byre and granary buildings to provide a total of 3 no. holiday let units. Demolition/ removal of selected dilapidated and redundant outbuildings. Installation of sustainable surface water and foul drainage systems. Improvements to create wildlife habitat landscaping areas adjacent to the holiday let accommodation. Re-erection of the industrial steel framed barn located adjacent to the rear elevation of the cow byre.

It was **RESOLVED**: to support the application

12.3 To consider commenting on amended Planning application 170351 Tresseck Camp site Hoarwithy Herefordshire

Description: Proposal to allow the campsite to open 1st March to 31st October and allow the site to be used for campervans

It was **RESOLVED**: to SUPPORT the application regarding extending the opening dates from 1st March to end of October.

The Parish Council does not support the application with regard to allowing campervans due to concerns about the visual impact of large motorhomes and traffic with large motorhomes negotiating the narrow entrance off a narrow road in the middle of the village.

The PC recognises that the campsite does provide a popular tourist facility and economic support for the local community especially the New Harp Inn. The extended opening dates would increase this effect with little impact to local residents.

If the Planners were minded to approve the application for extended dates we would ask for: a landscaping scheme to be agreed that would reduce the visual impact of skips and portable toilets being sited for a longer season when there is less leaf cover a landscaping scheme to provide some noise reduction to protect local residents noise condition for quiet after 11pm to help protect local residents

If the Planners were minded to approve the application for campervans we would ask for: campervans to be in one allocated area campervans restricted to 5 at any one time a landscaping scheme to shield the campervan allocated area.

13. Neighbourhood Development Plan

13.1 To receive a report on the neighbourhood plan and next steps required

It was **RESOLVED**: to have a meeting of the steering group to consider the report received from Kirkwells on the regulation 14 consultation responses received. Steering Group to report at Next Parish Council Meeting

14. Finance

14.1 To note bank balance

Noted as: £12562.08 (05/06/2017)

14.2 To consider invoices for Payment

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

The Plynlimon Trust invoice 4347 April £41.00

H Roberts internal audit £50.00

Reimbursement to P Pember for payment to Fasthosts (website & email) £56.03

Clerks re imbursement of postage £8.22

A4 Office Products invoice 00178989 £24.74

Will Clift- Mowing & Strimming (Village Green) invoice E227 £60.00

Lengthsman Paul Wright (Longfield Services) £270.00

Came & Co Insurance renewal £288.46

15. To consider purchasing a defibrillator and location for siting one

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk seek advice on them find out cost of defibs and what funding is available for getting one [Clerk to Action](#)

16. Pension Regulator

16.1 To note staging date re: automatic enrolment as 1st November 2017

Noted

17. Correspondence

HALC Training information and book places as appropriate

No info from HALC

17.1 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

Noted

18. Matters raised for consideration for placing on the next meeting's agenda (no discussion)

None

19. To note date of Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 20th July St Catherine's Church Hoarwithy @ 7.30pm

Signed *M Soble*

Dated 20/07/2017