

Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
at Ballingham Old School Hall 7.30pm

**Present:** Chairman - Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Peter Pember, Cllr John Lyons, Cllr Sally Pike, Cllr Simon Harris, Cllr Dave Stuffins, Cllr Phil Watkins, Cllr Patricia Fitzpatrick, Cllr Henry Rudge

**1.Apologies:** Cllr Frank Probert & Cllr Sherwood Keogh

**In attendance** Kath Greenow Parish Clerk.

4 members of the public

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

None Declared

**3.To agree and sign the minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting held on 16/02/2017**

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting held on 16/02/2017

**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 parish matters raised

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

5.1Ward Cllr Report.

No report from Ward Cllr

5.2Clerks report on action items since last meeting.

The Clerk reported that the NDP consultation information had been sent to all households in the group parish, information had been put on the PC website. Statutory consultees as per Herefordshire Council's list had also been sent the consultation information.

**6. Lengthsman & P3**

6.1To consider appointing a new lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED:** to appoint Paul Wright as the lengthsman as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The Clerk will obtain parish maps & footpaths maps for the lengthsman from Balfour Beatty.

6.2To receive a footpath report from parish footpaths officer

Footpaths issues to be inspected and reported back on Stile at HN2 by the river near Hoarwithy bridge, HN8, HN3 by The Toll house.BH1=Bridge is unsafe – The hand rail needs replacing – footpaths officer to meet with the landowner.

HN8 the steps need attending to and the path has deteriorated at the bottom of Althrough Lane. Clerk to contact B/B locality officer and request he inspects the area and advises the PC accordingly

6.3To consider lengthsman & P3work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman in the parishes.

It was **RESOLVED:** that there would be a Cllr contact for each parish who would report worked to be carried out to the Clerk, who in return would report this to the lengthsman to request that the work is carried out

6.4To note lengthsman/P3 expenditure to date

Lengthsman & P3 Expenditure to date noted as £ 4268.25 + VAT

## 7.Highways

7.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Pot holes in the parish are still waiting to be attended to by Balfour Beatty.

The Clerk was asked to contact Terry Griffiths about the pot holes and seek clarity on which ones he can attend to as agreed by the locality officer. The Clerk was asked to contact the Balfour Beatty about issues with the enhanced scheme and lack of communication by the locality officer about identifying pot holes to be attended to by the PC under the enhanced scheme for 2016/17.

## 8.Website

8.1 To consider a review of the Parish Council website

It was **RESOLVED**: that the website needed to have some amendments made to it which consisted of old information to be removed which is no longer required to be on the website. The Clerk, Cllr Perter Pember & Cllr John Lyons to meet to update the website and amended the website as required.

## 8. Planning

8.1 note planning applications approved/ refused since last meeting

Planning Application 163898- Wye Hill Hoarwithy Hereford – Application approved.

Planning Application 163941- Great Treadow Farm St Owens Cross Hereford

Application approved.

8.2 To consider commenting on Planning application:

170351 Tresseck Campsite Hoarwithy Herefordshire

Description: Proposal to allow the campsite to open all year round and allow the site to be used for campervans

It was **RESOLVED**: Not to Support

The application is to extend the use of the camping site to all year round and to allow the site to be used for campervans. The current use is from Easter to end of September and for tents only. The proposal does not state how many campervans would be allowed. The area is within the Wye Valley AONB.

The application is **UNSUPPORTED by Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council** for the following reasons:

The existing site does cause regular noise complaints from local properties. Extending the season would increase the nuisance period and reduced foliage in winter would allow sound to travel more.

The campsite is susceptible to flooding as it situated within a flood zone. Although flooding can happen at any time of the year there is a greater risk in winter. When the site floods there is a risk that rubbish bins and chemical toilets may be washed away.

The campsite has little hard surface and so in the winter months there is greater risk of vehicles damaging the surface and getting stuck.

There are concerns that the existing site is allowed to spill out of the approved area and the addition of campervans would increase this problem.

Campervans would be more visible and therefore increase the visual impact.

The site entrance is tight and narrow and therefore not suitable for larger campervans.

The campsite is in an ANOB

**The NPPF Section 11 para 115 states that:**

“Great weight should be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty. “

#### **Policy RA6 OF THE LOCAL PLAN (Core Strategy) PARA 4.8.43**

The Wye Valley AONB and the Malvern Hills AONB are recognised by the National Planning Policy Framework as areas where development should be restricted. Guidance on proposed developments in AONBs is set out in Paragraph 116 of the NPPF. Policy LD1 of the plan also sets out guidance on how development proposals should seek to safeguard the character and appearance of these areas.

The campsite is already susceptible to flooding as the campsite is situated within a flood zone

It is the Parish Council's view that the ANOB should be protected. Further development of the site would cause unacceptable adverse impact to the amenity of nearby residents by virtue of design and mass, noise and dust, lighting and smell.

In conclusion

The campsite should not be allowed to develop further albeit by allowing campervans or allowing the site to open all year round as it is not compliant with NPPF policies or RA6 of the local plan. It is the Parish Council's view that further development of the site would cause unacceptable increased adverse impact to the amenity of nearby residents, primarily visual and noise, that would not be outweighed by the advantages to the local economy. The existing campsite makes a significant contribution to the local economy and provides adequately for tourism

#### **9. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

9.1 To receive a report on NDP regulation 14 consultation

The clerk reported that the NDP is currently at reg 14 consultation stage and the consultation will run until 18/04/2017.

9.2 To consider arrangements for drop in evening at The New Harp Inn Hoarwithy.

Cllr Pember to attend to putting up noticeboard with the maps etc on them in the New Harp Inn .

9.3 To note reimbursement of postage made to the Clerk for NDP booklet and letters posted £214.50 noted

9.4 To approve NDP payments to:

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Clerks reimbursement for stationery £8.00

Pip invoice NDP Printing £809.19

A4 office products labels & ink cartridges £39.28

9.5 To receive a report Grant for NDP

The clerk gave a report on the NDP grant expenditure to date. Grant left to date noted as £1669.00

#### **10. Finance**

10.1 To note bank balance as at 15/03/2017 £11834.12

10.2 To consider adopting Financial regulations

The draft financial regulations were discussed and considered and some amendments were required. Clerk to attend to the amendments. Agenda item for approval at the next PC meeting

10.3 To consider invoices for Payment

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Plynlimon Trust Jan 2017 Transport £41.00

HALC Annual subscription £467.59

10.4 To receive an update report on HGV signage in Hoarwithy  
Clerk is awaiting estimates

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting- noted

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

**13. Date of next meeting scheduled Parish Council Meeting 27/04/2017**

Signed *M Soble*  
Chairman

Dated 27/04/2017