

BALLINGHAM BOLSTONE AND HENTLAND GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the above council was held at Ballingham Old School Hall on Thursday 17 December 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs P Fitzpatrick, Mr S Harris, Mr J Lyons, Mr S Keogh. Mrs S Pike, Mr F Probert, Mr P Rees, Mr M Soble (in the chair) and the clerk (P Pember).

Visitors: One

Apologies: Mr H Rudge, Mr A Smith, Clr. D Summers.

Declaration of Interests

None

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 19 November had been circulated and were taken as read approved and signed.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan

2.1 Report back on Informal Consultations – There had been a reasonable response; 27 at the New Harp, Hoarwithy, 15 at Ballingham Old School Hall and 14 at The New Inn, St. Owens Cross. Total 56. The drop ins had been well received by those who had attended.

2.2 Discuss and agree the process for evaluation of comments received. So far only 7 consultation response forms/comments have been received and it was agreed that a reminder be sent to those who had entered their email addresses on the registration sheets. It was decided that there would be a meeting at Ballingham Old School Hall on 14 January to evaluate comments received. Those present expressed a wish to attend that meeting. The Clerk said he would forward comments received before the meeting
Clerk to send reminder, book venue and forward copy of comments received to members before the meeting.

2.3 Confirm Expenditure on Consultations –

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| Room Hire BOSH | £20.00 (The New Harp and New Inn did not charge). |
| Invitation letters | £76.14 |
| Printing of Draft Consultation Plan | |
| And encapsulating posters | £245.13 |
| Foamex signs | £192.00 |
| Stamps | <u>£173.88</u> |
| Total | £707.15 |

Mr Soble then welcomed the Chair of Little Dewchurch Parish Council who are similarly engaged on the NDP journey and a discussion of common interests then followed. It was felt that joint meetings with neighbouring parishes (as happened in the past) would be useful.

3. Requests for “Carey” Signs

The Clerk had written to Balfour Beatty to find out if these could be supplied and the cost to the Council.

4. Group Parish Newsletter

Comments had been made to the Chair which gave him the impression that a broadsheet covering the three parishes advising residents (particularly those new to the area) of important information e.g. Doctors, churches, pubs, sandbags would be useful. This could be distributed as a leaflet and displayed on the website. It was agreed this was a good idea.

Councillors to bring useful information relating to their patch to next meeting.

5. Councillors email addresses and phone numbers on website

Most Councillors council email addresses are now working and are on the website; the Clerk would assist those who are having problems. At the moment phone numbers are not shown and it was agreed the table would be amended to enable those who wished to have their number displayed to do so.

Clerk to amend website re phone numbers.

6. Fire Hydrants Hoarwithy

When there was a fire at the Old Chapel the Fire Service could not find a Fire hydrant. The Clerk had contacted Welsh Water to find out where the Hydrant was but they could not help as the Fire Service had not adopted all the Hydrants in the area. However the Clerk now has an email address for the Fire Service.

Clerk to contact Fire Service.

7. Salt Bins and Potholes

The Clerk asked members to put details on sheet of paper which he passed round. If the pot holes fell within the extended Lengthsman scheme a budget of £300.00 was agreed. Paul Wright is a contractor qualified for this work. Chair to advise Clerk of contact details

Clerk to follow up.

8. Speed Limit Laskett Lane and Hoarwithy – Little Dewchurch Road

It was quite difficult to get speed limits which have to meet stringent criteria but it was agreed that the limit on Laskett Lane should be extended to where dwellings start and to extend beyond the houses on Altbough Hill (or possibly a warning of speed limit).

Clerk to contact Highways.

9. Sandbags

Sandbags were available for community use at Amberley St. Owens Cross, Aspen House, Hoarwithy, The Old Mill, Hoarwithy, The New Harp Hoarwithy and Ballingham Court. The Clerk had checked and Aspen House and Ballingham Court did not require further bags. He

contacted Balfour Beatty who had not sent usual request for details of bags required giving requirements. After an exchange of emails and support from Cllr Summers they eventually agreed to the request. Mr Lyons thought that the bags for St. Owens Cross would be better stored near the Cross. The Clerk said that following the difficulties encountered it may be best to leave for this year.

- 10. Persistent Dumping of Rubbish on Rocks Common –** The Lengthsman does an excellent job keeping the Common tidy but cannot cut part of it because of garden and other rubbish being dumped there. It was agreed this should be cleared and a sign erected advising that the Common was look after by the Parish Council and that waste must not be dumped there.
Clerk to arrange for Lengthsman to remove accumulation of rubbish and Mr Harris to have a sign made. Budget for sign £50.00

- 11. Items of parochial interest** - it was agreed the following should be included on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting:-
- 11.1 Review budget agreed for work to trees on Ballingham Hill
 - 11.2 Update on Community Speed Watch
 - 11.3 Update on Heavy Vehicles trying to use the shortcut on Altbough Hill
 - 11.4 Age UK request for financial support
 - 11.5 Community First Subscription

12. Date of next meeting:

Parish Council 21 January 2016 at Ballingham Old School Hall HR2 6NH

Meeting Considering NDP Informal Consultation Comments 14 January 2016 at Ballingham Old School Hall HR2 6NH