

BALLINGHAM BOLSTONE AND HENTLAND GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the above council was held at the Parish Room Hoarwithy on Thursday 17 September 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs P Fitzpatrick, Mr S Harris, Mr F Probert, Mr P Rees, Mr H Rudge, Mr M Soble (in the chair), Mr A Smith, and the clerk (P Pember).

Visitors 1

Apologies: Cllr. D Summers (Herefordshire Councillor), Mr J Lyons, Mr S Keogh.

Herefordshire Council

No report

Police Matters

No report

Co-options to Council

Mrs Sally Pike had accepted the invitation to the meeting. She gave a brief resume of her CV (which had been read out at the last meeting) and following an informal discussion with Councillors she was duly co-opted to the council which she accepted.

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes for the meeting of 15 July and extraordinary meeting of 30 July had been circulated and were taken as read approved and signed.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update

Following the election “purdah” and consultations re the “Core Strategy” it was decided that we should now progress with work on the plan and ask Mr Michael Wellock of Kirkwells to put together a consultation briefing. This should enable us to hold meetings with members of the parishes before Christmas. Details will also be published on the website. The Clerk would advise Mrs Alison Palfrey of Councils decision. A brief note would also be put on the website and if not too late in the Phoenix magazine to look out for further information in due course. The Steering Group was also discussed and its membership would be finalised in due course.

3. Planning

3.1.

151961 - Gillow farm, St Owens Cross – the application had now been withdrawn].

3.2

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 152213 - Land at Little Pengethley Farm, Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire
DESCRIPTION: Proposed barn conversion into dwelling.
APPLICANT(S): Mr Patrick Lewis
GRID REF: OS 353986, 225497
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

The Clerk had written to the planning officer asking for an extension to the 18 September to submit comments which had been agreed; however the application had already been approved. It was agreed the clerk should find out why and confirm that the extension agreed on planning application 151320 would still stand.

4. Report Introduction to planning Seminar

The Chair and Mrs Fitzpatrick attended the seminar and found it very useful. Copies of the slides from the evening had already been circulated. It was highlighted that when supporting or objecting to an application the reason for doing so should be stated. Details of Material and Not Material criteria were contained in in the slide "Some Factors "on the ground""

5. Accounts

The Audit has been completed and would be published on the notice boards and website shortly. The only minor issue, not affecting the audit, was that the figures to 31 March 2014 in boxes 2, 3 and 8 had been restated from the figures presented on the 2014 annual return following the others matters noted in last year's external auditors report. The column that had been restated should have had the word "restated" inserted beneath the "£" symbol.

6. Precept 2016/17

The Precept for 2016/17 has to be submitted by 31 December 2015 and the Council would consider the budget at the November meeting.

7. Lengthsman's Scheme

7.1 The Clerk had received the contract for the new scheme.

7.2 Mr Rees had given contact details to the Clerk to enable a speed check scheme to be set up. This will enable the B4521 from the A49 to A4137 to be monitored. A neighbouring parish would be prepared to loan equipment if needed.

8. Parish Paths Scheme

8.1 A Kissing Gate extension had been provided by Herefordshire Council and installed, at no cost, by the Duchy on the stile gate between the Duchy field and campsite.

8.2 The Clerk had emailed Dr Huyton re registering the riverside footpath at Ballingham but has received no reply so he would contact "PROW".

9. Hoarwithy Village Bin

Mr Adrian Shaw has been emptying this bin since installation but is not prepared to continue to do this without charge but would do so for £400.00 per annum including VAT (negotiable). After some discussion the council declined his offer and Mr Harris agreed to do this on behalf of the council on a temporary basis to evaluate the amount of rubbish and the need for the bin now that the bus service is less.

10. Trees Ballingham

There were a number of trees on Ballingham Common and around the village green which were potentially a health and safety risk. It was agreed that Mr Rudge contact Reuben Keogh to have these made safe up to a budget of £200.00.

11. Items of Parochial Interest

There were none.

12. Date of next meeting:

8 October 2015 at the Parish Room Hoarwithy (behind St, Catherine's Church) HR2 6QQ

(Note the Hoarwithy Christmas Party has been moved to 18 December at Hoarwithy so the Council meeting will go ahead as planned at BOSH on the 17 December)