

BALLINGHAM BOLSTONE AND HENTLAND GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the above council was held at the Parish Room Hoarwithy on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Mr A Smith, Clr. D Summers (Herefordshire Councillor), Ms Lowri Anderson (PCSO)

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

Were taken as read, approved and signed.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

2.1 Revised draft plan

Members looked at the plans submitted by Mr Michael Wellock and following discussions amended them to take into account local knowledge.

2.2 The way forward

After the plans had been published a call for sites would be made.

2.3 Consultations

These would be arranged in due course.

3. Planning

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	151502 - Sanctuary Cottage, Hoarwithy, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6QQ
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed erection of detached garage and railings to boundary with highway.
APPLICANT(S):	Mr Vincent Mercer
GRID REF:	OS 354654, 229444
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Householder

The site was close to the Parish Room so members decided to visit it. There was no objection in principal but railings would be visually obtrusive in an area with natural boundaries.

4. Co-options: after some discussion the majority decision was to co-opt and although two people had expressed an interest it was decided to defer a decision to the next meeting to enable members to see if there were further interest. It was also decided with one dissent to informally interview co-optees.

5. Lengthsman's Scheme: the Clerk had delivered the agreement to Mr James Powell at Balfour Beatty shortly after the last meeting but had heard nothing yet. He had left a message on Mr Powell's voicemail

asking for a progress report. Members were anxious to engage a contractor to start the verge cutting in particular and it was agreed the Clerk would obtain a list of suitable contractors from Mr Powell and liaise with Mr Harris and Mr Rudge when obtained. He would also obtain a map of the roads to be included.

6. **Progress on website:** the Clerk had made good progress and minutes, agendas, dates of future meeting were published thereon. The required financial information would be posted by the 1st July. New Councillors have been added and those no longer on the council removed. He asked that everyone use the Parish Council email address so that he can add these to the details of councillors. If anyone had difficulty configuring their new email address he would happily help them.
7. **Training opportunities:** two members had expressed an interest to attend the training for councillors on 9 July at 6-30pm.
8. **Stile Gates:** there had been a problem with the stile gate between the Campsite at Hoarwithy and the Duchy field. People do not always close the gate and stock enters the campsite causing a potential danger to campers. The Clerk had referred the matter to Public Rights of Way to see what could be done.
9. **Obtrusive telephone cables:** the cables along the road from Hoarwithy to Carey had been replaced with thicker one which instead of being fairly taut sag in the middle. In one place in particular the cables were in direct line with the windows of a house on the bank and the resident had complained to the Clerk who forwarded the complaint to Open Reach to deal with.
10. **Items of Parochial Interest**

The Clerk had submitted a revised mandate to remove signatures of those no longer on the Council and add new members. Mr Rees had visited the Hereford branch with ID and there was a record of this. Mr Harris visited the Ross Branch on the 8 June with his details. It was expected that the new mandate would be effective from 15 June. However before issuing cheques the Clerk checked with the bank and found this had not happened because Mr Harris' details had not yet been noted. He would again contact the bank. The cheques would be issued as soon as possible.

The Chair had by chance met a resident living near Hoarwithy Bridge who complained that Motor Caravans were using the campsite. The consensus was that this was not a significant problem. Sometimes fairly large vans bring canoes etc. which may have been mistaken for Motor Caravans.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 16 July 2015 at the Parish Room Hoarwithy (behind St, Catherine's Church) HR2 6QQ
(The Clerk did mention that there was a problem with the 17 December meeting as the Hoarwithy village Christmas Party was book for the same day).