

BALLINGHAM BOLSTONE AND HENTLAND GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the above council was held at Ballingham Old School Hall on Thursday 21 January 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Mr F Probert, Mr A Smith, Clr. D Summers.

Declaration of Interests

Peter Pember - Churchyards

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting on 17 December had been circulated and were taken as read approved and signed.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan

2.1 Amendments to Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The responses to the consultation were reviewed by a working group of Councillors prior to the Parish Council meeting and were discussed by full Council.

The plan used for the consultation had been submitted to Karla Johnson, Planning Officer | Neighbourhood Planning | Herefordshire Council who had reviewed the draft and said that the plan was on the right track and the structure was acceptable. However she suggested that a settlement boundary should be selected for Hoarwithy at least and some indication of how the 27 houses should be accommodated across the Group of Parishes. Mr Pember had printed off the settlement Boundary drawn last summer and after discussion Mr Rees proposed and Mr Harris seconded that it should be adopted. Carried 7 for 2 against.

A settlement boundary would be considered for St. Owens Cross.

It was agreed Kirkwells should proceed to produce a revised plan based on the above. There were some issues raised which would be considered at the next meeting.

Mr Rees, Mr. Soble and Clerk to follow up.

2.2 Timetable for Formal Consultation, Examination and

Referendum. It was hoped that Kirkwells would produce the revised plan by the 18 February meeting. When agreed by Council this would go for examination and approval by Herefordshire Council and then there would be a final 6 week consultation period. The Referendum would then follow.

2.3 Revised Budget and Costs. £727.15 of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant has been spent leaving £6332.85 available for fees to Kirkwells and for the final consultation. The grant should be

used by early march but it was agreed that the **Clerk should find out if the date could be extended.**

3. Lengthsman's and parish Paths Scheme

The Clerk had reported the Potholes advised last meeting. When these have been marked it would be possible to have them done under the extended scheme.

The Lengthsman had forwarded details of work that could be done in the final quarter of the year:-

Footpath BH10 Mr Rudge has the Stile and would install it. The steps require repair and should be done by the landowner Mr Jeremy Clay – **the clerk to write to him.**

Rocks Common North, the Lengthsman had cleared a lot of the garden and other rubbish and it was agreed **Mr Rudge would put some soil on there so that Mr Round can finish it off. Mr Harris would then erect a sign to try to stop rubbish being dumped there.**

Ballingham Hill Common dealt with at item 7.

4. Ballingham Churchyard Hedge

The Clerk had received a request for funds to assist Little Dewchurch and Ballingham PCC to remove the old hedge and replace with a new hedge in the current churchyard. The total cost for the work would be £745.00 with the promise of some donations if a grant were approved. It was proposed by Mr. Keogh, seconded by Mr Rudge that an extraordinary grant of £400.00 be made on confirmation that the work had been carried out in full; carried 6 for 2 against 1 abstention.

Clerk to advise PCC Secretary

5. Consultation Draft Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 2016-31

The deadline for submitting comments had been extended to 29 January 2016. It was agreed the main comment should be a request for service 33 to divert along the A4137 to St. Owens Cross then along the B4521 back to the A49 on some journeys, as it used to do. There would be more likelihood of passengers on that route than on the A49 between the A4137 junction and the B4521 junction.

Clerk to submit comments.

6. Group Parish Newsletter – Submission of information to be included.

No information has been forthcoming and Mr. and Mrs. Smith who do the BOSH newsletter were moving away and that newsletter may not continue. It may be possible to find someone to do this work. **The Clerk would put a request on the website for both newsletters and web – journalists.**

7. Review budget agreed for work to trees on Ballingham Hill.

A budget of £200.00 had been agreed for work on Ballingham Village Green and Ballingham Hill Common but the work on the Green cost

more than expected and the budget needed to be reviewed for the proposed work on the common. The work did not affect safety on the public highway and would not be appropriate to the Lengthsman's budget. It was decided that the landowners on the common were responsible for this work.

Mr. Soble to write to Mr. Laird

8. Age UK request for financial support.

The Clerk had received a request for financial support for Age UK in the range £100.00 to £500.00. After consideration Members decided that a donation was not appropriate.

9. Community First Subscription.

The clerk had not been able to review the aims of the organisation and it was agreed to adjourn to next meeting. **Clerk to follow up.**

10. Updates.

10.1 HALC response re minute secretary - Lynda Wilcox did not consider a minute secretary was appropriate as the minutes should be taken by the Clerk. She also suggested that to combine the role of unpaid clerk and that of councillor was in her opinion not good practise. No decision was made and it was possibly a good idea to invite her to the next council meeting.

10.2 Update on community speed watch - It was not possible to find a suitable site in the B4521 to position the camera. It was agreed **the Clerk should ask for a CSW in Hoarwithy.**

10.3 Update on Heavy Vehicles trying to use the shortcut on Altbough Hill – the Clerk has written to Balfour Beatty and Mr. Hornsby to obtain a notice. Mr Hornsby was looking into this. **Review next meeting.**

10.4 Fire Hydrant Hoarwithy – the Fire Service is looking into whether a Fire Hydrant should be installed and will advise in due course.

10.5 Waste on Rocks Common – the rubbish had been removed. See item 3.

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 Fallen Willow Trees on Bibletts Island

11.2 Football Field St Owens Cross.

12. Date of next meeting:

Parish Council 18 February 2016 at Ballingham Old School Hall HR2 6NH