

Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council  
Minutes of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017  
At Ballingham Village Hall 7.30PM

**Present:** Chairman - Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Sherwood Keogh, Cllr Peter Pember, Cllr J Lyons, Cllr Valerie Lilwall, Cllr Sally Pike, Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick & Cllr Phil Watkins  
Parish Clerk Kath Greenow

**1.To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Henry Rudge, Cllr Dave Stuffins & Cllr Simon Harris

**2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items and consider dispensation requests. (None)**

**3.To agree and sign the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

An amendment was made to minute 9 Commons. To take out the last sentence "as the commons is subject to section 45 order"

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 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 members of the public present

**5.Reports**

5.1 Ward Cllr report

No ward Cllrs report

**6. Clerks report on action items from last meeting**

The clerk reported that she had received an email from Rob Hemblade at Balfour Beatty seeking clarity on Carey signage.

The clerk had reported back informing him that the PC had previously agreed to purchase of signs for Carey

**7. Lengthsman & P3**

7.1 To receive a report from the lengthsman

Lengthsman work identified has been carried out

7.2 To receive a report from the footpaths officer

Nothing to report

7.3 To consider lengthsman & P3 work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman in the parishes.

Ditching required work at Hentland near Kinerston cottage, bridge needs cleaning at

Hoarwithy. Clerk to contact lengthsman to request work to be carried out **Clerk to action**

7.4 To consider purchase of footpath map for noticeboard

It was **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Keogh would purchase maps for the noticeboards

**8.Highways**

8.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Concerns were raised regarding an access that had been opened up to gain access to a field off the road at Hoarwithy opposite Upper Orchard. Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty and Planning department to advise of this as it may require planning permission.

8.2 To receive an update on request for reduction to speed limit 30 mph within 250 metres of the crossroads (Both A4137 road and B4521 road)

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from Balfour Beatty concerning the request made. The officer had advised that The Network Regulation Team rank all requests of this nature annually and subsequently incorporate new requests received into the SLO/TRO prioritised works programme. The officer will add this to the other 17 pending requests waiting to be incorporated into the programme.

It was **RESOLVED**: that The Clerk responds to the officer to recreate that the request is for a reduction of the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph

8.3 To consider request of support from Friends of Hoarwithy concerning erection of village sign. Whilst there was general support for the proposed sign the PC has no authority to approve the sign and referred the applicant to planning and highways.

#### **9. To consider purchase of sand bags and grit bins**

It was **RESOLVED**: that no sand bags were required, but to obtain quotes for the purchase of 10 grit bins for the parish. A budget of £1000.00 was set for the purchase of the grit bins

#### **10. Planning**

10.1 To note planning permissions granted/ refused since last meeting

To consider commenting on Planning applications:

It was **RESOLVED**: To defer commenting on the following planning applications 10.1a - 10.1g until the next Parish Council meeting on 18/01/2018

10.1a 173774 - Biddlestone Farm, Llangarron, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Erection of up to 32 hectares of fixed (non-rotated) 'Spanish' polytunnels over arable (soft fruit) crops grown on 'table tops'

10.1b 173775 - Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Excavation and ground profiling to form 3 no. surface water balancing ponds

10.1c 173776 - Biddlestone Orchard, Garrenhill Road, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire

Description: Change of use of land from agriculture to a site for the accommodation of seasonal agricultural workers in demountable portable modular buildings, together with ancillary toilet/shower, kitchen, staff shop and IT/recreation units stationed permanently on site.

10.1d 173777 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Erection of profiled-steel-clad portal frame pumphouse building and 2 no. water tanks

10.1e 173778 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Erection of profiled-steel-clad portal frame general purpose agricultural building

10.1f 173779 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Covered elevated lorry dock/loading platform.

10.1g 173780 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Upgrading existing vehicular access/egress to/from the A4137 Garrenhill Road and laying out of upgraded access track

#### **11. Neighbourhood Plan**

11.1 To receive a consultation statement from Kirkwells and next steps in order to progress to regulation 16.

The Clerk reported that Kirkwells were putting together the consultation statement and other documents required for submission to Herefordshire Council (reg 16)

**12.Finance**

12.1 To note bank balance £17,882.94

12.2 To consider invoices for Payment

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Lengthsman Invoice £140.00

Clerk mileage April 2017- Dec 2017 £47.25

Clerks postage £14.52

Ballingham Village Hall room hire £20.00

12.3 To note payments made to HMRC re PAYE noted as £369.00

12.4 To consider draft budget and set precept for 2018-19

The budget was set, and it was **RESOLVED**: to set the precept as £12,150.00 for 2018/19

**13.Correspondence**

13.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting

All correspondence received was noted

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

**15. To note date of Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Ballingham Village Hall 7.30pm**

Signed ..... Date.....  
Chairman