

BALLINGHAM BOLSTONE AND HENTLAND GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the above Council was held at Ballingham Old School Hall on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

Mr S Harris, Dr P Huyton, Mr S Keogh, Mr R A Laird, Mr M Soble (in the chair), Clr. Sinclair-Knipe, Mr N Thornton and the Clerk (P Pember).

Visitors

There were two members of the Group Parish.

Apologies

Mr Ll. Davies, Mr F Probert, Mr H Rudge

Herefordshire Councillors

Councillor Sinclair-Knipe updated the Council various issues including Neighbourhood Planning and the revision to Wards. From the election there would be one Ward Councillor for Dinedor Hill which includes Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Parishes.

He asked for feedback on the Locality Stewards which was positive.

Declaration of Interests

Mr R A Laird – Ballingham Hill Common

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting 9 December 2014 and extraordinary meetings 6 and 27 January 2015 were taken as read, approved and signed.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

2.1 Minutes– The Steering Group would meet on 10 March and after approval refer minutes to the Parish Council for acceptance

2.2 Update – the Chair explained various amendments, advised by Herefordshire Council, to the Core Strategy.

2.3 The Application to the Big Lottery Fund was successful and £7060 was sent to the Parish Council bank account on 25 February. The award will be made public on 25 March.

3. Planning

3.1

P150262/FH - Wye View, Hoarwithy, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6QG

DESCRIPTION:

Proposed rear extension

APPLICANT(S):

Mrs A Randall

GRID REF:

OS 354949, 229945

APPLICATION TYPE:

Full Householder

The Council supported the application

4 Lengthsman Scheme and Parish Paths Scheme

4.1 Maintenance Plan and extended scheme – It was agreed that Mr S Harris, Dr P Huyton, Mr M Sobel and the Clerk meet on 11 March to submit the Group Parish plan.

4.2 Mr John Round has advised the Council that his invoices would be based on an hourly rate of £13.50 for 2015.

4.3 Parish Paths – Dr Huyton reported that the Footbridge in Hoarwithy was still awaiting repair and that the Duchy had agreed the styles.

5 Parish Council Nomination Papers

The Clerk had nomination papers for Parish Councillors and would have the latest Voters List with the correct numbers on Friday.

6 HALC Subscription

The Council had used HALC services fairly frequently during the year and it was agreed that the subscription of £385.49 for 2015/16 be paid.

7 Traffic Calming Centre of Hoarwithy

The Clerk had received an email from the Localities Steward concerning traffic problems in the centre of Hoarwithy. If the Council wishes it could request a formal review. It was agreed the Clerk should make a request.

8 Trees Ballingham Hill Common

The Clerk had received an email from Mr G Hill because trees had been cut down on Ballingham Hill Common without the permission of the commoners and he had not received any of the wood. The Clerk then forwarded email to Councillors and copied Mr Hill in. Mr Hill then sent another email because one of those to whom the email was forwarded was the person who cut the trees down and he requested an independent review.

The Clerk had spoken with Mr George Thompson Herefordshire Council Commons registration on the phone and he had advised that commoners should be contacted for agreement, although not necessary if trees are endangering property – in that case one should provide evidence, e.g. photograph, in case this were queried. Mr Laird had cut the trees down and registered a “Declaration of Interest” at the commencement of the meeting. He disputed the need to seek commoner’s approval.

Following a discussion it was decided that the Clerks reply should consider:- whether Mr Hill has commoner’s rights (The Forge is shown as a registered property so he is), that his rights of Estovers has not been compromised, that in view of the council permission from the commoners does not have to be sought and invite him to supply evidence supporting his claim, villagers have enjoyed wood from the common, when work has been done, for a number of years without challenge, that the Council would seek the mind of the Parish at the Annual Parish Meeting as to whether the Council should

manage the common. Mr Laird asked to see the final draft before the Clerk sent it.

9 Ballingham parish Transport Scheme

Due to the reduced number of people using the scheme it was agreed that the service should be reduced to one trip per month. It was also felt that alternative schemes be considered.

10 Correspondence

As per notes pack

11 Items of parochial interest

There were none

12 Date of next meeting

Extraordinary meeting 24 March at The Parish Room Hoarwithy (because of planning) at 7.30pm