

Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council
Minutes of Thursday 18th January 2018
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 Henry Rudge, Cllr Dave Stuffins

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Philip Watkins & Cllr Sally Pike
Kath Greenow Parish Clerk & 3 members of public

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 21st December 2017.

It was **RESOLVED**: to agree and signed the minutes of 21/12/2017 after two amendments were made. Amendments ; added after 10.1g – “deferred to next meeting” and corrected date of next meeting to 18th Jan.

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)

Two members of the public interested in the planning applications at Biddlestone Orchards,

The Chairman Brought forward item 9 before item 5

9.1 To note planning permissions granted/ refused since last meeting
none

To consider commenting on Planning applications:

9.1a 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'

9.1b 173775 - Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

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

9.1c 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.

9.1d 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

9.1e 173778 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT
Description: Erection of profiled-steel-clad portal frame general purpose agricultural building

9.1f 173779 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT
Description: Covered elevated lorry dock/loading platform.

9.1g 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

One member of the public, a resident of neighbouring parish Llangarron, was invited to speak and expressed his objection to the proposed development at Biddlestone Orchards on several grounds including traffic and visual impact.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the PC should object to all the planning applications 173774 to 173780 on the grounds “that the development proposals would increase Highway activity at St Owen’s Cross, a known accident blackspot on the very busy A4137 road”

5.Reports

5.1 Ward Cllr report - no ward Cllr and no report

6. Clerks report on action items from last meeting

Chairman read report from clerk at each appropriate agenda item.

7. Lengthsman & P3

7.1 To receive a report from the lengthsman - no report

7.2 To receive a report from the footpaths officer - no report

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

Confirmation that 5 gates have been received from BB that need to be installed.

It was **RESOLVED**: to agree budget of £500 for installation of all 5 and clerk to organise with lengthsman and if lengthsman not able to do so soon to contract another to do so before the end of February.

Handrails on Gaer House footpath bridge need repairing – Henry and Sherwood to investigate and fix if they can.

8.Highways

8.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

There is a pothole on the C1261 at the southern end of U71001 that has become enlarged and is in need of repair. There are potholes on C1261 by redrail farm and on C1267 between Ballingham Court and Ballingham village green that need repair. Clerk to chase BB to ensure these are on their list

9. Planning

9.2 to consider commenting on Planning Application 174758 Yew Tree Cottage Hoarwithy Hereford

Description: Proposed Two Story extension

It was **RESOLVED**: to SUPPORT the application

9.3 To consider commenting on Little Birch & Aconbury NDP public consultation

It was **RESOLVED**: to consider commenting at the next meeting to give Cllrs time to review the documents.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

10.1 To receive update on NDP and next steps. The clerks report was read
It was **RESOLVED**: to ask the clerk to chase Kirkwells for submission of the reg 16 stage asap

11. Finance

11.1 To note bank balance – the bank balance of £15782.66 was noted

11.2 To consider invoices for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** to pay:

£20 via Peter Pember to renew the “yourparishcouncil” website for a further year to provide the opportunity to forward to the new website

11.3 To consider quotes for purchase of 10 grit bins to be located in the parishes

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve purchase of 10 off 160ltr grit bins at the maximum price of £148 as quoted, but it is hoped that a discount may be obtained for purchase of 10. Clerk to check records and contact Simon to check if he can source cheaper.

12. Correspondence

12.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting - none

12.2 To note correspondence from DM Payroll Services - for next meeting

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

David raised a potential request from BOSH for financial assistance towards a new notice board on Ballingham village green and it suggested that the BOSH chairman send in a formal request ahead of the next meeting.

The issue of the enlarged field entrance in Hoarwithy opposite Aspen House was raised and the clerk was asked to update at the next meeting.

14. To note date of Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 15th February 2018 at Ballingham Village Hall 7.30pm

Apologies received from Valerie and Phillip for the next meeting in February

Meeting closed at 8:55pm