

BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND

GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council
Meeting
Held on Thursday 17th January 2019
At Ballingham Village Hall - 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr Simons Harris, Vice Chairman John Lyons, Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr Sherwood Keough, Cllr Mike Lowe, Cllr Valerie Lilwall, Cllr Peter Pember, Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Dave Suffins & Cllr Phil Watkins

In attendance

Parish Clerk – Kath Greenow, Ward Cllr David Summers

1.To receive apologies for absence

Vice chairman Cllr Henry Rudge,

2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items and consider dispensation requests.

Cllr Peter Pember declared a NDPI (Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) on agenda item 9.4 reimbursement for payment of Fast hosts invoices

3.To agree and sign the Parish Council minutes of 20th December 2018

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the Parish Council minutes of 20th December 2018

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

5.1To receive ward Cllrs report

The ward Cllr reported on the velocity patcher that had been used across the ward recently, however no velocity patching had been carried out in the group parish.

The ward Cllr asked to be kept informed regarding potholes in the parishes

Cllrs advised the ward Cllr that the Hentland road was in a bad state of repair. The Parish Clerk had made the locality steward of Balfour Beatty aware of the potholes along the road, but had not received a response to the email sent at the time of the meeting.

6. Lengthsman & Footpaths

6.1To consider lengthsman & Footpaths work to be undertaken by the lengthsman in the parishes. The Chairman reported that the lengthsman is out of action for about 6 weeks due to having an operation.

Discussion took place regarding lengthsman work required and asking Terry Griffiths contracts to carry out lengthsman and footpaths work until the parish lengthsman (Paul Wright) had recovered from his operation

Lengthsman work identified as: Ditch needs attending to opposite the Salmons, the verge opposite the New Harp at Hoarwithy needs cleaning as well as the path.

Footpaths

Some new gates were required along HN1 and 1 along the southern end of HN2. The PC have 2 in stock at present. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Henry Rudge about contacting landowners over the gates required.

It was **RESOLVED:** to purchase 4 gates & posts

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk contact Terry Griffiths to see if he can carry out lengthsman and footpaths work in the interim whilst the current lengthsman is recovering.

[Clerk to action](#)

Cllr Peter Pember advised that The Friends of Hoarwithy would like to carry out a litter pick in mid-March. The clerk was asked to contact Balfour Beatty regarding provision of litter picking kits.

[Clerk to action](#)

6.2 To consider a vote of thanks and a letter of appreciation to Eliot Soble for volunteer help on footpaths, litter picking in the parish

The Parish Council gave a vote of thanks for the volunteer help Elliot Soble had given.

It was **RESOLVED:** that a letter of thanks is sent to Elliot for his volunteering over the last year.

[Clerk to action](#)

7. Commons

7.1 receive a report from the Clerk on Meadow Common

The Clerk had contacted British Canoeing regarding Meadow Common and the launching of canoes. The Chairman read out correspondence received from British Canoeing, which British canoeing advised that they own the two fields (which they refer to as 'Toll Paddock'). The land is used fairly infrequently to access the river to launch and land canoes and kayaks. Wild camping is allowed strictly by permission and within the 28-day restriction.

It was **RESOLVED:** to note the correspondence received.

The Chairman would contact the parishioner who had queried the launching of canoes at the location to advise accordingly.

8.Highways

8.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Hentland road has still not been attended to. The road is now in a bad state and needs urgent pot hole repairs to be carried out. The Clerk was asked to contact the locality steward for an update as to when the road would be attended to.

8.2 To receive a report from Cllr Martin Soble on over grown boughs encroaching onto the highway at various locations in the parishes.

Cllr Martin Soble gave a report on overgrown boughs encroaching onto the highway, which were along the C1267 from Hoarwithy to Ballingham and the C1261 within the 30-mph area.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk contacts BB locality steward to ask that an inspection is carried out on the areas where the overgrown boughs are encroaching onto the highway and that he advises the PC as to what BB will do to attend to the problem.

[Clerk to action](#)

Cllr Sherwood Keogh left the meeting

9.Finance

9.1 To note bank balance - Noted as £19902.55

9.2 To receive information relating to internet banking for the Parish Council

The Clerk advised she had contacted Nat West bank relating to internet banking and was advised that the forms required to apply would be sent electronically.

9.3 To receive an update on purchase of defibrillator

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick advised that the Friends of Hoarwithy would like to make a donation towards the purchase of a defibrillator of £600.00. Confirmation relating to the donation would be sent to the Clerk by the Friends of Hoarwithy.

Cllr Peter Pember reported that the landlord of the New Harp was happy to have the defibrillator Sited at the New Harp Power would also be available for the defibrillator.

It was **RESOLVED:** to set a budget of £1500.00 for the purchase of a defibrillator.

The Clerk and Cllr John Lyons would look at options available for a defibrillator and a cabinet for the defibrillator.

[Clerk to action](#)

9.4 To consider payments to:

It was **RESOLVED:** to pay

Ballingham Old School Hall – Hall hire for PC meeting December £20.00

Clerks reimbursement for postage £8.04

HMRC paye payment month 10 £52.60

Clerks monthly salary January 2019

Reimbursement to Cllr Peter Pember for payment of Fast host invoices

48130294 & 48470585 = £10.56 +vat

An invoice from Longfield Services (lengthsman) for £105.00 had been received, which the clerk had omitted to put on the agenda for payment.

It was **RESOLVED:** to pay the invoice lengthsman invoice.

10. Neighbourhood Development Plan

10.1 To receive an update neighbourhood plan and preparation for the NDP referendum

The Clerk advised that Kirkwells had made the changes as required by the inspector on the NDP and it had been sent to Herefordshire Council. She had been advised that the referendum would most likely be 28/02/2019, but this had not been confirmed at the time of the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** to use Pip printing for printing 500 post cards with information relating to the NDP and where copies of the NDP will be available. The post cards be posted out via 2nd class post to each property in the group of parishes

It was **RESOLVED:** to use PIP printing for the printing of 250 copies of the NDP, which would be placed at the following locations: The New Harp, St Catherine's Church.

11 Correspondence

11.1 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

11.2 HALC Information corner - Noted

11.3 To consider invitation and Cllr representation to Parish Summit on Thursday 24th January 2019 at the Shire Hall No Cllrs were able to attend

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

13. To note date of Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 21st February 2019 @ Ballingham Village Hall 7.30pm

Signed *Simon Harris*
Chairman -

Dated 21/02/2019