

BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND

GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council held on
Thursday 18th July 2019
At St Catherine's Church Hoarwithy 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr John Lyons, Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr Mike Lowe, Cllr Sherwood Keogh, Cllr Vincent Mercer, Cllr Peter Pember, Cllr Henry Rudge, Cllr Martin Soble, Cllr Valerie Lilwall & Cllr Phil Watkins

In Attendance: Kath Greenow Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr David Summers

1. To receive apologies for absence

Vice chairman, Cllr Dave Stuffins

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

Cllr Mike Lowe declared a (DPI) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on agenda item 8.1191961 as he was the applicant

Cllr Henry Rudge declared a (NDPI) Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on agenda item 7.1 as his livestock has graze some areas of the commons.

3. To agree and sign the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting on 20/06/2019

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of 26/06/2019 as a true record and the Chairman signed the minutes

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

4.1 Ward Cllr report

No ward Cllr report, but the ward Cllr circulated information concerning an obstruction of a PROW at HN16 at Little Pengethley Farm Peterstow. The ward Cllr also highlighted a highways issue that had been brought to his attention by a parishioner along Chapel Lane and its junction with the A4137.

5. Lengthsman & Footpaths

5.1 To consider lengthsman & Footpaths work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman in the parishes.

The matter of the PROW obstruction at HN16 was discussed.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the PC would make the following comment to Balfour Beatty's PROW enforcement officer, this being that in relation to the obstruction of the footpath at HN16 the PC recommend that an application being made for a permissive route by the landowner is accepted. The Parish Council would also point out that the permissive route has

been used for a number of years by parishioners. It is considered that enforcement would not be proportionate or in the public interest. [Clerk to action](#)

Lengthsman work and Footpaths work previously identified had not been carried out. A parish walk has not taken place yet with the lengthsman.

The Clerk advised she would contact the lengthsman to chase up a date for a parish walk and ask the lengthsman to attend to the identified work required.

Cllrs reported that the overgrown vegetation at the phone box in Hoarwithy needed cutting back and that this is added to the lengthsman work [Clerk to action](#)

It was **RESOLVED**: that Cllr Peter Pember contacts a contractor who he advised might be interested if the current lengthsman couldn't carry out the work required

6.Highways

6.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Highways issues relating to road making improvements at Chapel Lane and its junction with the A4137.

The Ward Cllr advised that the matter had been reported to the locality steward who had advised that the road concerned A4137 is maintained by Highways England, and they had advised that "this has been requested historically, but that there is forward vision along the A4137 -TSRGD regulations show that even though there is a junction present this in itself does not mean there is a requirement for double white prohibitive road makings.

The advice was noted by the Parish Council

6.2 To receive a report on the meeting with ADL at St Owens Cross re TRO Scheme.

A meeting had taken place on 5/07/2019 with: Tom Hayward, ADL; Will Wilson, ADL; Ward Cllr David Summers, Cllrs John Lyons, Phil Watkins, Mike Lowe Vincent Mercer & Peter Pember

- Clarified that this request is a historical one
- Councillors highlight that the current speeds on the A4137 at the crossroads with the B4521 are affecting the quality of life within the village although confirm 40mph is an acceptable limit for this section of road
- 19 additional homes could be being built in the future on land within St Owens Cross
- Request made for 30mph on B road
- Councillors highlight history of accidents on A4137 crossroads
- Tom Hayward highlights that there is funding available for speed limit alterations and minor signing changes
- Clarified that any scheme will need police support
- ADL propose to obtain speed survey data and accident data at the crossroads, this is agreed
- Highlighted that a scheme took place in 2014 involving the reduction of the speed limit on the A4137 (ADL to investigate accident history since road safety scheme was completed
- Councillors inform that the pub (currently closed) will re-open in the near future
- Village gates were requested in order to improve the effect of the current limits
- Parish Council request signage to indicate the crossroads is improved as it is insufficient for vehicles approaching the crossroads from the south (A4137)
- Councillors raise the possibility of moving the current '40' sign on the southern arm of the crossroads back to allow more time for vehicles to reduce their speed
- All agreed to undertake site visit immediately as a group

Actions:

- ADL to undertake speed surveys and accident data searches for the area
- ADL to send plans of proposals to councillors in the form of an initial consultation for councillors' approval

6.3 To receive an update on speed issues between Selleck and Hoarwithy.

No further update. The Clerk would contact the local policing team to see if they would be able to carry out a speed check along the road concerned [Clerk to action](#)

6.4 To receive an update on information relating to white gates at St Owens Cross

No further update as the Clerk has not received anything back from Herefordshire Council on the matter. Cllrs advised that this had been bought up at the ADL meeting. The Clerk would continue to case up Herefordshire Council on the matter [Clerk to action](#)

7. Parish Commons

7.1 To consider the council's responsibilities to maintain and protect commons in the parish.

It was **RESOLVED**: to carry out a walk of the commons in the parishes by Cllrs & the Parish Clerk in August

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk carries out a review of the common areas and report back at the next meeting. A budget for this was set at £30.00. [Clerk to action](#)

Cllr Mike Lowe had declared a DPI on agenda item 8.1 and Cllrs advised the clerk they were happy for Cllr Mike Lowe to staying the room

8. Planning

8.1 To consider commenting on Planning Consultation: 191961 - Fairview Bungalow, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LG

Description: Proposed erection of a lodge to be used as holiday accommodation, a secure machinery and bicycle store and demolition of a potato packing shed

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

8.2 To consider commenting on Planning Consultation 192321 - Aberhall Farm, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LL

Description: Installation of 7 No. biomass boilers within an existing farm building, and the erection of 7 No. external flues.

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

9. Finance

9.1 To note finance report and bank balance.

The finance report was considered, and the bank balance was noted as £16700.11

9.2 To receive budget monitoring report

The Budget monitoring report was considered, and it was noted that expenditure to date was within the budget for 2019/20

9.3 To consider payments to:

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Will Clift Invoice E592 £120.00 +VAT

Clerks July salary as per contract & paye due

9.4 To note BACs remittance from HMRC re VAT reclaim for 2018/19 £1312.19

The BCAs remittance was noted

9.5 To consider updating the asset register

The Clerk had prepared a draft asset. There were some assets missing off the draft asset register and these would be added on and the asset register would be circulated again at the next PC meeting to ensure all assets were accounted for. [Clerk to action](#)

9.6 To consider Defib responsibilities and maintenance of them.
Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick reported that the 1st training session on the defibs had taken place and there had been a good attendance. the defibs would need registering with the National Defib Network and that the Defibs batteries would need checking regularly.

It was **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick would check the defib at Hoarwithy and to ask Easter Rudge to check the one at Ballingham Village hall.

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick advised that the defibs batteries would need replacing every 4 – 5 years at a cost of £100. 00 If the defib is used then the paramedics would take the defib and replace the pads and return the defib (s) to the PC .

It was **RESOLVED:** that the PC were happy for paramedics carry out this and return the defib(s) to the PC afterwards.

Info on the location of the defibs would be placed in the Ballingham newsletter.

It was **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Vincent Mercer would draft a legal document stating that the Parish Council defibs etc [Cllr Vincent Mercer to action](#)

10. Correspondence

10.1 To consider HALC training schedule and book places as appropriate

The clerk was asked to book HALC training for Cllr John Lyons on 22/07/2019 (What's my role) Cllr Vincent Mercer for 23/07/2019 (Leading Lights) & 13/09/2019 (Best Behaviour)

Cllr Valerie Lilwall & Cllr Mike Lowe 7/10/2019 (Leading lights) Cllr Peter Pember & Cllr Phil Watkins 15/10/2019 (Highway Patrol) and Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick 21/10/2019 (Grassroots)

The Clerk would contact HALC to book the training [Clerk to action](#)

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

Update on ADL Speed survey

Overhanging hedges

12. To note date of the next Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 19th September at St Catherine's Church 7.30pm

The date was noted

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman -