

BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND

GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council held on
Thursday 21st November 2019
At Ballingham Village Hall 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Kath Greenow Parish Clerk.

1.To receive apologies for absence

Ward Cllr David Summers

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

Cllr Peter Pember declared a Non-DPI on agenda items 10.2 & 10.3.

Cllr Phil Watkins, declared a Non- DPI on agenda items 8.1-8.7, 8.8 and 10.3

3.To agree and sign the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting on 17/10/2019

It was **RESOLVED:** to agree and sign the minutes of 17/10/2019. 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 Cllrs report

4.2 To receive a report on training evening attended by Cllr Martin Soble & Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick

Cllr Martin Soble gave a report on the HALC training that he and Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick had attend. The training session about Commons and Village Greens was informative and useful. HALC emphasised the responsibilities that PC's have to ensure the commons in their parishes are protected and maintained for the community, which in her opinion includes maintaining and S.45 (unknown owner) common as if the PC owned it. HALC suggested that we should have tree inspection annually

4.3 Clerk report on action items from last meeting

The clerk gave a report on the action items attended to from the last meeting.

New emails would be set up once Cllrs had confirmed their preferred new email address name

5. Lengthsman & Footpaths

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

It was **RESOLVED:** to acquire 2 pallets of sandbags from Radbourne's 1 pallet would be located at Ballingham Court and the other at The Old Mill. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangement for delivery of sandbags by Radbourne's

It was **RESOLVED:** that there was no further work required to be carried out by the lengthsman at present.

Footpaths work – some work has been carried out by a volunteer on the footpath at the north end of HN2 onto Bibblets Common.

The footpaths officer reported on the issues B/B have concerning the diversion of the footpath at Little Pengethly farm.

6. Highways

6.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The clerk was asked to contact the locality steward concerning the culvert and the blocked drain opposite Aspen house, Carey flooding issues near the bridge

6.2 To receive an update from road safety working group concerning A4137/B4521 St Owens Cross: road safety issues

Cllr Mike Lowe gave a report on the meeting that had taken place with Highways, safer roads partnership & ward Cllr Summers

6.3 To consider viability of a speed indicator device.

It was **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Mike Lowe would investigate the viability of a S.I.D and report back at the next PC meeting

7. Parish Commons

7.1 To consider quote for tree work required

Cllr Martin Soble had met with the tree surgeon concerning tree work required at Ballingham Island, Ballingham pond area along with some clearance of vegetation required near the car park area.

It was **RESOLVED:** that Trilloes tree services carries out the work when the weather permits in line with the quote of 2 days work at £590.00+vat per day

7.2 To receive a risk assessment report from Cllr Martin Soble concerning common land
No risk assessment had been carried out. The PC considered that the benefit of maintaining the commons would be in the interests of the community and that if it wasn't maintained then the commons would deteriorate .

8. Planning

8.1 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 173774 - Biddlestone Farm, Llangarron, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: To erect up to 28 hectares of fixed (i.e. non-rotating) 'Spanish' polytunnels over arable (soft fruit) crops.

8.2 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 173775 - Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

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

8.3 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 173776 - Biddlestone Orchard, Garrenhill Road, Llangarron,

Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire

Description: The retention of 6 existing caravans/replacement residential demountable

modular 'pods' and the installation of 6 demountable modular welfare (on-residential) buildings (toilets, mess etc.)

8.4 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 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

8.5 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 173778 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

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

8.6 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 173779 - Biddlestone Orchards, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6NT

Description: Covered elevated lorry dock/loading platform.

8.7 To consider commenting on Planning Re-consultation - 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

Planning Re consultations 8.1- 8.7 It was **RESOLVED:** that the comment previously made by the Parish Council still stand

8.8 To consider commenting on Planning Consultation - 193721 - 3 Gillow Cottages, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LE

Description: Proposed two storey extension

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

8.9 To consider commenting on Planning Consultation - 193728 - Land at and near New Inn, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LQ

Description: Proposed erection of five dwelling houses together with associated reordering of the public house car park to facilitate vehicle access.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the PC are Supportive of the application, but have concerns with regard to access onto the A4137

8.10 To consider commenting on Planning Consultation - 193729 - Land at and near New Inn, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LQ

Description Proposed erection of five dwelling houses together with associated reordering of the public house car park to facilitate vehicle access.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the PC are Supportive of the application, but have concerns with regard to access onto the A4137

8.11 To consider commenting on Planning Consultation - 193409 - The Rocklands, Hoarwithy, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6QE

Description: Extension to existing balcony with outbuilding

The Clerk advised that the application had already been determined by HFDC planning

9.Policies

9.1 To consider updating of financial regulations policy

It was **RESOLVED:** to adopt the updated financial regulations

10.Finance

10.1 To note finance report, budget update report and bank balance

The finance report was noted. The budget update was noted and payment to date were within the budget, The bank balance was noted as £19726.88

10.2 To consider a donation request from Hentland with Hoarwithy Parochial Church Council

It was **RESOLVED:** to donate £1300.00 to Hentland with Hoarwithy Parochial Church Council

10.3 To consider payments to:

It was **RESOLVED:** to pay;

Will Clift Invoice E705 £80.00+vat

Terry Griffiths Lengthsman invoices TCG0918 £75.00+vat, TGC0919

£60.00+vat, TGC0934 £30.00+vat

Clerks mileage April – Nov 2019 £37.98

Clerk reimbursement for payment of 2year domain name of the PC.gov.uk website & email address £78.00+vat

BOSH Hall hire for 17/10/2019 £20.00

St Catherine's Church room hire April – Sept 2019 £100.00

Clerk's salary for November & Paye due as per Clerks' contract

10.5 To consider costings for replacement of noticeboard at St Owens Cross.

A donation had been offered from a local company of £250.00 towards a new noticeboard, which the PC appreciated.

It was **RESOLVED:** to acquire a Oak noticeboard with a single door with polycarbonate display window. A budget was set at £1000.00

10.6 To consider draft budget for 2020/21

The draft budget was discussed, and amendments were made. It was **RESOLVED:** that the final draft budget would be considered at the next PC meeting in December when the PC would set the present for 2020/21

11. Correspondence

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

None

13.To note date of the next Parish Council Meeting as Thursday 19th December 2019 7.30pm at Ballingham Village Hall Noted

14. A resolution will be passed to exclude the public and press due to a confidential legal matter to be considered

A resolution was not passed as no legal advice had been received from the PC's solicitor

15. Commons

To consider legal advice received from PC solicitor concerning common land

No legal information received

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman -