

BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND



GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Annual Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7:30 pm in Ballingham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Martin Soble (Chairman), Pat Fitzpatrick (Vice Chair), Peter Pember, Valerie Lilwall, Steve Barber, John Lyons and Henry Rudge.

In attendance: Nicky Mackenzie (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors: Vincent Mercer, Nat Thomas and Phil Watkins.

2. To receive declarations of interest & written dispensation requests:

None Received

3. Minutes of the PC meeting held on 18th August 2022:

It was RESOLVED to adopt the above Minutes as a true record, and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Session - restricted to 10 minutes:

1. The Ward Councillor did not attend.
Councillor Rudge arrived 19.38
2. There were several members of the public present, and it was RESOLVED to bring Item 8 Planning forward.

5. Lengthsman and Footpaths:

1. To receive an update from the lengthsman:
The Chairman gave a brief update from the Lengthsman including works to be carried out in Ballingham and Hoarwithy and he informed the Councillors that the Amenities and Roads works were due to be started in October.
2. To receive an update from the Footpaths Officer:
The Footpaths Officer gave an update on his findings including the gate at HN1 which it was RESOLVED to put on hold until responsibility was established. BH9 steps have been repaired and the Chairman agreed to have another look and update.
3. To consider any further maintenance work for the Lengthsman.
It was RESOLVED to hold off on more works whilst Lengthsman caught up.

Councillor Fitzpatrick left the meeting as agreed

6. Finance:

1. The bank balance was noted as £24,333.01- this was previously confirmed by Councillor Fitzpatrick.
2. It was RESOLVED to make the following BACS payments:
 - a) Will Clift - £60.00
 - b) Terry Griffiths £390.00
3. Payments noted:
 - a) Clerk (salary)
 - b) BOSH £30.00

4. To note payments received from:
Herefordshire Council precept - £8,944.00

7. To consider appointment of the SAAAA auditor.

It was RESOLVED to find out more and put on next Agenda if required.

8. To consider Planning Applications:

1. Planning Application P222616/F - Land adjacent to The Hamblets, St Owens Cross, Hereford, HR2 8LF proposed development of ten dwellings. This item was discussed in Item 4.2. The Applicant presented his proposal and various members of the public who were present put their case forward. The Councillors asked questions of both parties and it was RESOLVED to support the application but with the following comments:

The impact on road safety at St Owen's cross needs to be considered and the new access must have a suitable splay.

We would strongly suggest the speed limit, from the start of the A40, north of the A4137 to 300m south of the New Inn, should be lowered from 40mph to 30mph.

The drainage department engineers need to consider drainage; the area is already prone to localised flooding. There are houses in the immediate vicinity which are subject to flooding in their basements so drainage must be a consideration.

We are further concerned about the visual impact both from the footpath on the definitive route and local residents. Immediate neighbours at Dalchrys are particularly concerned, a small bungalow which it appears will be significantly overlooked. The visual impact must be sympathetic to all concerned.

Our final comment would be based on the disruption and damage to the ecology of the local area and we trust the local ecology will be affected as little as possible.

9. Clerk's Report:

1. Confirm replied to Herefordshire Council re alcohol licence Tresseck Farm.
2. Contacted Herefordshire Council re Lengthsman Grant.
3. Requested Lengthsman add Biblets to his regular list.
4. Email resident re Alcohol License
5. Made contact with Lloyds bank re Authorisation History. There is no way to back date the information so will need to keep a weekly copy.
6. Received suggestion of Facebook Page for Parishes. Add to next Agenda
7. Updated website
8. Forwarded all relevant emails received including Notice of Public Meetings
9. Open Space Audit. RESOLVED not to participate.

10. To receive an update re Chapel Tump Meeting.

The Councillor who attended the meeting was not present and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would chase and make sure update available for next meeting.

11. To consider repairs to bench at Rocks Common North and consider maintenance work on the bench opposite the pub, the noticeboard and clearing the weeds and gutter in this area.

It was RESOLVED to remind the Lengthsman to carry out the weeding and gutter clearing. The bench is not owned by the Parish Council and whilst old is stable and not dangerous.

12. To discuss Ideas for Future Grants List:

It was RESOLVED carry this forward to next month.

13. To discuss rubbish bin in Hoarwithy:

This was discussed at length, and it was RESOLVED to remove the bin on a trial basis.

14. To discuss BOSH Lease and Declaration of Trust:

It was RESOLVED to ask BOSH for any insurance documents and any relevant certificates. Clerk to action. It was also RESOLVED to contact Mark Johnson and pay the rent of £1.00 per annum.

15. To consider AONB annual tour.

The details were discussed, and Councillors have the details if they wish to attend.

16. To raise matters for next Agenda.

None

17. Date for next meeting:

20th October 2022 @ 7.30pm at Ballingham Village Hall

Meeting Ended - 21.26

Signed

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Chairman

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