

BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND



Minutes

**of the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 16th July 2026 at 7.30 pm in Ballingham Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: Martin Soble (Chair), Val Lilwall, Philip Watkins, Peter Pember, Pat Fitzpatrick, Sherwood Keogh, Claire Geddes, Nat Thomas and Susan Partridge (co-opted during meeting)

In attendance: Ward Councillor: David Davies

Two members of the public were present including one who was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

1. Apologies were received from:

Andrew McKersie (Vice Chair) and Henry Rudge.

2. To receive declarations of interest and written dispensation requests.

Councillor Geddes disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 7.2; it was agreed she would withdraw from the meeting and not participate in the discussion.

3. To agree and sign Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 18th June 2026.

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

Item 9 was brought forward to this point; it was RESOLVED to co-opt Councillor Partridge onto the Parish Council. She duly signed the Acceptance of Office and joined the Councillors.

4. Public Session:

4.1 To receive brief verbal report from the Ward Councillor:

The Ward Councillor had provided a written report prior to the meeting and updated Councillors on agenda items throughout the meeting. He updated Councillors on road closures and carriageway repairs and was available during the meeting for questions.

4.2 To receive views of residents on parish matters.

One member of the public spoke in relation to items 8 and 13, and Councillors agreed to bring these items forward.

5. Lengthsman and Footpaths:

5.1 To receive an update from the Lengthsman.

The Clerk had received an email from the Lengthsman and updated the Councillors accordingly. She confirmed the Lengthsman was up to date.

5.2 To receive an update from Footpaths Officer.

Councillor McKersie had provided a written update to Councillor Soble who updated the Councillors. He confirmed that the PROW Grant request of £4987.00 had been successful and it was **RESOLVED** to complete the works as per the grant application.

5.3 To consider any further maintenance work for the Lengthsman.

Nothing for the Lengthsman at present.

6. Finance:

- 6.1 Bank balance noted at £4,992.68. This was checked and confirmed by Councillor Lilwall prior to the meeting.
- 6.2 The Reserve Account balance was £16,296.82. This was checked and confirmed by Councillor Lilwall prior to the meeting.
- 6.3 **Arrangements for BACs payments to the following:**
 - 6.3.1 Paul Russell (Trading as Parish and Town Auditing Services) £165.00 (no VAT)
 - 6.3.2 Terry Griffiths TGC3938 - £358.00 (plus VAT)
 - 6.3.3 Terry Griffiths TGC3953 - £513.70 (plus VAT)
 - 6.3.4 Will Clift Inv0249 - £160.00 (plus VAT).
- 6.4 **To note payments made to:**
 - 6.4.1 BOSH - £30.00
 - 6.4.2 Clerk Salary
 - 6.4.3 Bank charges - £4.25
 - 6.4.4 HMRC – Nat Insurance £75.88 (no VAT)
 - 6.4.5 Terry Griffiths TGC3906 - £513.70 (plus VAT).
 - 6.4.6 Will Clift E0206 - £160.00 (plus VAT).
 - 6.4.7 Amazon (Ink) – £33.27 (plus VAT)
 - 6.4.8 Little Dewchurch PCC - £1.00 s/o
 - 6.4.9 SSP Direct (signs) - £79.50 (plus VAT)
- 6.5 **To note payments received from:**
 - 6.5.1 Bank interest savings – £8.01

7. To consider Planning Applications:

- 7.1 **P260378 - Land at and near New Inn, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LQ**

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 243209 (Proposed application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 193728/F (Proposed erection of five dwelling houses together with associated reordering of the public house car park to facilitate vehicle access) and subsequent planning permission 210426/F (amendments to proposed site layout revision to include additional car parking for the New Inn public house staff members) - Revisions to the approved scheme) - revised drawings showing the proposed floors levels to be substituted into the approved drawings.

It was **RESOLVED** to Support this application.
- 7.2 **P 261554/L - High House, St Owens Cross, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8LG**

Listed Building Consent

It was **RESOLVED** to Support this application.
- 7.3 **P261848/J - 4 Gillow Cottages St Owens Cross Hereford Herefordshire HR2 8LE**

Pollard T1 - T5 to approximately 6 - 7 metres above ground level, creating a consistent pollard height across the group and establishing a future cyclical management regime.

It was **RESOLVED** to Object to this application with the following comments:

Without clear evidence of damage, disease or danger to persons or property, Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group Parish Council Object to this application.
- 7.4 **P260759/F - Barns at Althrough Farm Hoarwithy Herefordshire HR2 6QE**

Site clearance and erection of a self-build dwelling with garage and detached annex ancillary to main dwelling with associated access, landscaping and drainage.

It was **RESOLVED** to Support this application
- 7.5 **P261691/F - Barn at New House, Cwm Craig Farm Little Dewchurch Hereford HR2 6PS**

Self-build barn conversion to create new dwelling.

It was **RESOLVED** to Support this application.

8. To discuss treatment plant at Shop Meadow, Hoarwithy.

This item was discussed earlier, member of the public confirmed that the environment agency was satisfied and resident had been informed.

9. To consider co-option of a new Councillor.

Councillor Susan Partridge was Co-opted onto the Parish Council.

10. To receive update on Parish Summit.

Clerk will send out relevant slides once received.

11. To receive update for SID purchase and SID Grant request.

In the absence of Councillor McKersie, Councillor Soble confirmed that a grant of £2,000 from West Mercia had been agreed which would enable the purchase a further Speed Indicator Device.

12. To receive update on Hoarwithy Village Road Safety Project and Consider approval of further work.

Councillor McKersie had provided a written report and Councillor Soble was able to update Councillors. Ward Councillor Davies was able to update the Councillor on planning enforcement issues re parking in Hoarwithy.

13. To discuss replacement tulip tree at the campsite entrance in Hoarwithy.

This item was discussed earlier as a member of the public was present, they confirmed that the tulip tree under discussion has been re planted in the vicinity and planning had been satisfied.

14. To raise matters for next agenda - no discussion.

14.1 To consider SID Grant.

14.2 To receive an update re SID Data and purchase.

14.3 To receive an update re parking enforcement issues in Hoarwithy.

14.4 To consider Clerk appraisal.

14.5 To receive an update and consider additional policies.

15. Date of next meeting.

20th August 2026

Meeting Ended – 20.31

Signed

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Chair

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Date