

BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND

Minutes

of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 17th August 2023 at 7.30 pm in Ballingham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Martin Soble, Valerie Lilwall, Pat Fitzpatrick, Claire Geddes, Steve Barber and Peter Pember.

In attendance: Ward Councillor –David Davies, Lengthsman – Terry Griffiths and one member of the Public.

1. Apologies were received from:

Councillors: Phillip Watkins and Henry Rudge.

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

Councillor Geddes declared an interest in Planning Application P/222616/F, it was agreed she leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or any subsequent vote.

3. To agree and sign minutes of PC meeting on 20th July 2023.

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:

4.1 To receive a brief verbal report from Ward Councillor.

The Ward Councillor gave a brief update on his progress and work within Hereford Council including, a visit to and plans for the Town Hall. Councillor Lilwall mentioned report she had received from local parishioners regarding the road to Hentland Church, which he said he would visit with the Locality Steward.

19.38 Councillor Keogh arrived.

4.2 A member of the public was present to discuss and answer questions on Planning Application P/222616/F which was brought forward. He updated Councillors on the various points they had made in the last planning comments and what changes had been made to the application in response.

5. Lengthsman and Footpaths:

5.1 To receive an update from the Lengthsman.

The Lengthsman was present and gave the Councillors an update on his progress, including, strimming around salt bins before verge cutting was completed. Amenities and PROW works up to date and confirmed further three days booked in for Autumn. He reminded Councillors to be considering Winter works asap. He mentioned further works required in Hoarwithy to the pipe which formed part of the drainage grant to prevent future blockages. It was RESOLVED to speak with the Canoe Club, Councillor Soble to action.

5.2 To receive an update from Footpaths Officer.

The Footpaths Officer provided a brief update on his findings which include gate having been installed at HN1 and additional signage installed by Councillors Barber and Geddes at HN16. He also confirmed that the gate at BH1 had been installed by Councillor Rudge. Rocks Common North was discussed, and

Councillor Soble confirmed he was still preparing the EA application, it was RESOLVED to ask the Lengthsman to bring the September amenities day forward to address this.

5.3 To consider any further maintenance work for the Lengthsman.

Drain clearing at Rocks Common was discussed and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Soble would liaise with Councillor Rudge and bring in the Lengthsman.

5.4 To discuss footpath at BH5.

Councillor Soble updated the Councillors; he will report back next meeting.

5.5 To discuss Llanfrother Lane.

Councillor Soble confirmed no update at this time.

6. Finance:

6.1 The bank Balance was noted as £12,367.60. This was checked and confirmed by Councillor Lilwall prior to the meeting.

6.2 It was RESOLVED to make the following BACs payments:

- a) Will Clift - £110.00 (plus VAT)
- b) Terry Griffiths TGC2296 - £357.00 (plus VAT)
- c) Terry Griffiths TGC2333 - £600.00 (plus VAT)

6.3 To note payments made to:

- a) Clerk (salary)
- b) BOSH £30.00
- c) Amazon - £13.63 (plus VAT)
- d) Little Dewchurch – Rent BOSH - £1.00
- e) Will Clift £110.00 x 2 (plus VAT)
- f) HALC £220 + £225 (plus VAT)
- g) Terry Griffiths £440 (plus VAT)

7. To consider Planning Applications:

7.1 P222616/F planning re consultation – Land adjacent to The Hamblets, St Owens Cross, Hereford HR2 8LF.

As per 4.2 above this item was discussed earlier. It was RESOLVED to support the application and make the following comments:

BBHG considered the planning amendments and continue to support the application with all of our previous comments still standing.

We strongly suggest the reduction of the speed limit from 40MPH to 30MPH at the site entrance, and at the crossroads to increase road safety. Especially for pedestrian and cyclist access to the new development, to facilitate access to local amenities including, the New Inn pub. We understand from the developer's presentation at our meeting that they would be willing to fund the TRO.

There should be good access from the development site to the existing adjacent footpath and the footpath may need to improve to accommodate.

The planning amendments would reduce our concerns for drainage and ecological damage if implemented appropriately.

7.2 P232194/FH – Hillcrest, Hoarwithy, Hereford, HR2 6OS. Proposed alterations and extensions: to include a 2 storey and first floor extension, along with internal layout changes and alteration to porch. It was RESOLVED to support this application.

8. Clerk's Report.

- 8.1 Bank mandate amendment update.
- 8.2 Email response received from New Harp Inn.
- 8.3 Lengthsman Grant forms completed and submitted.

- 8.4 Update re co-option of new Councillor.
- 8.5 Chased TRO re bus stop markings at Hoarwithy.
- 8.6 Purchased 2 x memory sticks to back up laptop.

9. To discuss tulip tree in Hoarwithy.

Councillor Keogh provided an update and said that he had sought a second opinion. In the meantime it was RESOLVED to write to the landowners and inform them of his initial findings. Clerk to action.

10. To consider signs/plaques for items provided by BBHGPC.

Councillor Soble confirmed he is preparing the artwork.

11. To consider Social Media Policy.

It was RESOLVED to approve the policy, but a review may be required in the near future.

12. To discuss drainage in Hentland near Rocks Common.

Councillors Soble and Rudge will visit site and feedback at next meeting.

13. To consider AONB Annual Study Tour.

Councillors can attend independently, should they wish to.

14. To discuss Llanfrother Lane.

Councillor Soble will follow up and feedback at next meeting.

15. To consider road maintenance, road to Hentland Church.

Councillor Lilwall confirmed she had reported issues several times. Ward Councillor confirmed he will look into this.

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

- 16.1 HN16 receive update from Councillor Soble.
- 16.2 Tulip Tree – Hoarwithy
- 16.3 Road maintenance, road to Hentland Church
- 16.4 Llanfrother Lane
- 16.5 Rocks Common.

17. Date of next meeting.

21st September 2023

Nicky Mackenzie - Clerk

25th August 2023