

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF **BRIDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON MONDAY 13th APRIL, 2015
AT 7.00 p.m.. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllrs. Jenny Collin, (Chairman), Sally Northcott, Simon Brewer, Richard Gething, Shirley Preece,, Clive Beddows, Marcus Price and Amanda Smith.

In attendance: Mrs Pat Newton (Clerk)
Cllr. Jenny Hyde H.C.
Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman)
2 members of the public.

04/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
None.

04/15 2. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RAISE LOCAL ISSUES
Concern was raised again about the state of the drains from Pool Mill to the Claytons, this is on the BB list to be done, the lengthsman suggested that on his next routine visit, he will insert a camera into the pipe and see if he can discover the problem, also try to clear the blockage with the jetter.

04/15 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS.
None were declared or requested.

04/15 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th March, 2015, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

04/15 5. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING.
5.1 Racing of motor bikes on the A40: This has been passed to the Safer Roads Partnership and the Roads Policing Team asking them to monitor the situation.
5.2 Boundary fence – VG8: This will be looked into if and when we acquire VG8.

04/15 6. CORRESPONDENCE RE: INFORMATION SHEET
Herefordshire Council..all info emailed to councillors.
HALC Information Corner – April
Telephone message from parishioner re: Could the ‘No Entry’ sign half way up Cosey Lane, be moved to the top, as cars get half way up and have to turn round. It was felt by the Council this would be a safety hazard, best left as it is.
Changes to the Core Strategy
Balfour Beatty – Parish Newsletter.

04/15 7 WEB-SITE UPDATE
The web site is not quite up and running yet, the draft had been viewed by most of the councillors and all were very happy with the content. It will be going live on Wednesday (15th), and an article will be put in the Ross Gazette.

04/15 8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION
None

04/15 9. VG8 – UPDATE.
The clerk will contact Dave Atkinson about the Japanese Knotweed and also contact the Wye & Usk Foundation about this problem. Ross Angling Club have tidied the litter and debris on the Wilton Castle side of VG8. The Council have so far not voted to acquire VG8, we have only agreed to negotiations. The clerk will contact Jackie Lewis for an update on the Modification Order.

04/15 10. REPORTS.
10.1 Herefordshire Council: Cllr. Hyde is standing down as the Ward Councillor for Llangarron, but is standing for Ross North.
Cllr. Gething thanked Cllr. Hyde for her support over the years, Cllr. Collin also thanked her for all her help, and this was endorsed by all the councillors.

10.2 Parish Paths Officer: Balfour Beatty will supply the gates and steps for BW15, and they will install these. P3 will pay for this work.

Cllr. Brewer was concerned about the misuse of the permissive path under the dual carriageway. Cllr. Collin will have a look at a way of deterring people from wandering off the path.

10.3 Village Hall Committee: Function in July, now moved to Saturday 27th June..

10.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Making good progress with the questionnaire. The Terms of Reference are being done. The clerk will et the secretary have a copy of the insurance and the PC Code of Conduct.

The clerk will arrange a meeting with the Neighbourhood Planning Team to sort out the grant.

The agenda and minutes can go on the web-site.

10.5 Lengthsman: The lengthsman had done the routine maintenance work –Summer, clearing grids and gullys. Mowing visibility splays.

04/15 11. PLANNING

Permission

150391: Ashe Ingen Place

Proposed garage/store

04/15 12. FINANCES.

12.1 Bank Account Balances.

01.04.15 Current Account.....£3461.16

01.04.15 Capital Deposit.....£3436.48

12.2 Receipts – None

12.3 Payments – HALC...Subscription.....£474.43

Zurich...Insurance.....£243.80

Terry Griffiths...Roads.....£330.00

Walkers are Welcome...Leaflets...£ 70.00....Resolved.

04/15 13. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Cllr. Preece proposed that parishioners are allowed a second chance later in the meeting to bring up anything that was discussed during the meeting. The chairman can close the meeting if anyone wants to say anything of importance.

A vote was taken on this proposal.....6 not in favour, 1 in favour and 1 abstention.

Cllr. Beddows said the '7.5 Ton' sign at the start of the B4260 was loose, the clerk will write to the HA.

As 3 of our councillors are not standing for the next four year term, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Price for all his efforts, she thanked Cllr. Northcott for all her support as Vice Chairman, and thanked Cllr. Preece for all her years of service on the council and wished them all well for the future.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public

04/15 14. REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY RE: LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

It was agreed the clerk's salary be £3250 per annum.

04/15 15 . DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 18th May, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....

