

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF **BRIDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON MONDAY 20th JULY, 2015
AT 7.00 p.m.. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllrs. Jenny Collin (Chairman), Richard Gething, Simon Brewer, Clive Beddows, Amanda Smith and Ernie Robbins.

In attendance: Mrs Pat Newton (Clerk) and Cllr.Elissa Swinglehurst H.C
. 3 members of the public. .

07/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Gething for taking the June meeting, while she was away.

07/15 2. CO-OPTION

None, we have two vacancies, we now have posters in all the noticeboards and on the website.

07/15 3. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RAISE LOCAL ISSUES

None.

07/15 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS.

None were declared or requested.

07/15 5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th June, 2015, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

07/15 6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING.

6.1 Posters for recruiting new councillors: See Item 2.

6.2 Memorial garden – tidy up: This has been done by the lengthsman.

6.3 Invite CSO: The clerk had asked if a CSO could attend our meeting, but none were available, she will ask them along to the September meeting, as we are still having a problem with anti social behaviour and speeding in the parish.

07/15 7. CORRESPONDENCE RE: INFORMATION SHEET

Herefordshire Council...all info emailed to councillors.

Balfour Beatty – Parish Newsletter.

Herefordshire CAB – Request for a donation...on September agenda.

HALC...Information Corner...July

07/15 8. WEBSITE – UPDATE

The website is running smoothly, but we will arrange a meeting with Hilary Pulsford, to see if she is happy with arrangements so far, and sort out any problems.

07/15 9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 Grass cutting and road safety: The council had received an email from a parishioner who lived in Cosy Lane, about the high speeds that traffic comes down from the A49 to Pool Mill. The clerk will contact the Highways dept. and ask them to consider a 30m.p.h. speed limit down the lane.

A parishioner had emailed complaining about the speed traffic goes up from Pool Mill to the Claytons, we will invite the CSO to our September meeting, and see if they have any suggestions on how to deal with this problem.

Verge cutting: Herefordshire is an absolute disgrace, with overgrown verges, Balfour Beatty are in the process of doing the rural roads, also there is ragwort growing along the A40, contact Highways Agency to see if it is going to be removed.

07/15 10. VG8 UPDATE

The clerk has spoken to H.C. about the problem of the Japanese Knotweed and they are going to arrange to have it dealt with. Someone has cut the grass down along the bank below Bridge House Hotel. The clerk will contact Ross Angling Club and ask them not to do any work down there, without letting us know.

07/15 11. REPORTS

- 11.1 Herefordshire Council:** There is to be a public meeting at The Garron Centre, Llangarron to discuss the HC budget consultation, Cllr. Swinglehurst will let us know details.
The verge cutting programme is a joke. I think a good solution would be for parishes to do their own verge cutting as part of the lengthsman scheme, I have put this idea to Balfour Beatty.
- 11.2 Parish Paths Officer:** The path from Pool Mill to the church is overgrown, the clerk will ask the lengthsman to cut it. People are not sticking to the permissive path on Benhall Farm, so the owner is considering closing it.
- 11.3 Village Hall Committee:** Very successful evening on 27th June. Community Lunch on Saturday 26th September.
- 11.4 Neighbourhood Plan:** Progressing well, the questionnaire should be finished by the next PC meeting.
The grant application has been successful, amount offered....£2532.00

07/15 12. PLANNING

Application.

151851: Stoke Lea, Bridstow

Proposed side extension and alterations to create first floor.

Creation of conservatory and detached garage/workshopWe object to this proposal, as we have concerns about the access.

Appeal

142930: Land adjacent to Burnt House

The appeal is on Wednesday 22nd July at the Town Hall, Hereford.....Cllrs. Collin, Gething and the clerk will attend.

07/15 13. FINANCES.

13.1 Bank Account Balances.

01.07.15 Current Account.....£3740.44

01.07.15 Capital Deposit.....£3436.91

13.2 Receipts – Wayleave....£23.83

13.3 Payments – Terry Griffiths.....£837.60

Cllr. Collin..expenses...£8.00...Resolved

External audit completed...No problems

07/15 14. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Community Governance Review to be on September agenda.

07/15 15 . DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 21st September, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

Date.....

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