

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF **BRIDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON MONDAY 16th MARCH, 2015
AT 7.00 p.m.. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

In attendance: Mrs Pat Newton (Clerk)
Cllr. Jenny Hyde H.C.
Dave Atkinson (Locality Steward)
Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman)
3 members of the public.

03/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. Richard Gething and Amanda Smith.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Northcott for taking the February meeting in her absence.

03/15 2. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RAISE LOCAL ISSUES

Concern was raised about the racing of motorcycles on the A40 to Monmouth, this occurs at the weekends, mainly on Sunday's, between 8am and 10a.m. The clerk will contact the CSO.

Could the boundary fence be put back between the village green and Bridge House Hotel, Cllr. Collin will go and see the owner and suggest the possibility of a gate, to enable us to get a mower on the green, after we acquire VG8.

Report from Locality Steward

We raised our concerns about the Japanese Knotweed on VG8, although we have approached HC and Balfour Beatty, it will be our responsibility to deal with this matter. Mr Atkinson will investigate our options and get a quote for dealing with this problem.

It was suggested we contact the River Wye Preservation Trust to see if there is a grant available, to combat this problem.

We had received a letter from a parishioner about a traffic data system on the Hoarwithy Road by Foxdale, HC and Balfour Beatty had no knowledge of this and Mr Atkinson will see if he can find out who is responsible. Mr Atkinson will also look at the state of Wilton Lane.

Cllr. Brewer asked when the verge cutting will take place, Mr Atkinson will find out the time schedule.

Cllr. Collin thanked Mr Atkinson for attending the meeting

03/15 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS.

None were declared or requested...

03/15 4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th February, 2015, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

03/15 5. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING.

5.1 State of lane from Pool Mill to Claytons: This has been prioritised, and is on the list for capital works.

5.2 Parking on double yellow lines – Wilton Lane: The clerk had contacted the CSO and this has been passed to Traffic Management.

03/15 6. CORRESPONDENCE RE: INFORMATION SHEET

Herefordshire Council..all info emailed to councillors.

HALC Information Corner – March

Email from parishioner re: traffic data system – see Report from Locality Steward.

03/15 7 WEB-SITE UPDATE

The group had a meeting with Hilary Pulsford, we had an in depth discussion regarding our requirements. We discussed a formal contract between the PC and Ms Pulsford, and received a draft copy, which we have decided needs a termination clause included. Once the contract is signed, Ms Pulsford will set up a draft web-site for our approval.

03/15 8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 8.1 New Lengthsman Scheme:** The clerk had been to a meeting at Balfour Beatty for information on this scheme, there are a number of changes, invoices to go in 4 times a year, with the schedule of works. The major change is the Annual Maintenance Plan which has to be done before the start of the financial year. After discussion it was agreed the clerk would fill in the plan as required.
- 8.2 Election – 7th May:** The clerk handed out the nomination papers, when the Notice of Election is received, the nominations can be taken to the Elections Office, deadline is 9th April.
Cllr. Hyde said she is standing down as our County Councillor, but will be standing as a candidate for Ross North. Cllr. Collin thanked her for all her help in the past, and wished her well in the future.

03/15 9. VG8 – UPDATE.

Nothing further from Herefordshire Council, we are waiting for information on the problem of Japanese Knotweed.

03/15 10. REPORTS.

- 10.1 Herefordshire Council:** Rushing to get things through, before the elections.
- 10.2 Parish Paths Officer:** Survey complete, most paths okay, very minor maintenance.
2 paths needed attention: BW18 – fallen tree - removed. BW5 – tree leaning over bridge – tree removed.
Thanks to the volunteers who came to help.
BW15 – stile very wobbly – needs urgent attention – Locality Steward will look into it.
BW15 – New fingerpost required.
Peterstow/Bridstow loop walk is very popular, a leaflet showing the walk in detail would be beneficial to walkers, this would be available in the Yew Tree Inn, as they would allow walkers to park in their car park. The cost would be £44 for 200. Cllr. Preece proposed we go ahead with this, seconded by Cllr. Northcott. 4 in favour, 2 abstained.
- 10.3 Village Hall Committee:** Community Lunch – Saturday 21st March..
- 10.4 Neighbourhood Plan:** March meeting cancelled. Putting together questionnaires. The clerk will ask for a full report by the next meeting. What is the time scale for the questionnaire? Can we have a draft copy when it is complete .
- 10.5 Lengthsman:** Terry Griffiths said he can do category 1 & 2 pot-holes from the lengthsman scheme grant, so to fill in the annual maintenance plan accordingly.

03/15 11. PLANNING

Application

150391: Ashe Ingen Place

Proposed garage/store.....No objection

03/15 12. FINANCES.

12.1 Bank Account Balances.

01.03.15 Current Account.....£4183.66
01.03.15 Capital Deposit.....£3436.33

12.2 Receipts – VAT Refund.....£518.70

Lengthsman Scheme...Admin Fee. .£128.70

12.3 Payments – Inf Comm...Data Pro Fee..... £35.00

Clerk's salary..... £619.50
HMRC....PAYE..... £68.00
Lengthsman scheme....Admin Fee..£128.70.....Resolved

03/15 13. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

None.

03/15 14 . DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 13th April, 2015 at 7.00 p.m. .

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....

