

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF **BRIDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON MONDAY 15th JUNE, 2015
AT 7.00 p.m.. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllrs. Richard Gething (Vice-chairman), Simon Brewer and Clive Beddows.

In attendance: Mrs Pat Newton (Clerk)
2 members of the public.

06/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. Jenny Collin, Amanda Smith, Ernie Robbins and Elissa Swinglehurst H.C.

06/15 2. CO-OPTION

None, we have two vacancies Cllr. Gething has drafted a poster for the notice- boards and web-site, to try and encourage parishioners to join the parish council..

06/15 3. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RAISE LOCAL ISSUES

A parishioner asked if we had need for volunteers for hedge cutting etc, within the parish, the vice-chairman explained that we do occasionally have working parties to do necessary work around the parish.

06/15 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS.

None were declared or requested.

06/15 5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th May, 2015, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

06/15 6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING.

6.1 Highways Agency: The '7.5' sign at the junction of the A40 and B4260 has been repaired.

6.2 Parish Charity Trustees: The clerk had got a copy of the names of the trustees of the village hall from Charity Commission, and Cllr. Beddows gave the parish council a copy of the Constitution for Bridstow and District Parish Hall, which stated that the Parish Council is the Custodian trustee of the hall.

06/15 7. CORRESPONDENCE RE: INFORMATION SHEET

Herefordshire Council..all info emailed to councillors.

Lengthsman scheme contract: was signed by Cllr. Gething and the clerk, and will be sent back to H.C.

The Pensions Regulator: the clerk will be the primary contact for the new legal duty.

Balfour Beatty – Parish Newsletter.

River Wye Preservation Trust...River Walk..7th July, 2015

06/15 8. PLANNING

Applications.

151218: 9, Wilton Cottages, Wilton Road

Proposal to drop the kerb to allow access to paved area to side of house...the Parish Council object on visibility and safety issues of cars pulling out on to the busy B4260.

151630: Land adjacent to Applewood House, Bridstow

Proposed erection of one dwelling: the Parish Council object on concerns over access to the proposed site which is totally unsuitable, this application could only lead to increased congestion and difficulties on to the narrow private lane, with the poor visibility on to Bannutree Lane and furthermore increased traffic flow on to the A49.

Appeal

142930: Land adjacent to Burnt House

Site for proposed residential development of 35 houses...the appeal seems to be on highway issues, stating that HC's facts are wrong, we will re-iterate our objections saying road safety is a major issue and that the bus service has now been changed and there is now no direct 44 bus service which makes a significant difference.

The vice-chairman closed the meeting for public participation

A parishioner said he was very happy we were continuing with the same view.

A further comment from a parishioner was that he was concerned that if they won the appeal the floodgates will open in Bridstow.

The vice-chairman re-opened the meeting

06/15 9. WEB-SITE UPDATE

The web-site is running smoothly, with regular updates.

06/15 10. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

06/15 11. VG8 – UPDATE.

The clerk had received an email from Andrew Blake AONB, he had inspected the riverbank and confirmed it was Japanese Knotweed, the clerk will write to HC and say we would like this dealt with prior to any asset transfer.

06/15 12. REPORTS.

12.1 Herefordshire Council: None

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

12.3 Village Hall Committee: At the AGM all officers stayed the same. 3 officers and 3 committee members. We need new members.

12.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing to report.

06/15 13. FINANCES.

13.1 Bank Account Balances.

01.06.15 Current Account.....	£5580.42.
01.06.15 Capital Deposit.....	£3436.76

13.2 Receipts – None

13.3 Payments – Bridstow PTFA...Donation.....	£50.00...paid
River Wye Pres Trust...Sub.....	£20.00
Hilary Pusford...Website.....	£247.99
Bridstow PCC..Donation.....	£700.00
Clerk’s salary.....	£812.50
Clerk’s expenses.....	£59.49.....Resolved

06/15 14. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Cllr. Beddows was concerned that the memorial garden needed tidying up, the clerk will contact the Lengthsman The clerk will ask Balfour Beatty when the B & C verges are to be cut There is a rise in anti social behaviour in the parish, with break- ins and vandalism. The clerk will invite the CSO to the next meeting.

06/15 15 . DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 20th July, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

Date.....

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