

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF **BRIDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER, 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
4 members of the public.

10/15 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Patrick Hughes

10/15 2. CO-OPTION

Mr Patrick Hughes had written to the clerk saying he would like to join the Parish Council, it was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Gething, that we accept his offer. All in favour.

10/15 3. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO RAISE LOCAL ISSUES

There is a vehicle keeps obstructing the entrance to the Right of Way in Wilton Lane. It was decided we would put a notice on the windscreen asking for the vehicle to keep the entrance clear. It was resolved that the clerk would do this, next time the vehicle is there.

10/15 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS.

None were declared or requested.

10/15 5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September, 2015, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

10/15 6. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING.

- 6.1 Speeding of motor bikes down the A40:** The clerk had contacted Safety Camera Partnership, but no reply to date, she will contact them again .
- 6.2 Removal of ragwort from A40:** The clerk had contacted the Highways Agency saying that the spraying should be done in May, they had replied that as from next year this will be done and a second spray later in the year.
- 6.3 Emptying the dog bin at Wilton:** the clerk had contacted waste management, but the bin has not been emptied to date, Cllr. Swinglehurst will look into this matter on our behalf.

10/15 7. CORRESPONDENCE RE: INFORMATION SHEET

Herefordshire Council....

Rural Bus Funding for 2015-16

Planning Seminar – 22nd October.

Balfour Beatty

Parish Briefing 27th & 29th October

Locality Steward weekly reports .

HALC...Information Corner....October

CPRE – Invitation to meeting re: NDP's for Town & Country – 3rd November

10/15 8. WEBSITE – UPDATE

Cllr. Collin, Cllr. Gething and the clerk had a meeting with Hilary Pulsford last week and sorted out a few minor problems. It was agreed that any notices by committees or parishioners, must be with the clerk by the 1st Friday of every month.

10/15 9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 A40 crossing: Cllr. Gething and the clerk had had a meeting with a representative from the Highways Agency today (19th). We were informed that it has been approved to put a toucan crossing near Benhall Lane. There is funding for the draft plan this year and funding available next year to put the crossing in place. This all looks very promising, but we will wait until we are sent the draft plans, to see what they intend.

9.2 Bridstow NDP Residents Questionnaire: As we had only received the draft questionnaire today, the councillors will look through it, and any comments to be sent to the clerk by 2nd November.

10/15 10. GRANT AVAILABLE FROM HALC re: purchase of laptop etc.

The clerk had received an email from HALC recommending a HP laptop costing £399.99, it was also suggested that we have a projector. The clerk will contact HALC to see if they can recommend one that is compatible with the laptop. **It was resolved that we would proceed with HALC's recommendation.**

10/15 11. VG8 UPDATE

Nothing further to report.

10/15 12. REPORTS

12.1 Herefordshire Council: The Core Strategy has been adopted by HC, no-one voted against the strategy. There will also be a planning officer available 9 -5 to answer general planning enquiries. 01432 383879

12.2 Parish Paths Officer: The problem of the closure of the permissive path has been solved as there is going to be a crossing put in place next year. The clerk will notify the PROW officer of this new development.

12.3 Village Hall Committee: Nothing to report.

12.4 Neighbourhood Plan: The draft questionnaire now completed. The questionnaire will be distributed around the parish in Jan/Feb after training has been given. The grant should be received by the PC this week.

10/15 13. PLANNING

None.

10/15 14. FINANCES.

14.1 Bank Account Balances.

01.10.15 Current Account.....£5102.44

01.10.15 Capital Deposit.....£3437.35

14.2 Receipts – None.

14.3 Payments – Terry Griffiths...Roads...£330.00

Terry Griffiths..P3.....£ 38.40

Poppy appeal..wreath.....£ 20.00

H.Pulsford...website.....£ 70.00

It was resolved that the summary of payments, receipts and bank reconciliation were approved, proposed by Cllr. Gething and seconded by Cllr. Smith.

10/15 15. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Remembrance Sunday service will be at 11.00a.m. on Sunday 8th November at the war memorial. There will be refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

HALC AGM Conference is now on Saturday 21st November at the Blind College, Hereford.

Cllr. Robbins suggested we take part in the 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth' – 14th March 2016, the clerk will look into this

Pool Mill to the Claytons: pot-holes and drains still need attention, as only two were repaired. The clerk will contact the Locality Steward.

10/15 16 . DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 16th November, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....

