

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 7.30 pm due to Covid-19 meeting restrictions.

Present: Cllrs: R. Wilks (Chairman), A. Yarnold (V/Chairman), I. Dennis, H. Richards and S. Tomkins.

Also present: County Cllr N. Shaw and Parish Clerk Michelle Alexander.

Apologies: Cllrs K. Harris and E. Carpenter.

Declarations of Interests: Cllr Wilks declared an interest in payments for approval (Lengthsman invoice)

97. Minutes of the Parish Council held 22nd September 2020 were approved. Proposed S. Tomkins, seconded A. Yarnold.

98. Matters arising if not itemised on this agenda – none.

99. Planning Matters

99.1 Submissions made since last meeting –

- 202448 – Hop Kiln, Hope Farm, Edwin Loach HR7 4PW – proposed conversion of former hop kiln and single storey side extension. No comment submitted.
- 203435 – proposed new field access and gate – land north of B4204, Upper Sapey – objections filed. Noted that the county boundary sign may also need to move and that there has been no objection from Highways. Cllr Carpenters comments were noted. Cllr Shaw will also ask Highways to double check re visibility splay re concerns raised.
- 203107 – proposal to reinstate the potting shed at Gardeners Cottage, Tedstone Delamere – no objection.

99.2 Decisions and notifications –

- 174149 - approval for new dwelling and removal of residential use to the potting shed at Garden Cottage, Tedstone Delamere.
- 203654 – prior approval not required for proposed agricultural building at Wild Perry Farm, Tedstone Wafre.

99.3 Enforcement reported – new gated vehicle entrance along Tenbury Rd B4204 just past Adam's Wood entrance.

99.4 Other planning matters – it was noted that extra units have been installed at Saltmarsh Castle Park behind Littlebridge House and it was queried whether planning permission had been granted for these? Cllr Shaw confirmed that Planning Enforcement are visiting the site again and also confirmed that in terms of recent permitted development requests, 201203 application was refused but 203817 application has now been submitted – does this cover the extra units? Cllr Shaw to check with Planners.

Also, lots of comments about the new building development on the motorbike track which is very visible from all directions, as expected. Cllr Shaw confirmed that s.72 of the National Planning Policy Framework applies to this development, and that very strict criteria apply to this type of development. The Council remain concerned that it appears contrary to all previous planning decisions locally and hope that it is to be screened to lessen the visual impact on existing dwellings, although it appears that only minimal screening is required.

100. Financial & Governance Matters –

100.1 Accounts were proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Yarnold. All agreed (Cllr Wilks abstained).

- Clerks salary £313.42
- Clerks expenses £23.50 phone / £54.00 mileage / £7.80 postage.
- R. Wilks Lengthsman work £954.00

100.2 Bank balances to 4th November were noted as Current a/c £21965.07: Business Reserve a/c £3,010.40

100.3 Precept & Budget for 2021-22 – the draft budget for 2021-22 and precept of £10,000.00 for year from 1st April 2021, were approved as circulated. It was agreed that no rise to the precept is required for next year. Proposed Cllr Wilks, seconded Cllr Tomkins, all agreed. It was also noted that church funding remains earmarked in reserves and awaits suitable applications.

- 101. Lengthsman and P3 Scheme** – Cllr Wilks confirmed that in Pound Lane, Balfour Beatty won't dig the ditch to find the flood on the left-hand side as they need Cllr Wilks to locate the drain first. Also, going up towards Wiggly Bank at Wolferlow, Cllr Wilks needs to find the pipe to A. Thackers.
- 102. Highways Matters** – Cllr Carpenter has asked for road surface repairs to be made along the B4204 from the crossroads with the B4203 to the entrance to his property. Also, there are no white lines or cats eyes at all now, although it seems that it is not Hfcs Council policy to replace cats eyes now. Cllr Shaw will check re the white lines with the Council programme.
There are several outstanding matters including Church Lane being marked up but no work being done as yet (from Rectory Cottage). The Council noted that Hfcs Council budget for Highways is very pressured currently.
- 103. Ward Councillors Report** – matters raised included:
- Saltmarsh Castle developments (see also minute ref 99.4).
 - Bromyard / Bishops Frome – low Covid 19 incidents – next tier review 2/12.
 - Covid 19 business funding available via Hfcs Council website.
 - 'Faster Shire' broad band scheme – funding available for Sapey Common to Manors of Shelsley area and Wolferlow / Upper Sapey.
 - Concerns raised re 3 properties at Tidbatch will be taken forward by Cllr Shaw.
- 104. Correspondence Received** – Brockhampton Group Neighbourhood Plan consultation can be found at <https://brockhamptongrouppc.org.uk/neighbourhood-development-plan/>
- 105. Councillor Reports on Parish Matters and Requests for Future Agenda Items** –
- Cllr Richards – at Primrose (Woodhall Rd), Tedstone Delamere residents are very concerned re plans and the future appeal process re Crumplebury wedding venue.
 - Cllr Tomkins – at Xmas Tree Patch, Back Lane, Wolferlow the footpath to the church is being well used and anyone developing this site should be made aware. Cllr Wilks will also clear the path and check stiles as it is important to maintain the route. Also, the finger post at the end of Wolferlow Lane needs fixing in place – Cllr Wilks to check this.
 - Cllr Dennis – noted that Cllr Wilks is arranging a new stile for the path from the church by the woodland as the current stile has rotted.
- 106. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.
Michelle Alexander
Clerk