

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 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: None.

107. Minutes of the Parish Council held 24th November 2020 were approved. Proposed Cllr Yarnold, seconded Cllr Tomkins. All agreed.

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

109. Planning Matters -

109.1 Applications received –

- 203925 Sapey Golf Club, Upper Sapey, Hfds WR6 6XT – re-consultation for change of use of land to caravan site for three caravans (retrospective). It was agreed that there is no objection to the lodges in line with previous planning permission, but that no further development would be considered appropriate for this site.

109.2 Submissions made since last meeting –

- 203925 Sapey Golf Club, Upper Sapey WR6 6XT – change of use of land to caravan site for 3 caravans (retrospective) – condition response submitted 23/12/2020.
- 203872 Waters Cottage, Upper Sapey WR6 6HA – single storey side extension and front porch – no objection submitted 23/12/2020.
- 203817/U Saltmarshe Castle Caravan Park HR7 4PN – certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as a caravan site – comment submitted 23/12/2020.

109.3 Decisions and notifications –

- 202448 Hop Kiln, The Hope Farm, Edvin Loach HR7 4PW – application withdrawn for conversion of former hop kiln and single storey side extension.
- 203107 Gardeners Cottage, Tedstone Court, Tedstone Delamere HR7 4PS – listed building consent granted to reinstate the potting shed.
- 203617 Highfield, Tedstone Delamere HR7 4PU – planning permission for first floor extension with fabric upgrade at its ground floor level and single storey side extension.

110. Financial & Governance Matters –

110.1 Accounts were proposed by Cllr Wilks, seconded Cllr Dennis. All agreed.

- Clerks salary £313.42
- Clerks expenses £30.00 phone / £21.60 mileage / £60.00 Q3 home-office fee.

110.2 Bank balances notes as current account £20,612.35, business reserve account £3,010.46.

111. Lengthsman and P3 Scheme – It was agreed to continue the Lengthsman & P3 Scheme for a further year. Proposed Cllr Tomkins, seconded Cllr Richards. All agreed.

111.1 Tasks required – Balfour Beatty located the blocked pipe causing the flood by Tidbatch Road but when the jetter arrived 2 days later, they were unable to locate the pipe and it therefore remains unresolved. The road surface is breaking up badly and the Clerk was asked to chase up the matter asap.

Cllr Wilks will be dealing with gullies and grips in Wolferlow tomorrow. Cllr Wilks will also investigate the footpath along Back Lane, Wolferlow.

112. Highways Matters – the following matters were discussed and are to be reported:

- Potholes from Sapey Common to High House crossroads (B4204).
- Large pothole to be reported in the middle of the road along the B4203 Sapey crossroads towards Gt Witley.
- There are 3 gullies filling up and flooding across a blind bend, which need clearing, along the B4204 close to Cllr Carpenter.
- Concern was raised by Cllr Wilks that Balfour Beatty do not seem to be giving value for money recently and recent examples of poor work were reported to Cllr Nigel Shaw, who will report to Hfds Council Cabinet. The lack of gritting along primary and secondary routes was also noted and will be reported. Cllr Shaw confirmed that no gritting is done on C or U roads unless there is a specific reason to do so i.e., Drs Surgery. Very limited gritting is now done, and concern was raised about dangerous iced roads.
- Recent bad water and ice across the road by Middle Norton Farm between Sandy Cross and Saltmarsh Castle resulted in a bad accident. Ditches and headwalls are blocked and need jetting and clearing. Reverse camber is also a serious issue for drivers.
- Empty grit bins should be reported to Hfds Council.
- Along B4203 from Fuggles to The Baiting House, water is running across the road, washing grit away and freezing badly.
- Cllr Wilks spoke to County Cllr K. Pollock yesterday about the lack of gritting by Worcs Highways as vehicles were stuck for hours coming from Gt Witley. Roads need to be gritted in the morning, not just evening. The route is a heavily used commuter route between Bromyard and Stourport (Worcs section). Cllr Shaw will also report to Hfds Council.

113. Ward Councillors Report – matters raised included:

- Balfour Beatty Localities Steward C. Smith has been replaced by M. Brooks – under review currently.
- Recycling consultation currently ongoing.
- School Transport Policy currently work in progress.
- Covid-19 update given together with local statistics for Herefordshire. Talk Community helpline is still open for anyone to ring 01432 260027 for assistance.
- Hfds bypass cancellation - a meeting is to be held on 2nd February to consider next steps following a substantial loss of money.

114. Correspondence Received – Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy review for Brockhampton Group, North Bromyard Group and Whitbourne Parishes had been circulated via email. Cllr Wilks and the Clerk will complete as required.

115. Councillor Reports on Parish Matters and Requests for Future Agenda Items –

- Cllr Richards reported that residents of Tedstone Delamere are very concerned about what is happening at 'Paradise'. The planning permission given for the wooden shed expires shortly but it appears that the occupied residential site still has no proper facilities and looks unsightly adjacent to local footpaths, with a number of vehicles, caravans also there. Cllr Shaw is checking on the matter with

Hfds Planning Enforcement. The original planning permission was for forestry and ancillary accommodation, but this does not appear to be what has been done.

- Cllr Tomkins has written to the Church about the options for grant funding but not yet had a reply.
- Cllr Yarnold reported a resident request for a grit bin at Saltmarshe, but the PC do not supply on private property and the Castle has now offered to supply one if the PC fills it up. The meeting agreed that this is still not something offered by the PC on private roads and noted that it is also outside the remit of Balfour Beatty's contract so Hfds Council would charge for re-filling.
- The Clerk reported that the PC website has been re-designed by K. Nason and all were asked to look at it and feedback any thoughts and ideas asap.

116. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom due to Covid-19.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Michelle Alexander

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