

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

Minutes of the North Bromyard and Group Parish Council Meeting
Held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 5th August 2014 in Saltmarshe & District Hall

In Attendance

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| Chairman | Cllr J Wheeler |
| Vice chairman | Cllr R Wilks |
| Councillors | Cllr E Carpenter, Cllr A Dennis, Cllr B Civil |
| Ward Councillor | Mr G Swinford |
| Footpath Officer | Mr Tom Fisher |
| Clerk | Mrs A Gardner |
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1. **Apologies** – Cllr R Coldicott is unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Item 7.1.5 Cllrs Carpenter & Wilks are members of the village hall committees.
Democratic Period/Public Time
Mr Yarnold requested a copy of the correspondence received from the planning department in respect of the signage at Criftens Farm. It was agreed that the clerk would forward him a copy.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2014**
Proposed by Cllr Wilks; seconded by Cllr Carpenter that the Minutes of the May Parish Meeting are a true record and unanimous.

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Cllr Carpenter requested that ‘Cllr Edwards’ be amended to ‘Cllr Carpenter’ where seconded in Election of Chairman in the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting. With this amendment the minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr Civil, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and unanimous.

Minutes of the extraordinary planning meeting held on Tuesday 1st July
Proposed by Cllr Civil; seconded by Cllr Wheeler that the Minutes of the July planning meeting are a true record and unanimous.
4. **Matters Arising**
APM – No matters arising
Item 8.2 from APCM: Clerk advised BB about the missing direction sign on the B4203 opposite the Collington Lane turning. Awaiting response.
Item 8.3 from APCM: Cllr Wilks confirmed that grass verges at visibility splays had been mowed as requested.
Item 8.4 from APCM: Cllr Wheeler has been unable to obtain quote for a new grit bin. Clerk to pursue
Item 8.5 from APCM: Cllr Harris to report at next meeting about the hedge at Warren Lodge leaning into the road, the householder has agreed to trim it back once the bird’s eggs have hatched.
Item 8.6 from APCM: Cllr Coldicott to report to next meeting about the hedge at 1 Delamere Road (former council house) which needed trimming back
Item 8.8 from APCM: rendering of property Tidbatch in Tedstone Delamere: Cllr Swinford confirmed that amendment to plans in respect of the colour of render had been approved by HCC planning dept.
July planning meeting – No matters arising
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1 **Applications**
 - 5.1.1 P141698/FH 2 Rock Lane, Clifton on Teme, Worcester WR6 6ER.
Amended, amended application for a new detached double garage Applicant: Ms J Stott
Full Householder
Previously approved by committee now that the proposed garden room has been removed from plans
 - 5.1.2 P141812/F Chalet No 2, Sapey Golf Club, Upper Sapey, Worcs. WR6 6XT
Variation of condition No 3 ref. DCNC/2006/2165/F. Applicant MR S Preece

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Planning Permission

Previously approved by committee providing the chalet stays in the ownership of the golf course & that cars only park at the chalet for unloading & then use the main golf course car park for all other parking.

5.2 Decisions

- 5.2.1 P140266/L Tedstone Lodge, Tedstone Delamere, Bromyard. HR7 4PS.
Alterations and two story and single storey extensions. Applicant Mr S Harrison
Listed building consent. Approval Notice noted

6. Highways

- 6.1.1 Signage at Criftens Farm: Received confirmation from Mark Lane, planning officer at HCC, that "The signage at the entrance to Criftens farm benefits from deemed advertisement consent due to size and position". However he is looking into the use of the building possibly requiring planning permission. The clerk has requested an update in readiness for the next PC meeting.
- 6.1.2 Cllr Wilks confirm that only 3 pot holes in Church Lane, Upper Sapey, are to be done at a later date. Cllr Swinford to arrange a meeting with the new locality steward to discuss this and all highway problems within our parish.
- 6.1.3 Cllr Civil explained that the overgrown verge edges either side of the narrow lane between Tedstone Delamere and Whitbourne is so bad that damage is being done to vehicles. The worse area is the cottages after Warren Lodge corner to Red Hill. Clerk to contact our BB locality steward to request that the verges are cut back as a matter of urgency. Cllr Swinford to discuss matter with Locality
- 6.1.4 Cllr Civil reported that BB contractors resurfaced the lane from Tedstone court to Red Hill in Tedstone Delamere. The workmen failed to fill in existing pot holes and the pot holes have now reappeared; a costly and thoroughly unprofessional job. G Swinford will take up this matter with the locality steward and will discuss the pot holes by the kennels at the same time.
- 6.1.5 Lengthsman Scheme. HCC will give £100 per Km to parish councils with a lengthsman scheme, for the first 3 years then £90.00 per Km from then on. It was agreed that the clerk will complete an application form.

7. Finance

- 7.1.1 Clerk's salary & expenses: It was proposed to pay the clerk £345.53 Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Wilks - all in favour.
- 7.1.2 Bank balances noted
- 7.1.3 Revised interest rates for reserve account noted
- 7.1.4 Cllrs Carpenter & Wilks left the meeting. The financial accounts for both Upper Sapey Village Hall and Saltmarshe & District Hall were discussed. As proposed by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Civil; It was agreed to continue supporting both halls and to donate £500 to each in this financial year as per budget, at the same time agreeing that the donation should be re-evaluated on a yearly basis. All in favour. Cllrs Carpenter & Wilks rejoined the meeting.

8. Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Swinford reported that he had spoken to the HCC chief executive about a number of matters, specifically about the planning department which has now a staff of 1.5 instead of the 6 personnel a few months ago. This reduction has impacted on the time taken both in pre planning and planning applications; with only half decided within the statutory period.

GS is confident that the road to Lynton trading estate will be improved in this financial year.

It has been agreed that 350 homes will be built on scheduled land in Bromyard by Bovis and another building company over the next 20 years.

A plan for a further 150 homes on unscheduled land, is going through the planning process now.

The Tesco plans have not been put through the system yet, but expected some time soon, possibly in September.

900 + metres of Wolferlow lane has been resurfaced, this is a third extra due to GS negotiations.

The application for the plans for Wolferlow Church has not yet been decided. However GS attended a site meeting where the concerns of the PC were considered.

9. Footpath Officers Report

Mr Fisher reported that there are no serious issues with footpaths at present. There are however, the ever present issues of the level of growth around stiles and the ploughing/cropping over footpaths, although the latter is not a problem locally.

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In wintertime, some footpath signs have disintegrated and BB offer no support for their upkeep. There are no major problems with the footpaths in Upper Sapey & Tedstone Wafre. In Wolferlow the diversion of the bridleway through Cockshutts is still to be confirmed and the approved diversion over the bridge is bogged down due to the fact the HCC want landowners to maintain it. In Edwin Loach the diversion in front of Glebe Cottage has been approved. In Tedstone Delamere there are 3 path closures:
1 by Pixhill which is closed to horses as it is deemed too steep for them.
The next over Sapey Brook – but this is still being used
and finally there is no crossing over the brook at Winley Farm.
Cllr Carpenter asked if the footpath at the top of Lockhill to Yearston Court was closed as vehicles have been seen using it. Mr Fisher advised that vehicles can use this as it is still an open “Byway” which can be used by all traffic.

10 Correspondence

- 10.1.1 Parish councils – Audit Consultation - *Noted*
- 10.1.2 Notification of change to rubbish collection, as previously circulated - *Noted*
- 10.1.3 Unipar services – Speed detection and data recording equipment - *Noted*
- 10.1.4 Notification of availability of a rental property in Orchard Gardens, Upper Sapey - *Noted*
- 10.1.5 Public Rights of Way Management - *Noted*
- 10.1.6 Grass Cutting Letter - *Noted*
- 10.1.7 World War 1 Exhibition - *Noted*
- 10.1.8 Hereford council launches budget consultation- *Noted*
- 10.1.9 New locality steward notification - *Noted*
- 10.1.10 Worcestershire County Council consultation of community involvement - *Noted*
- 10.1.11 Worcestershire County Council draft planning validation document - *Noted*
- 10.1.12 Worcestershire County Council minerals local plan: call for sites - *Noted*

11 Parish Matters and future agenda items

- 11.1.1 Cllr Swinford to investigate the further cutting down of trees at Saltmarshe Caravan Park as this appears to be contrary to planning permission
- 11.1.2 R Wilks was unable to attend the Herefordshire Council's 2015/16 Budget Consultation meeting Held on 24 July 2014
- 11.1.3 Cllr Carpenter asked if the new charity shop in Bromyard was being run by HCC. Cllr Swinford advised that this was not the case and as a private enterprise was nothing to do with the Parish Council
- 11.1.4 Cllr Civil reported that some windows were broken the telephone kiosk in Tedstone Wafre (situated in lay by on the B4203 just after the turning to Tedstone Delamere).
Clerk to report it to BT.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd September at 8.00pm in Upper Sapey Village Hall