

MINUTES OF NORTH BROMYARD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday, 24th July 2012 in Saltmarshe & District Hall.

In Attendance

Chairman	Mr J Wheeler
Vice Chairman	Mr B Civil
Councillors	Mr R Coldicott, Mr A Dennis, Mrs K Harris, Mr R Wilks,
Ward Councillor	Mr G Swinford
Clerk	Mrs L Butler
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1. **Apologies** - were received from Mr Carpenter.
2. **Declaration of Interest** - none.
3. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting and May Annual Parish Council meeting**
Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were approved on the proposal of Mr Wilks, seconded by Mr Civil and unanimous.
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting were approved on the proposal of Mr Dennis, seconded by Mr Wilks and unanimous.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 Grit bins - Herefordshire/Amey have been advised that this council has agreed to purchase ten bins. Amey have advised that they will install them and will require exact locations. All Councillors are asked to consider their parishes requirements and bring exact locations to the next meeting.
 - 4.2 Line House Road, Tedstone Delamere - advised by Amey that the finances ran out last year and the project has been carried over into this financial year.
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1 *For Consideration*
 - 5.1.2 N121676/FH Ladywood House, Ladywood, Whitbourne, WR6 5RY
Extension and alterations. Full Householder
The Parish Council was advised by Cllr Swinford that in all probability this application was going to be refused due to overdevelopment. This being the case the Parish Council agreed that it did not wish to make any comments.
 - 5.1.2 N121862/L Woodend Farm, Whitbourne, Worcester, WR6 5SU
Replacement or refurbishment of 19 windows. Listed Building Consent
The Parish Council has no objections. Agreed on the proposal of Mr Coldicott, seconded by Mr Wilks and with a vote of five for and one abstention.
 - 5.1.3 N121330/FH The Brambles, Rock Lane, Sapey Common, Clifton on Teme, WR6 6ER
Proposed construction of new garage and carport. Full Householder
Prior to this meeting, the three members for Upper Sapey were consulted and Mr Wilks and Mr Carpenter visited the site. They noted that the new garage could not be easily viewed by neighbouring properties and so made the comment that the Parish Council has no objections. Herefordshire Council were notified by email on 01/07/2012

5.2 *Decisions*

- 5.2.1 N120780/FH The Lea, Upper Sapey, Worcester, WR6 6XS
Various internal and external alterations to include: demolition of 1970's single storey extension and replacement of storm porch to west elevation. Full Householder GRANTED
- 5.2.2 N120782/L The Lea, Upper Sapey, Worcester, WR6 6XS
Various internal and external alterations to include: demolition of 1970's single storey extension and replacement of storm porch to west elevation. Listed Building Consent GRANTED
- Both decisions noted by the Parish Council.

5.3 *Agricultural & Forestry Building and Operations - Prior Approval not Required*

- 5.3.1 N121338/S Lea Green Farm, Church Lane, Upper Sapey, Herefordshire, WR6 6XS
Proposed extension to general purpose agricultural building.
- 5.3.2 N121557/S Court Farm, Tedstone Wafre, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4PP
Proposed agricultural building for storage of grain and implements.
Both applications noted by the Parish Council.

5.4 *Proposed diversion of public paths - for comments*

- 5.4.1 Footpath WV11 - Wolferlow Court, Wolferlow
Mr Tom Fisher - Parish Paths Officer advised that in the absence of the original bridge the proposal would sensibly make use of an existing one.
- 5.4.2 Bridleway WV5 - Cockshutts, Wolferlow - Mr Fisher advised that this would define the route of the bridleway at this place.
On the proposal of Mr Wheeler, seconded by Mr Wilks, it was unanimously agreed to support these proposals. The Chairman thanked Mr Fisher for his assistance in achieving these changes.

6. **Highways**

- 6.1 Trees on Rectory Bank, Tedstone Delamere. The trees need cutting back as they are overhanging the road. The Parish Council has received a letter from a neighbouring property advising of some boundary issues. The parish council is not able to get involved with matters of this nature. Despite numerous requests to Herefordshire Council the trees remain unattended. Clerk to contact Herefordshire for an update.
- 6.2 During recent flooding, surface water by the kennels in Tedstone Delamere did not drain away and the tarmac is breaking up. There is also an open drain.
- 6.3 The water has caused the tarmac to lift at Redhill.
- 6.4 Pot holes down the road to Line House need repairing. The drains at the top end need clearing of silt.
- 6.5 A ridge in the road and a drain opening onto the road near Tedstone Court are creating problems in cold/icy weather.
Clerk to report above issues to Amey.

7. **New Standards - Localism Act 2011**

Following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, the current Standards regime will end on 30 June 2012, and will be replaced by a new regime on 1 July 2012. As part of this, all relevant authorities, including parish and town councils, will be required to adopt a new Code of Conduct. Herefordshire Council have circulated the code which it proposes to adopt and have supplied a copy should parish/town councils wish to adopt the same. It was agreed to circulate a copy to members for perusal prior to the next meeting and that this item is added to that agenda for discussion/adoption.

8. Finance

- 8.1 Appointment of new auditors
Grant Thornton UK LLP have been appointed auditors for five years from 2012/13
- 8.2 Bank balances as at May 2012 – Current a/c £1,742.36 Deposit a/c £3,829.11
Both items noted by the Parish Council

9. Ward Councillors Report

A list of planning decisions will now be sent weekly to parish clerks.

The speed limit on the B4203 between Upper Sapey Golf Club and High House crossroads is on the list to be reduced from 60 to 30 mph.

Amey's contract is not being renewed and a tendering process is currently in place to appoint a replacement contractor.

Broadband - expecting to appoint a company this Autumn. The priority is to get everyone up to 2MB download speed. Additional government money has been acquired increasing Herefords share from £6.5m to £10m. Cllr Civil asked if Tedstone Delamere could be kept at the forefront. The planning application for 120+ houses at Porthouse has gone to appeal.

Black bin bags - the cost to Herefordshire is the delivery not the cost of the bags.

Boundary Commission - Herefordshire have suggested to Boundary Commission to reduce from 58 councillors to 54. Proposal is for Thornbury and Bredenbury to come out of Bringsty and be replaced with part of Bromyard. (North Bromyard's comments are that 'We should stay as we are'). There is to be a talk at Bishops Frome on Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Swinford will send the details to Cllr Dennis. Bromyard Town Council are not progressing with a Neighbourhood Plan.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 HALC membership
The subscription cost for 2012/13 would be £228.98. It was agreed not to join.
- 10.2 Launch of unified Festival Housing
The Festival Housing Group have become unified by merging Festival Housing Ltd, Elgar HA and Spa HA to form a newly branded Festival Housing. This came into effect on 01/04/2012
- 10.3 Herefordshire Council - phasing out black waste sacks, effective from Autumn 2012
Press release from Herefordshire Council states: "This move will save the authority £200,000 a year and will cost households less than the price of a pint of beer to buy 52 black sacks to last 12 months".
- 10.4 Herefordshire Council - Boundary Commission changes
The view is to ensure electoral parity between the number of electorate each councillor represents. The Boundary Commission is minded to recommend to the Government that there should be a Council size of 54 councillors - a reduction of 4. Final recommendations will be published in Spring 2013.

11. Parish Matters and future agenda items

- 11.1 Cllr Swinford suggested trying a different layout at the next meeting, with all Councillors seated around a table. It was agreed to try at the next meeting.

12. Public Questions - none.