

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

Minutes of the North Bromyard and Group Parish Council Meeting
Held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 25th November 2014 in Saltmarshe and District Hall

In Attendance

Chairman Cllr J Wheeler
Councillors Cllr R Coldicott, Cllr A Dennis, Cllr E Carpenter, Cllr H Richards and Cllr K Harris
Ward Councillor Mr G Swinford
Clerk Mrs A Gardner

1. **Apologies** – Cllr R Wilks and Footpath Officer Tom Fisher are unable to attend tonight's meeting due to prior commitments.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Carpenter & Cllr Harris – Village Hall donations.
Democratic Period/Public Time - None
3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd September 2014**
Amendments:
Cllr Richards did attend the meeting
Proposed by Cllr Carpenter; seconded by Cllr Wheeler that, with the above amendment made, the Minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting are a true record and this was unanimous.
4. **Matters Arising**
Item 4.1.1 Insurance cover noted
Item 6.1.6 Cllr Harris confirmed that the hedge at Warren Lodge still has not been cut back & the clerk was asked to write a letter to the occupant asking for the work to be carried out & that failure to do so will result in reporting the matter to BB who may complete the work & charge the householder. Cllr Harris will provide contact details to the clerk.
5. **Planning**
No planning applications nor decisions made in our area since last PC meeting
6. **Highways**
 - 6.1.1 Nomination of Lengthsman
It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Coldicott that we employ Rob Wilks as our lengthsman – all in favour.
 - 6.1.2 Create a schedule of work for lengthsman
Proposed by Cllr Edwards & seconded by Cllr Coldicott that Rob to be contacted (before end of Sunday 30/11/14) by each councillor with work to be done in their parish, Rob can then price the jobs & give the information to clerk who will produce the schedule. Cllr Edwards will contact Rob beforehand to advise him accordingly. All in favour.
 - 6.1.3 The poor state of Tidbatch Lane will be reported to BB again by Cllr Swinford, BB are aware of the problem
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1.1 Received Clerks salary and expenses – Approval Prop: Cllr Coldicott & sec: Cllr Edwards & unanimous
 - 7.1.2 Budget: It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Coldicott to increase Precept to £5000 and accept amended budget. All in favour
 - 7.1.3 Precept: - see above.
 - 7.1.4 Bank Statements Noted
 - 7.1.5 Donations to churches: It was proposed by Cllr Richards & seconded by Cllr Coldicott that we approve the donation of £200 to each of the 4 churches in the parish as agreed in the 20/14 budget. All in favour

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- 7.1.6 Donations to village halls: It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Richards that we approve the donation of £500 to each of the 2 village halls in the parish as agreed in the 20/14 budget. All in favour.
- 7.1.7 It was proposed by Cllr Richards & seconded by Cllr Wheeler to transfer £1000 from the reserve account to the current account. All in favour
- 7.1.8 It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Coldicott to request the return to monthly bank statements for both bank account. All in favour.
- 7.1.9 It was proposed by Cllr Coldicott and seconded by Cllr Carpenter that the PC should stay with Nat West Bank. From January 2015, our local branch will now be in Malvern following the closure of the Bromyard branch, but the post office can be used for withdrawals and deposits. All in favour.

8 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Swinford spoke of the passing of Cllr Olwyn Barnett.

Tesco have withdrawn their application

Approval has been given for the 20 new homes in Whitbourne. There will be substantial section 106 money which will be allocated for the benefit of the village.

Pressure is being put on HCC to place a 40 mph limit on the Bromyard Downs Road together with a 20mph limit by Brockhampton School.

Still negotiating with landowners for improvements to the Lynton Estate Road

Pressing for work to be done on the Wolferlow Lane, BB have agreed to start with the first 40 yards of resurfacing.

Improvements to the road surface of Pound Lane are in the BB scheduling system

- 8.1.1 The clerk was asked to write a letter to the owners of Saltmarsh Caravan Park expressing local people concerns about the amount of tree felling there – the clerk to bring letter to next meeting for approval.

To pursue this and the concern about the amount of caravans on the park with HCC, Cllr Swinford would need absolute proof of original and subsequent planning agreements and photographic evidence of the current situation before bringing the matter to the attention of the HCC.

- 8.1.2 Broadband should be in Tedstone Delamere by the end of 2015

- 8.1.3 Parishioners at Old Ford Yard Court, Church Lane Upper Sapey have requested a road sign. The order has been placed but there is no priority for HCC to find the finances to pay for this. Cllr Swinford asked if the PC would consider paying for this sign. It was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Dennis that the PC make this one off payment. All in favour

9 Footpath Officers Report

- 9.1.1 In Mr Fishers absence, Cllr Wheeler read out his report about the Bridleway problems reported by Mrs North to which solution, in the main, have been found. The clerk to write to Mrs North confirming receipt of the report.

- 9.1.2 Public path diversion order – WV5 Wolferlow – noted

10 Dates for 2015 Parish Council Meetings

Dates were agreed and will be distributed to all councillors and village halls before the end of this year.

11 Parish Website

The clerk has been unable to meet with James Ford as yet, due to his busy schedule. The clerk will arrange a meeting before Christmas.

12 Correspondence

- 12.1.1 Proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Edwards that we store sandbags within the parish. The clerk will complete the form after discussions with Rob Wilks. All in favour

- 12.1.2 Proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Edwards that we take part in the Winter Maintenance Self Help Scheme. All in favour

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12.1.3 Hereford Local Plan Core Strategy 2011-2031 – Noted

12.1.4 Closure of 55 public telephones within Herefordshire, noted but not affected.

12.1.5 Noted concern of expectant mum, Mrs Harrison, whose baby is due in January, and who is concerned about being able to get to a hospital if the roads are icy or snow bound. Cllr Swinford will contact Mrs Harrison her to inform her of current practises for keeping the roads clear. The clerk will also write to her offering bags of road salt for her personal use.

13 Parish Matters

13.1.1 Cllr Coldicott reported that the drain sited this side of the Steeples in Edwin Loach is blocked – the clerk to report the problem to BB

13.1.2 Cllr Coldicott reported that the road from Saltmarshe & District Hall to Inksmoor Court has pot holes that need to be filled – the clerk to report this matter to BB

13.1.3 Cllr Coldicott asked if the bridge repair was going to take place, Cllr Swinford replied that BB has scheduled the work to be done

13.1.4 Cllr Richards reported that the Long Distance Path/Bridleway named Sabrina Way has been incorrectly marked on land and on their website. Cllr Richards will contact our Footpath Officer for advice. Clerk to forward Tom Fishers contact details to Cllr Richards.

13.1.5 Cllr Richards reported that parishioners are concerned about the increase of traffic on Pound Lane. Young riders are very concerned about their safety as drivers vehicles do not know that horses are on the road. There has been a nasty accident in the area recently, involving 2 vehicles.

The clerk will request “SLOW” “HORSES” signs from BB

13.1.6 Cllr Carpenter asked when the pot holes by Rose Cottage, Park Lane, Sapey will be filled: Cllr Swinford confirmed that the work should be completed by 12.12.14

13.1.7 Cllr Carpenter asked if planning permission was required when siting a porta cabin to be used to run a business in. Cllr Swinford confirmed that this was the case.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm