

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting  
held at Brimfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs C Sandall, S Ingram, K Morgan, W Brick, L Hyde, D Hodges, B Davies, D Swain, M Painter, R Barber.

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, PCSO Steph Harper, 14 members of the public.  
Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** N Hyde, N Monk, P Denbeigh.

2 **Declarations of Interest/written dispensation**

**Welcome to PCSO Steph Harper.**

Concerns of parking in and around the village were raised, as there are no yellow lines or restrictions in place, there is nothing the police can do, Herefordshire Council would need to be advised. Restriction signs are advisory only. If traffic is causing an obstruction, 101 should be called.

PCSO Harper offered an evening of training to help residents deal with scams and advise on securing equipment in outbuildings.

PCSO Harper was thanked for her time, she and her colleague left the meeting.

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone advised that the planning application at 8.1 will be considered at a planning committee meeting due to significant objections raised – one of the criteria considered by officers. Residents, the applicant and PC representatives all have 3 minutes at the meeting to speak if they wish to. Cllr Stone as Ward Member can also speak, the application is then voted by members on the planning committee.

A fire safety training session took place near the river at Little Hereford recently with 3 fire engines.

Students at Wigmore School are taking place in mock trial competitions at the Magistrates Court involving role play without scripts building confidence and self esteem, the winners go onto the quarter finals later.

3.2 **Local residents views**

An updated note regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was read out, and will be placed on the website.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20/3/19 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

5.1 Correspondence for information: Noted.

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary April £395.63 - agreed.

6.2 Audit & accounts for y/e 31/3/19. The accounts have been prepared and are being passed to the internal auditor tomorrow. They need to be back to the external auditor by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for March £192. Agreed. Contracts for this year were approved.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Base installation agreed for w/c 29<sup>th</sup> April.

7.3 Footpath queries - the Lengthsman continues to review the queries raised.

- 7.4 Complaint of hens on A456 at Gosford. This has been sent back to us advising this is in our parish.  
As no further /recent concerns have been raised, no further action will be taken.

## 8 Planning

- 8.1 The following planning application had been received:

182607 Land north of The Corner House, Temple Lane, Little Hereford.

Amended plans – Proposed creation of 4 new dwellings.

Amended plans had been submitted showing alternative arrangements for the discharge of foul water.

Four cesspits were proposed, one for each property, negating the need to connect to the watercourse due to high phosphate levels in the River Teme.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for public comments.

Concerns were raised regarding the sustainability and economic viability of cesspits. They require emptying frequently, there is no access to the rear of the properties raising concerns of highway safety.

Further concerns regarding light pollution and siting of rubbish bins were raised, as well as surface water run off onto the highway and into neighbouring properties. A site visit by Planning Officers was requested, Cllr Stone will request this. A further round of consultation is taking place.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

The Parish Council continue to object to this application, our previous comments stand.

The proposal of cesspits for each of the properties is not a viable solution to foul water drainage either financially or environmentally, it would fall to the occupier to empty them regularly at substantial cost to themselves. This would also be of further detriment to highway safety due to the large vehicles required to empty the cesspits frequently.

We welcome the decision that the application is to be determined by committee, and would ask that a site visit be undertaken to understand our concerns. This application conflicts with our neighbourhood development plan for the reasons stated, we have achieved proportional growth to date and due to the ongoing concerns of local residents, this application should be refused.

- 8.2 The following determinations were read out:

190409 Brooklands, Wyson Lane, Brimfield. Reserved matters following outline approval. (143489) revised elevational treatments to previously approved reserved matters (173697). Approved.

184463 Sunnydale, Little Hereford. Proposed steel framed garage/workshop to replace existing sheds and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage. Approved.

- 8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

- 8.4 Highways England(HE) – A report is awaited from HE. This will be requested for the next meeting.

## 9 Social media advertising/information.

A request to place items of information on the local village facebook pages was discussed. A further request from a resident to receive our information via an email newsletter had also been received. The Parish Council do not have a general circulation list at present, all information is available on the website, this will be communicated back.

It was agreed not to place items of Parish Council material on the village websites. Concerns were raised about GDPR and keeping information in one place on our website.

- 10 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 7.30pm at Little Hereford.

Brimfield annual parish meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – 7.30pm

Little Hereford annual parish meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman