

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held at Little Hereford Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 15th January, 2020**

Present: Cllrs W Brick, K Morgan, C Sandall, M Painter, N Monk, A Paterson, R Barber, L Hyde, D Hodges, B Davies, N Hyde

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 6 members of the public.

Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** S Ingram, D Swain

2 **Declarations of Interest/requests for written dispensations**

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone advised Severn Trent had been out to problems at the pumping station. Two accidents occurred recently on the A49 outside The Salwey Arms. R Jaffier of Highways England had submitted his report of the A49 tour, he states safety remains imperative. Improvements and speed reviews will occur in future years, including red hatching work and signage. The A49 junction will continue to be monitored for the next few years. A future meeting is suggested at Hereford in the spring. The 30mph speed extension in Wyson Lane is being kept on the list following a request from the Parish Council. The road sweeper has been through the village, thanks to Boris for his help with this. Flood Group AGM will be held on 11th February.

3.2 **Local residents views.** Concerns were raised about flooding along the A456 outside Furlongs. The Clerk advised that Balfour Beatty had been contacted and were investigating.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20/11/19 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

5.1 Correspondence for information: Noted.

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary December £395.63 & January £395.63, expenses £63.13. Agreed following approved amendments.

6.2 HMRC NI – employer-£9.97, employee-£8.71 – Total - £18.68. Paid.

6.2b Electronic banking. Telephone confirmation of Cllr Barber and our debit card request is required. Policy to be placed on the next agenda.

6.3 GDPR data protection annual fee - £40. Agreed.

6.4 3rd quarter accounts – approved.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for November £216, December £216. Agreed.

Dog fouling signs to be placed between Parrowfields and Wyson Lane junction. White lining at the junction is on the list, awaiting a date. Trees at Brimfield Hall are being monitored.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). The SID flashes 3-4 times for each vehicle so the number of vehicles is not accurate. The speeds are more important and show that since the SID has been deployed, speeds have decreased from 41.1 to 33mph. Future SIDs will be rotated towards the village to ensure A49 traffic is not picked up.

7.3 Temple Corner signs. A reply to our request to place a pedestrian sign at the top of the road with a slow sign at the bottom is awaited.

7.4 Managing verges for bio-diversity. Balfour Beatty are trialling a one cut verge maintenance programme to encourage wildlife. It was agreed that although this is an important matter, safety takes priority and the two-cut regime should remain in our parish.

7.5 Future of land by memorial bench in Brimfield. Following discussions with Herefordshire Council and the gardening club, it was agreed to pursue a proposal to create a memorial garden, to be placed on the next agenda.

8 Planning

8.1 There were no planning applications.

8.2 There were no determinations.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers.

194049 Woofferton Grange Workshop, Wyson Lane, Brimfield. Change of use from storage to car restoration. Retrospective. We have no objection to this application, but the Parish Council have concerns regarding neighbours comments and would like these taken into account

194115 Ludlow Trailer Training Services, Woodstock House, Brimfield. Change of use from A1 to D1, retrospective. No objections.

194113 The Barn, Brimfield. Two storey extension.

This application was further considered during the meeting following a request for an extension. No objections.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – Following our complaint to the CEO of Highways England, Mr Jaffier has now forwarded his report following the tour of the A49. It is disappointing that the Salwey junction is only going to be the subject of an ongoing review for a few years. It was further suggested that a meeting be arranged in the spring at Hereford to keep discussions open. It was suggested the meeting be held in the next two months with ward members and our Chairman, this will be forwarded to Mr Jaffier.

Bill Wiggin MP to be reminded of our request to include the Salwey junction in future safety reviews.

8.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. There has been no response from planning following our information regarding the address of the landowner. Enforcement is overdue and this has been forwarded to a higher authority.

8.6 49 Church Rd, Brimfield-state of repair. The address of the landowner is known locally and will be checked with planning.

8.7 Core Strategy/NDP review. Confirmation is being requested from planning if carrying out a minor review to bring our plan to within a 2 year timeframe will carry significantly more weight than present. A further review could then be carried out when the Core Strategy review implications are known. The meeting was further assured that our plan does still carry significant weight and is being used to inform planning decisions.

9 **Sewage problems in Brimfield.** Issues highlighted at the last meeting have been resolved. There is a separate problem with the pumping station which is being investigated.

10 **Little Hereford Parish Hall Lamppost.** Cllr Barber carried out a review of the annual cost which has increased to approximately £50pa. Quotes to replace with a LED bulb ranged from £274-382. It was agreed to increase the annual charge to £50pa from April this year plus an additional payment to cover this cost in last years payment. A revised contract to be placed on the next agenda.

11 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** The state of the A456 outside Furlongs is being investigated by Balfour Beatty, a possible blocked pipe under the road.

19th February, 2020, 7.30pm at Brimfield.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed Date Chairman