

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held at Brimfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on 20th November, 2019**

Present: Cllrs S Ingram, W Brick, C Sandall, M Painter, N Monk, A Paterson, D Swain, R Barber, P Denbeigh, L Hyde, D Hodges

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 4 members of the public.

Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** B Davies, K Morgan

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

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone advised of a meeting with Balfour Beatty at Kingsland to update parishes, grit bins have been refilled and vehicles are ready for winter, the recent flooding affected one property in Brimfield. Thanks were given to our Lengthsman for his help. Leominster and Ross minor injury units will temporarily close part of the winter to deploy staff elsewhere. The memorial service in Brimfield was well attended, Cllr Stone also attended a polish service in Leominster.

3.2 **Local residents views.** A local resident advised the recent meeting with Severn Trent highlighted issues to be resolved but no work to date has been done.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 16/10/19 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

5.1 Correspondence for information: Noted.

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary November £395.63. Agreed.

6.2 Electronic banking. Our application has been accepted, however as the Clerk is a personal customer of TSB, the password and memorable information is the same. To ensure we have an exclusive user, Cllr Barber agreed to be set up as a second user for security, a debit card will also be requested.

6.3 Final draft budget/precept for 2020-2021. Grants were proposed as follows: £600 to each PCC, £100 to Orleton Pre-school, £100 LH newsletter, £100 BF newsletter, £30 Wigmore School. It was suggested that the village halls did not require a grant this year, however the PC continue to support them. £500 was proposed for 1 dog bin in each parish, £500 was confirmed for safety improvements at Temple Corner, £800 contribution proposed towards improving the driveway to LH Church. It was proposed by M Painter, seconded by P Denbeigh to set the precept at £12,500, to remain the same as last year, all agreed.

6.4 Grants/donations for 2020-2021 – as agreed at 6.3.

6.5 Request for financial assistance from LH PCC towards improving the church driveway. It was proposed by A Paterson, seconded by R Barber to give £800, all agreed.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for October £216. Agreed.

Voluntary Deputy Footpath Officer for Brimfield. A resident from Little Hereford has come forward and is working alongside the Lengthsman/Footpath Officer, with a view to taking up the position in the new year. Camera placed at stile in Brimfield. The Police have advised locals to look at the Information Compliance Office website to establish if their data protection rights are being breached. CCTV cameras placed on public footpaths afford users rights under the act. It is not known who sited the camera.

Lengthsman/Footpath Officer has been dealing with footpath issues at Westebrook Farm, ditches have been dug at School Lane at the entrance to the common and markers replaced.

Thanks were given to the Lengthsman for his help during the bad weather, in particular Lynch Lane where grips

were dug to get the water off the road.

- 7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Data has been received, the number of vehicles – 10,000 – over the two week period was queried. A resident present advised they saw the SID flashing 60mph with no traffic present, it would appear that A49 traffic is being captured by the SID. To be reported. Payment to be held until this is clarified.
- 7.3 Temple Corner signs. Due to a large amount of signage at the junction, the traffic engineer does not recommend adding another sign as motorists may be led to ignoring it. At the top, a ‘slow’ road marking sign may be better. It was agreed that a sign at the bottom is perhaps not necessary, but a sign at the top will be further requested as a ‘slow’ sign could also be ignored.
- 7.4 Dog bins. A proposal for supplying and emptying dog bins was circulated. It was agreed at 6.3 to purchase 2 dog bins, one for each parish under the community commissioning scheme from April next year.

8 Planning

- 8.1 There were no planning applications.
- 8.2 The following determinations were read out:
 193163 Land at New House Farm, Brimfield. Approval of reserved matters from outline(153733) agricultural workers dwelling. Approved.
 182607 Land north of The Corner House, Temple Lane, Little Hereford. Proposed 4 dwellings. Refused.
 18/02935/FUL A49, Woofferton. Erection of a petrol filling station. Approved.
- 8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.
- 8.4 Highways England(HE) – still awaiting a report of the A49 tour. Despite numerous requests by us and ward members, no report had been received, it was agreed to contact the CEO of Highways England. No response had been received to date from Bill Wiggin MP to request the A49 review to include the Woofferton junction, it was noted that a period of purdah was in place due to the general election.
- 8.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. The Enforcement Officer has further advised that there is not much he can do as the owner lives outside the County. Notices have been pinned up at the property. It is thought locally that the owner lives in Ludlow, this will be conveyed to planning.
- 8.6 49 Church Rd, Brimfield-state of repair. Enforcement are working with the owner to try to find the best solution.
- 8.7 Core Strategy/NDP Workshop-6th November. The Clerk and C Sandall attended. A review of the Core Strategy is underway which will require our NDP to be reviewed. It was agreed to place this on the next agenda to review/discuss further

9 **Sewage problems in Brimfield.** Recent issues highlighted at the meeting have not yet been resolved, this will be chased up.

- 10 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** 15th January, 2020, 7.30pm at Little Hereford.
 Land surrounding the memorial bench in Brimfield. Cllr Monk requested that this area is no longer being maintained and is becoming untidy. Balfour Beatty advised that a cultivation licence could be arranged to plant the area. Further discussions with the Garden Club are planned, to be placed on the next agenda.
 White lining at the junction in Wyson will be followed up.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed Date Chairman