

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting  
held at Brimfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs S Ingram, W Brick, M Painter, N Monk, A Paterson, D Swain, B Davies, R Barber, P Denbeigh  
**In Attendance:** Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 6 members of the public.  
Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** C Sandall, N Hyde, L Hyde, D Hodges, K Morgan

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

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone advised that a decision on the Hereford bypass project has been suspended until the end of year. Pothole repairs continue around the parish. GCSE results for the county are above average. The post office has re-opened on Thursday mornings during the cuppa. A meeting and walk is planned with the Leominster Canal Trust on 5<sup>th</sup> October. There is a Macmillan coffee morning at The Roebuck on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

3.2 **Local residents views.** Concerns were raised regarding the recent problems caused by the sewage pumping station not working and blocked pipes causing serious disruption to residents for several days. Severn Trent did not seem in a rush to resolve the issue quickly, it appears that items that should not be flushed away caused the blockage. Letters of complaint have been sent to all concerned. Residents are concerned that this is an ongoing issue and effective monitoring needs to be put in place for the pumping station before it becomes a problem.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meetings held on 17/7/19 and 27/8/19 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

5.1 Correspondence for information: Noted.

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary August £395.63, September £395.63 and expenses £29.60. Agreed.

6.2 Electricity payment Little Hereford Parish Hall - £28.52. Agreed, a review before next years payment to take place.

6.3 Electronic banking. The Clerk circulated a proposal, it was proposed by A Paterson, seconded by R Barber to set up internet banking with TSB.

6.4 1<sup>st</sup> Draft budget/precept for 2020-2021. A draft budget was circulated to members. £100 to be added to the grants budget for proposed Brimfield newsletter, £1100 to be added to the SID's budget for proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> SID along Tenbury Road. Lengthsman hours to increase by 2 per month to 10 per parish. It was proposed that a grants policy be set up and grants reviewed in light of the policy.

To be placed on the next agenda.

6.5 Review of revised financial regulations. Changes proposed include dates/times to suit local circumstances and removal of square brackets where necessary. The Clerk to draft a copy for the next meeting.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for July £216 and August £216. Agreed.

Consideration of a Voluntary Deputy Footpath Officer for Brimfield. The Lengthsman/Footpath Officer has advised that he has found it difficult to keep on top of the numerous footpath queries raised over the past year, during the recent Locality tour, our Locality Steward advised that deputies can be recruited to work alongside the Footpath Officer to help with keeping the footpath network in good order. It was agreed to advertise this position, to be placed on the next agenda.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). All SID's have been checked and we expect one to be deployed in October.

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7.3 Locality Steward tour-10/9/19. The Lengthsman, Clerk and Cllr Paterson toured the parish with Colin Smith looking at various issues raised, a list of these was made available at the meeting. White lining at Manor Corner and Wyson Lane to be checked, yellow lines outside The Roebuck to be followed up. Overgrown hedges near Brown Owls to be cut back by landowner if known or Lengthsman, overgrown hedges at Ledwyche Springs – landowner to be visited/sent a request by Balfour Beatty. Drains at School Lane to be jetted. Pedestrian signs at Temple Corner to be purchased via Community Commissioning Scheme, Clerk to apply and seek quotes.

## 8 Planning

8.1 There were no planning applications.

8.2 The following determinations were granted:

192601 Oak Barn, Upper Upton, LH. Proposed building for a garage, garden workshop/store and hobby room to replace an existing substandard building. Resubmission of application 183798 with increase of length.

192717 Little Manor Farm, Bleathwood. Concrete existing stoned farmyard.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – no official report has been received from the A49 tour, this will be requested again.

The Clerk had emailed Cllr Parry to see if the landowner had been contacted regarding the offer of land.

8.5 Land at Tenbury Rd, Brimfield – offer of land for allotments. As previously agreed an advert for allotments was sent to Grapevine for inclusion in this months issue. Unfortunately it was not included. The Landowner was asked if it could go into Octobers edition but declined this request and subsequently withdrew his offer.

8.6 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. The Enforcement Officer has visited the property and emailed the owner but has not received a reply. Building Control Officers are to inspect the building to check if it is safe. The land may have to be tidied by the council and recharged back to the owner. An update to be sought for the next meeting.

8.7 49 Church Rd, Brimfield-state of repair. The owner to be contacted and made aware that the planning department is concerned regarding the state of the land, to see if work can be expediated. An update to be sought for the next meeting.

9 **Sewage problems in Brimfield.** Following concerns raised earlier, the Clerk advised that a complaint had been made to Severn Trent via their website, no reply. Herefordshire Council were also contacted as a meeting had taken place with Cllr Bowen in Orleton, we requested the same with Cllr Stone, this is being looked into but as yet no decision. It was agreed to contact all parties highlighting the issues and to request a meeting.

10 **Brimfield Brook.** The meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August reported the project was continuing, landowners have been contacted and various schemes are in place, monitoring is available to view online. Severn Trent meetings were planned for the end of August as concerns were raised that wastewater pipes are shared with rainfall flow. The Clerk advised this meeting of the ongoing concerns of the sewage system, in particular planning applications adding properties to the already struggling system.

11 **Brimfield Post Office.** The Post Office re-opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September, every Thursday during the cuppa from 10am – 12noon, Jose Breakwell has returned as our Postmistress.

12 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, 7.30pm at Little Hereford.  
The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed ..... Date ..... Chairman