

**Minutes of the annual parish meeting of Brimfield held on
Wednesday 9th May, 2018 at Brimfield Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

There were 12 electors present. Mr P Denbeigh chaired the meeting.

Apologies – there were no apologies.

Flood group – progress update

Chairman Peter Clements updated the meeting. The last 12 months have been quiet for the group. Since moving into the village in 2002, flooding at his property has decreased. In 2007 many properties flooded and in 2011 the flood group was established. Vice-Chair Andy Reynolds supports the group with technical information, Treasurer Michael Owen looks after the finances, as well as the other members all playing their part.

Thanks were given to the Parish Council for their support. Herefordshire Council meetings have at times been strained but progress is being made albeit slowly. The brook remains stable and support is also received from the Environment Agency and other groups.

Encouraging riparian owners to maintain their part of the brook continues, and a good working relationship is had with Balfour Beatty clearing drains etc. Balfour Beatty have produced a report on Brimfield stating that the brook should cope with flooding that occurs within the next 100 years and no extra funding is available.

The EA is working with the group to form a working group to create local skills and knowledge to help stem the flow of water high up in the catchment. Peter is attending a meeting on 23rd May to find out more.

Local projects have included clearing roots and trees by the farm bridge following the silt clearance work to improve the flow rate, thus water levels have dropped. Funding for the replacement of the farm bridge, some £30K was not available, it is in a bad state of repair and needs to be monitored.

Drainage work has taken place at Forge Cottage and Badgerbrook by Balfour Beatty.

Flood Re, the insurance scheme set up for victims of flooding is working well, premiums have reduced.

Two members of the group left this year, Alan Lissimore who moved out of the village, and Mick Ingram who sadly passed away.

Peter was thanked for his continued work with the group and updating the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the last annual parish meeting were read out, agreed and signed as a true record.

Matter Arising:

The key to the locked noticeboard outside The Roebuck has been found, new Perspex is needed before it can be used. The telephone kiosk has now been removed, it was suggested a planter be placed next to the seat to tidy up the area, it was suggested the garden club be contacted initially.

Speeding in the parish is still of concern to residents. It was suggested a working group be set up to look at the problems and options available to us. It was advised that a public meeting was held last year and various options discussed, costs of which would have to be bore by the Parish Council. It was decided at a subsequent meeting and precepted, to look into the possibility of a Speed Indicator Device(SID). A parish tour has taken place and white lining is being replaced at Wyson Lane/Wyson Ave junction, and Wyson Lane/village junction. Signage is not possible at this location.

Parking along the road/on pavements is also an issue through the village, especially outside The Roebuck.

Stop signs were suggested at Tenbury Road/Manor Farm junction. Further suggestions included a 20mph limit along Wyson Lane and a speed survey at certain times to be carried out through the village. It was suggested that it is local people who speed, many avoiding the Salwey Junction.

These issues will be taken back to the Parish Council meeting.

The 10mph temporary signs that have been placed around the village are due to velocity patching pot holes.

The issue of overgrown hedges was raised and who was responsible following a resident who had been asked to cut back their hedge, if they refused Balfour Beatty, as legal contractor for Herefordshire Council will carry out the work and re-charge back to the owner. This is correct procedure.

Any other business.

Concerns were raised about the worsening state of repair of the cottage next to the Village Hall, an update will be sought.

Concerns were also raised regarding a property in the lane at the side of The Roebuck, an enforcement notice placed on the gate seems to have been removed, Cllr Stone to keep us updated.

A request for a litter pick in the village was raised, to be placed on the June Parish Council agenda.

Cllr Stone gave a copy of the village hall accounts to the Clerk, a slight deficit occurred this year, balance at bank £10K.

The play area refurbishment continues, with further funding a possibility later in the year.

Highways England have completed work on the A49. Proposed plans for a garage next to Starbucks are unofficial at this stage. Final plans for boundary changes are awaited later in the year.

Thanks were given to Peter Clements for all his work with the flood group, to Peter Denbeigh as Chairman of the Parish Council and to members for their voluntary support.

Thank also to all who support our local services in the village and to Karen as our Clerk.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Signed

Date

Chairman