

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting  
held at Brimfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

**Present:** Cllrs K Morgan, C Sandall, S Ingram, M Painter, N Monk, D Swain, P Denbeigh  
In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 2 members of the public.  
Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** R Barber, B Davies, L Hyde, W Brick, N Hyde, D Hodges

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

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone is supporting our request for a meeting with Highways England and ward councillors at Hereford. Recent flooding affected 2 properties in Brimfield, several more were affected in Little Hereford. Flood group has called an emergency meeting on 4/3/20 at The Roebuck at 7pm to discuss recent events. Government money and rebates are available. Cllr Stone advised further money is available for highway repairs and will request support for the A456. Council tax to rise by 3.9%, adult social care and childrens services to receive the biggest share. The enforcement officer dealing with The Gables is awaiting permission from the head of planning to clear up the site and re-charge back to the landowner.

3.2 **Local residents views.**

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meetings held on 15/1/20 and 28/1/20 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

5.1 Correspondence for information: Noted.

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary February £395.63 and expenses £112.40. Agreed.

6.2 Electronic banking. The Clerk advised that Cllr Barber is also set up for internet banking, log on details to be stored securely and only used if Clerks details cannot be used for any reason. Two debit cards have also been requested as cards need to have a named person for the business. Draft internet banking policy was circulated for approval. M Painter nominated, seconded by N Monk to approve policy, all agreed.

6.3 HALC subscription approved at £808.28.

6.4 Little Hereford Hall Hire 2019 - £80, agreed.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for January £216. Agreed. Footpath query being followed up near Upper House Farm where a style has been requested to replace a gate because of livestock concerns.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Future deployments were agreed for April and August next year at £230+VAT per deployment.

7.3 Temple Corner signs. A pedestrian sign has been approved to be sited outside Temple Meadow, a slow sign is being considered by the A456 junction.

7.4 Future of land by memorial bench in Brimfield. A successful meeting with J Stone, N Monk, P Monk and P Denbeigh with Fiona Miles to discuss further. A licence to be applied for and together with the gardening club small shrub and bulb planting, the area to be covered with bark to reduce weeds, emphasis on low maintenance. A separate post to be considered for the poppy wreath. The Roebuck is holding a quiz to raise funds. A working group to be set up to progress, Clerk to progress licence. Insurance cover is already in place, risk assessments to be put in place. All agreed.

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**8 Planning**

8.1 There were no planning applications.

8.2 There were no determinations.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – Clerk has written to Mr Jaffier, a reply is awaited.

Bill Wiggin MP copied us into a reply he received from HE updating us on safety issues to date.

8.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. A reply is awaited from M Willimont, Head of Planning.

8.6 49 Church Rd, Brimfield-state of repair. An update to be sought for the next meeting.

8.7 Core Strategy/NDP review. Clerk and C Sandall to attend meeting at Hereford on 28/2/20 to discuss further.

It was agreed to support complaints raised by Barlestree with Lugwardine PC regarding conflicting advice over NDP's being over two years old and carrying no weight, and the slow progress regarding the Core Strategy review.

A questionnaire of rural facilities to be completed and returned as part of the Core Strategy review.

**9 Little Hereford Parish Hall Lamppost.** A draft revised contract was circulated and agreed.

**10 Flood Group AGM.** The Natural Flood Management (NFM) scheme is continuing, including the building of leaky dams, soil testing and maize sowing. 27 landowners are involved in our catchment, others are reluctant to get involved as they cannot always see the benefits, grants are available to help with this.

Orleton representatives in attendance were asked to progress further work in their village. Further monitoring equipment is required, the gauge board in Wyson Lane needs replacing.

Silt underneath the road bridge needs removing and the Wyson Lane bridge to be checked, the group is to walk the brook in the Spring. There are no sandbags in the village, they are available to purchase if required.

Emergency meeting at The Roebuck on 4/3/20 at 7.30pm.

**11 To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.**

18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, 7.30pm at Little Hereford.

Articulated lorries are still going down School Lane despite the sign. It was suggested the sign cannot be seen if travelling south, advice from Balfour Beatty will be sought.

The camera at the stile reported earlier has been removed.

An email had been received from a housing company requesting a meeting to discuss a potential planning site off Wyson Lane for 14 shared ownership properties. The Clerk replied stating that only official planning applications can be considered but they are welcome to attend a meeting and speak in the public session if they wish to.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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