

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held virtually at 7.30pm on 16th September, 2020**

Present: Cllrs K Morgan, M Painter, N Monk, R Barber, B Davies, L Hyde, D Hodges, N Hyde,
In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 1 member of the public.
Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** D Swain, S Ingram, A Paterson, C Sandall, P Denbeigh, W Brick

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

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone circulated his report to all members.

3.2 **Local residents views.**

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meetings held on 15/7/20, 29/7/20 and 6/8/20 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary-Aug £398.05-Paid. Sept-£452.11 (incl new pay rate and backpay) & expenses £16.67. Agreed.

6.2 First draft budget for discussion – to be placed on the next agenda.

6.3 Orphans Press website accessibility costs - £612. Paid.

6.4 Zoom subscription – Aug-Sept - £14.39. Paid

6.5 Zoom subscription – Sept-Oct - £14.39. Paid.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for July £240-Paid. August - £240. Agreed.

Drainage scheme for Lynch Lane – an application has been submitted including a quote from Teme Civil Engineering for £17,369.22. Awaiting reply. Thanks to D Hodges for organising this.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). August deployment for South SID – results show average speeds between 27 – 30 mph, maximum speeds between 56 – 58mph, no. of incoming vehicles – 14406, outgoing 15428. Speeds are within the 85th percentile. An invoice for £230+VAT awaited – Agreed.

The agreement for the SID assessment at Tenbury Rd had been received - £490 + VAT – Agreed to return.

7.3 Temple Corner signs. Invoice received for £642.52 – agreed, to be paid via BACs.

7.4 Future of land by memorial bench in Brimfield. Further assessment to be carried out, to be placed on the next agenda.

7.5 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign – awaiting feedback.

7.6 Grass cuttings on verge along Tenbury Rd. Letters have been sent to 5 residents respectfully asking them not to tip cuttings on the verge

7.7 Dog bins around the parish. An application is being prepared.

7.8 Brimfield litter pick – 19/9/20. Meeting at Brimfield Village Hall at 10am.

8 **Planning**

8.1 The following planning applications were considered:

202434 Land at Tenbury Rd, Brimfield. Proposed general agricultural store.

The Parish Council have no objections to the siting of an agricultural building at this site, however we would like to see tree planting around the building to minimise the impact on the landscape.

202514 Toll House Cottage, Brimfield. Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling.

No objections.

202439 Land at Manor Farm, Brimfield. Proposed residential development for conversion of traditional farm buildings to four dwellings and erection of four new build houses.

The Parish Council support this development in principle. We feel that it is located in a suitable part of the village(BLH1), it reuses old buildings and the design of the properties are in-keeping with surrounding properties(BLH8). We note that part of the development is outside of the settlement boundary but adjacent to it and for these reasons it adheres to the various policies within Neighbourhood Development Plan in the current circumstances.

However we have the following concerns:

We would like to see 2 - 2 bedroom properties, and 2 - 4 bedroom properties, we feel that this is a fairer mix of properties and would attract younger and smaller families to the village.

We have ongoing concerns regarding new developments being added to the current mains sewerage system which struggles to cope on a regular basis.

We have serious concerns regarding flooding. Brimfield has experienced serious flooding on numerous occasions in the past and a local Flood Group has been set up to monitor and improve this.

Any properties built near to the Brimfield Brook, regardless of whether it is in specific flood zones and especially in the village itself need to be flood resistant, and built in a way that minimises flooding risk to others(BLH15). As it stands this application does not fully adhere to BLH14 and this requires looking at closely. As part of this application we would like to see a S106 or similar agreement in place to support flood risk in the village.

194418 The Old Hopyard, Bleathwood. Reorganisation of site. Committee meeting representation/further comments. Residents have continued to contact us regarding their concerns regarding this development, the application is being considered at Committee, it was agreed to draft further representations to submit to the Committee and a member to attend if possible.

8.2 Planning Determinations

201887 Woodstock House, Brimfield. Change of use from A1 to D1. No building work or other construction in involved. Retrospective. Determination declined.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers.

202517 11 Wyson Ave, Brimfield. Proposed erection of an ancillary domestic outbuilding to form a granny annexe. No objections.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – Cllr Stone and Cllr Bowen to report back, awaiting a date for a meeting.

8.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. Enforcement is being pursued, awaiting feedback.

8.6 Core Strategy/NDP review. A summary list of applications determined since the plan was adopted was circulated to members and shows that the plan is working effectively as a planning policy document. A request from Herefordshire Council to use site assessment data from the plan was agreed, this will be forwarded.

8.7 Planning for the future white paper-consultation. It is proposed that neighbourhood development plans are to be retained, it was agreed to respond advising of our agreement with this.

8.8 Changes to the current planning system-consultation. Noted.

9 **Flood Group** – meeting 25/8/20-feedback. The group have contacted Environment Agency to request advice on flooding in Little Hereford and requested a site visit at Temeside Bridge to assess the state of the river. Awaiting feedback.

10 **To raise matters for next scheduled virtual meeting.** 21st October, 2020.

A dip in the A456 outside Church Walk, Little Hereford to be raised with Balfour Beatty as it causes noise at night as traffic travel over it.

A housing needs survey is being carried out in Brimfield for a planning application for affordable housing in Wyson.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed Date Chairman
