

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held virtually at 7.30pm on 18th November, 2020**

Present: Cllrs K Morgan, M Painter, N Monk, B Davies, L Hyde, D Hodges, S Ingram, P Denbeigh, W Brick
In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone.
Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** A Paterson, C Sandall, R Barber, D Swain

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 meeting held on 21/10/20 were approved.

5 **Correspondence:**

6 **Finance**

6.1 Clerks salary-November-£407.06. Agreed.

6.2 Final draft budget for discussion. It was proposed by D Hodges, seconded by N Monk that the precept set at £12,500.

6.3 Grants for 2021-2022. Brimfield Church and Little Hereford Church to received £800 each for churchyard for maintenance. £100 for Orleton Pre-school, £30 Wigmore School.

6.4 Zoom subscription – Oct-Nov - £14.39. Paid.

6.5 Date stamp received - £12.66. Paid. Increased costs due to VAT and delivery.

7 **Highways**

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for October - £240. Agreed.

Locality Steward advised that polite notices could be placed in parish magazines advising cyclists not to use PROW's. It was agreed it is more likely to occur in the summer and will be monitored again next year.

The pothole outside Easton Cottage has been marked for repair. Another dog fouling sign has been placed in Wyson Lane replacing a homemade sign.

Drainage scheme in Lynch Lane, a site location map is being forwarded to us.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Awaiting speed surveys and assessment data.

7.3 Future of land by memorial bench in Brimfield. N Monk advised he is awaiting feedback from utility companies about scanning the area.

7.4 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign – Further photographs have been sent to Balfour Beatty highlighting this problem for them to send on to Highways England. It was agreed to look into SATNAV information as it is agreed that this is what is causing the problem. Cllr Brick advised she spoke to the driver of the vehicle in the photographs who advised he saw the signs but the SATNAV directed him down School Lane.

The post box was severely damaged last week by a vehicle trying to turn into Wyson Lane, it has been removed by Royal Mail.

7.5 Dog bins around the parish. Balfour Beatty have given permission to site the bin on the T-Junction sign at the end of Wyson Lane. Leominster Pest Control have advised that the cost to empty one bin will be £20+VAT per visit, the more bins there are the price reduces. Agreed. The bin has been ordered.

8 **Planning**

8.1 The following planning application was considered:

201761 Lower Drayton, Brimfield. Proposed installation of Airband fibre cable from existing pole to eave of house and down existing cable to run into premises. No objections.

8.2 Planning Determinations

202434 Land at Tenbury Rd, Brimfield. Proposed building for general agricultural storage and steel fabrication enterprise(B2). Approved.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers.

203268 The Yard at Robins Nest, Woofferton Grange, Wyson Lane, Brimfield. Currently former agricultural building which houses a caravan-change of use to commercial storage and motorcycle tyre fitting unit. We have no objections to the commercial storage of materials. However, we feel that concerns from neighbouring residents are valid regarding the potential for increased amounts of traffic and noise a motorcycle tyre fitting unit may generate and as such it could be contrary to policy BLH18 of our neighbourhood plan, having a detrimental impact on the character of the rural landscape and its properties, adversely affecting the surrounding infrastructure and impacting local residents amenity. The Parish Council is supportive of small rural businesses, if permission is granted we would like to be reassured that conditions regarding noise, additional traffic and opening hours are adhered to.

Cllr Stone advised that he had been contacted by the planning officer who has advised that further information is required and a re-consultation is awaited.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – Cllr Stone advised that he had met Richard Timothy via a recent zoom meeting and expressed his ongoing concern regarding safety at the Woofferton junction. Two further accidents have occurred recently, it is understood that one was a fatality. It is hoped a meeting can be arranged in the new year. It was agreed to follow up our request to a local landowner regarding land that may be available for improved safety at the junction as no response had been received.

Cllr Parry is highlighting potential flooding outside the petrol station due to unresolved drainage issues, that will add to further safety concerns.

8.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. Cllr Stone passed on the information to enforcement, this will be followed up for the next meeting.

9 **Flood Group** – Steve Hodges at Herefordshire Council has further confirmed he will raise our concerns regarding flooding at Little Hereford and advises a site meeting will take place after lockdown has been lifted. He further confirmed that Little Hereford is being looked at to be included in the Defra Property Flood Resilience Scheme.

Herefordshire Council had circulated a survey asking residents to return if they were flooded in October 2019 or February this year. The Parish Council will also respond.

£25 meeting venue fees – J Stone. Paid.

10 **To raise matters for next scheduled virtual meeting.** 20th January, 2021.

The Clerk had been contacted by the Sports Club who are seeking funding from Severn Trent for repairs to the Bowling Club area, they require a letter stating they own the ground. We are Custodian Trustees. It was agreed to supply a letter confirming ownership.

The meeting closed at 20.30pm.

Signed Date Chairman