

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting  
held virtually at 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

**Present:** Cllrs K Morgan, M Painter, N Monk, B Davies, L Hyde, D Hodges, P Denbeigh, W Brick, N Hyde, D Edwards

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 7 members of the public

Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

David Edwards was welcomed to the meeting, a declaration of acceptance of office had been signed.

**1 Apologies:** S Ingram, R Barber. A card and our best wishes will be sent to Cllr Ingram due to illness.

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

**3 Open session:**

**3.1 County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone circulated his report to all members. The vaccination centre at Leominster is operating very efficiently with a high take up. Cllr Stone will support a committee decision request regarding the plans at 7.1

**3.2 Local residents views.**

Concerns were raised regarding the development of 14 homes at 7.1 seen as a further development of The Coppice, and a potential 3<sup>rd</sup> development at this site. Traffic has increased, the state of the road during development is messy and this should be incorporated into the 30mph review.

**4 Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20/1/21 were approved.

**5 Finance**

5.1 Clerks salary-February-£407.06. Agreed.

5.2 Zoom subscription – February - £14.39. Paid.

5.3 TSB banking arrangements – the mandate is being returned as there are various errors to correct. The Clerk confirmed that new payees cannot be set up by a non-signatory, Cllr Barber has agreed to sign in using his internet banking details and set up any new payees, failing that he has agreed to be set up as a telephone user. There is still risk involved in online banking, it was further agreed to look into Unity Bank, other Clerks have said they are a better bank to work with.

5.4 HALC subscription for 2021-2022 - £813.30. Agreed.

**6 Highways**

6.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for January-£240. Agreed. Work has been carried out in Bryhampton Lane, School Lane, Bedlam and near the Old Chapel, Bleathwood.

Lynch Lane drainage scheme. Balfour Beatty have now agreed £100% of the grant, work is due to start on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Timescales are tight but our contractor has confirmed the original quotation can be completed.

6.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Contracts have been returned to have the base installed, an invoice is awaited for £490 + VAT. Deployment dates awaited.

6.3 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign – Balfour Beatty have confirmed that any signs placed by them at this location will have to be financed by the parish. The Clerk has asked that this still be pursued with Highways England.

6.4 Dog bin at Wyson Lane - The bin has arrived and is with our Lengthsman who will help to site it, arrangements for emptying to be organised.

6.5 Wyson 30mph speed review – it was agreed to respond to the proposal to accept it, but to request it be extended to the east of the parish through Parrowfields to the School Lane junction with the A49.

**7 Planning**

7.1 The following planning applications were considered:

210373 Land off Wyson Lane, Brimfield. Proposed demolition of farm buildings and construction of 14 dwellings with associated access.

The Parish Council object to this application as it does not adhere to policies BLH1, BLH2 and BLH3 of the

Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The site is outside the settlement boundary and it does not sit adjacent to it.

Although the applicant has advised that a housing needs study for the whole parish has been carried out, we understand that many Little Hereford residents did not receive a survey.

Policy BLH3 states that development will be supported subject to BLH1 and BLH2. The site lies outside the settlement boundary and the local need for more housing does not appear to have been met.

Wyson is very congested, further housing developments of this size cannot be supported, a fact that was highlighted when making our plan. The site chosen in BLH1 eases the congestion in the centre of the village, if approved, it will more than meet the current need for affordable housing.

Local roads are becoming extremely busy and dangerous for vehicles and walkers through the village. Wyson Lane in particular at both entry and exit points are dangerous, vehicles often have to reverse to let others pass, adding to the danger for pedestrians. The local sewage system struggles to cope with existing capacity, developments of this scale would have a big impact on the system.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan is more than meeting private and local housing need and with Herefordshire Council's five year land housing supply now at over 4 years, this application should be refused. We further request, via our Ward Member, that this application be decided at a committee meeting.

210449 Willow Farm, Little Hereford. Redevelopment of existing poultry unit incl. demolition of 4 existing poultry sheds and erection of 2 replacement poultry sheds, refurbishment and extension of 2 existing poultry sheds, installation of 9 feed bins, construction of underground dirty water tank and construction of a sustainable drainage attenuation pond. No objections.

#### 7.2 Planning Determinations

203728 The Annexe, The Grove, Haynall Lane, Little Hereford. Proposed conversion of garages below annexe into living accommodation. Granted.

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. Granted.

#### 7.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers.

204467 1 Parrowfield Cottages, Brimfield. Proposed demolition of lean-to, conservatory and detached garage/workshop. Proposed single storey extensions and detached garage/workshop. No objections.

204498 Woodyetts, Bleathwood. Renew windows replacing existing painted softwood with oak, maintaining overall design, dimensions and positioning as existing. No objections.

7.4 Highways England(HE) – Cllr Stone advised that a meeting after March will be arranged following a site visit by HE to propose further improvements.

7.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. No further information is available. A request for identifying empty properties had been received, this will be passed to them.

**8 Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors.** Applications were received from J Leaman, D Pound and D Arbuthnott. D Arbuthnott was proposed for co-option by N Monk, seconded by P Denbeigh all agreed. D Pound was proposed by D Hodges, seconded by B Davies and agreed by a majority of six.

**9 To raise matters for next scheduled virtual meeting.** 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

Brimfield memorial garden to be placed back on the agenda.

Consideration of a camera to be placed in Haynall Lane due to high levels of litter.

A letter of thanks had been received from the pupil at Wigmore School who received our donation for books.

The meeting closed at 20.49pm.