

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held virtually at 7.30pm on 20th January, 2021**

Present: Cllrs K Morgan, M Painter, N Monk, B Davies, L Hyde, D Hodges, S Ingram, P Denbeigh, W Brick, R Barber, N Hyde,

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 2 member of the public

Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

A minutes silence was held in memory of David Swain who sadly passed away in December.

1 Apologies:

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 18/11/20, 9/12/20 were approved.

5 Correspondence:

6 Finance

6.1 Clerks salary-December-£407.06, January-£407.06 and expenses £15.66. Agreed.

6.2 Zoom subscription – January - £14.39. Paid.

6.3 Data Protection fee renewal due 8/2/21 - £40. Agreed

6.4 Third quarter accounts for approval. Agreed.

6.5 TSB banking arrangements – M Painter and N Monk agreed to be new signatories. A form will be completed and returned for this and to rectify Clerk telephone/internet access issues.

7 Highways

7.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for November-£240, December-£240. Agreed.

Contracts have been received from Balfour Beatty to enrol onto the scheme next year – it was agreed to complete and return. N Hyde agreed to be Co-ordinator for Brimfield on the scheme.

Lynch Lane drainage scheme – the contractor has verbally agreed to carry out a scheme for 55% of the original quote, we await confirmation prior to signing the agreement.

7.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Speed data shows that vehicles are travelling above the 85% percentile along Tenbury Road, it was agreed to install a SID base at a cost of £480. It was further agreed to request two deployments annually in April and November.

A speed survey consultation had been received proposing to extend the speeds around Wyson. This was welcomed, original requests for speed improvements go back to 2009.

7.3 Future of land by memorial bench in Brimfield. N Monk advised BT will check for any old cables left from the kiosk free of charge. Welsh Water have advised a new up to date plan costing £8 will be needed to check any of their cables – agreed. Quotes are still being sought from Western Power, it will be requested that as a benefit to the community, costs, if any, be minimal.

7.4 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign – Balfour Beatty are still looking at this with Highways England, it has been suggested larger signs would be beneficial, but it is unsure from the last correspondence at whose cost.

7.5 Dog bins around the parish. The bin is on order, the Clerk and Lengthsman to arrange installation, arrangements for emptying will be organised.

7.6 Risk assessment on assets. The Clerk has checked all assets, a report was circulated. Many noticeboards are in a poor state of repair, costings for repair to be presented at the next meeting.

8 Planning

8.1 The following planning application was considered:

203776 Land at Tenbury Road, Brimfield. Proposed 26 affordable dwellings and associated works. The Parish Council recommend approval of this application, but have the following concerns and recommendations.

The proposal adheres to policies BLH2, BLH3 and BLH4 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in part, but we feel 26 houses on this site is too dense, BLH2 recommends approximately 20 houses.

We have concerns that no bungalows are included in the proposal to cater for elderly/disabled persons, we feel that 20 properties at this site for 17 houses and 3 bungalows would be a more appropriate range of housing. Housing figures for 2020 show there are 23 residual properties left to find, so this would still ensure we are within range.

At the time the Neighbourhood Plan was adopted, a need for 9 affordable households was required. As this proposal is for considerably more, it would be appropriate for an up to date housing needs survey to be undertaken.

We seek assurance that the upkeep of the public open spaces within the development will be maintained in perpetuity by the residents/housing association concerned.

We have ongoing concerns about connecting new properties to the existing sewerage system which is already experiencing capacity/maintenance issues.

We would like to see appropriate screening around the development to protect neighbours privacy.

There are local concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians along this road due to speeding traffic. The Parish Council are about to have a SID installed as speeds show above the 85th percentile, we would recommend the extension of the speed limit along this road and the installation of a pavement especially for school children to walk to the corner to catch the school bus.

8.2 Planning Determinations

201761 Lower Drayton, Brimfield. Proposed installation of Airband fibre cable. Approved.

8.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers.

8.4 Highways England(HE) – Due to the ongoing pandemic, meetings are not being held, Cllr Stone and Cllr Bowen continue to press for a meeting. The Clerk will request confirmation again if land is available.

8.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. The contacts passed to planning did not result in contact with the landowner, enforcement have also advised that a budget will have to be found to pursue this. A further source of contact will be followed up.

9 **Flood Group** – The ongoing pandemic is having an effect on meetings, we await contact from the EA regarding a site visit at Teme Bridge.

10 **Vacancies for 3 Parish Councillors.** David Edwards and John Leaman had applied for the Little Hereford Vacancy. It was proposed by N Hyde, seconded by B Davies to coopt D Edwards, 6 in favour. It was proposed by P Denbeigh, seconded by R Barber to coopt J Leaman, 2 in favour. D Edwards was coopted. It was agreed to contact J Leaman and advise of the Brimfield vacancy, he would be eligible as he lives within a 3 mile radius.

11 **To raise matters for next scheduled virtual meeting.** 27th February, 2021.

Potholes need reporting between Upper House and the Hall, Lengthsman to be contacted.

The meeting closed at 20.45pm.

Signed Date Chairman