

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held virtually at 7.30pm on 17th March, 2021**

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

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

Mr M Painter chaired the meeting.

Duncan Pound and Dawn Arbuthnott were welcomed to the meeting, a declaration of acceptance of office had been signed.

1 **Apologies:** S Ingram.

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

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone circulated his report to all members, He is meeting with Highways England and agreed to ask for an update on the request for HGV signs at School Lane.

3.2 **Local residents views.**

Concerns of traffic and noise were raised regarding the development at Robins Nest. The agent in attendance advised that motorcycles would be by appointment only, that the bikes would need to go carefully due to new tyres and that the tyres would be delivered/collected by a courier.

The new 30mph speed extension in Wyson had been welcomed.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Stone's report will be placed on the website.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 17/2/21 were approved.

5 **Finance**

5.1 Clerks salary-March-£407.06, expenses-£71.79. Agreed.

5.2 Zoom subscription – February-March - £14.39. Paid.

5.3 TSB banking arrangements – the mandate is again being returned for further amendments. Clerk and Cllr Barber had tried to set up new payees via Cllr Barber's log in, due to technical issues on the website this was not possible. Another date to be arranged for this.

5.4 Hedgecutting fees – K Stone - £72. Agreed.

5.5 PC McAfee anti-virus annual subscription due 1/4/21 - £69.99. Agreed.

6 **Highways**

6.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for February-£240. Agreed. Work has been carried out in Brimfield clearing the pavements, the sweeper has been through. Also attended a fallen tree. It was agreed to place a notice in Grapevine requesting residents to check the state of trees on their land.

Lynch Lane drainage scheme – work is due to start on 22nd March. Road closures are in place, a S50 licence had to be complied with but it is thought costs of £300 will be waived.

6.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID). Base installation is awaited at Tenbury Rd. Deployment dates of June at October were agreed for Church site.

6.3 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign – Cllr Stone to ask for an update from Highways England at meeting.

6.4 Public Spaces Protection Order for dog control – consultation to renew for next three years. Agreed.

Dog bin at Wyson Lane – installed. Contract for emptying in place.

6.5 Wyson 30mph speed review – a further consultation had been received incorporating our request to extend the 30mph limit, this was welcomed and will be returned approving this suggestion.

6.6 Consideration of installing a trail camera to catch litter louts. Permission would be required from the CCTV section at Herefordshire Council as legally there is a lot to consider. The ICO has produced guidance which would also need to be adhered to regarding placing cameras in public places. Cameras start from around £50, it was also suggested that it may be stolen. It was suggested to find out if 'take your litter home signs' could be obtained and placed at hotspots and on the village signs.

6.7 Brimfield litter pick – agreed for 17th April. Notices will be placed.

7 Planning

7.1 The following planning applications were considered:

203268 Robins Nest at the Yard. Woofferton Grange. Wyson Lane, Brimfield. Re-consultation-amended description. Change of use of building to commercial storage and motorcycle tyre fitting unit together with associated operational development to include extension to eastern elevation to accommodate toilet and air compressor.

In addition to our previous comments, we still do not have any objections to the commercial storage of materials. However, having reconsidered the amended plans and taking into account the concerns raised locally, the Parish Council support residents in their objections to the motorcycle tyre fitting unit.

There would be an increase in traffic through the village, the access to which would be off an already dangerous junction from the A49 Salwey Arms. As there seems to be no provision for local employment opportunities, we feel this business is not suited to this location and therefore is contrary to policy BLH18 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

203776 Land at Tenbury Rd, Brimfield. Proposed 26 affordable dwelling and associated works – Amended plans.

The Parish Council welcome the inclusion of bungalows on this site as we previously requested. However, it is not clear from the plans where the bungalows will be cited. In addition, they should be one-storey buildings suitable for the elderly/disabled, not dormer bungalows. As we stated, 26 properties at this site is too dense, policy BLH2 in the Neighbourhood Development Plan states 20 properties. The addition of the bungalows at the site should be included in the 20 properties we would like to see, a ratio of 17 houses/3 bungalows. This would allow for larger plot sizes for households to have larger gardens and perhaps remove ‘play areas’ allowing even larger plots as gardening is proven to enhance mental health.

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

The Parish Council object to this application – please refer to previous comments.

7.2 Planning Determinations

204498 Woodyetts, Bleathwood. Renew windows replacing existing painted softwood with oak, maintaining overall design, dimensions and positioning as existing. Approved.

7.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

7.4 Highways England(HE) – Cllr Stone to report back following his meeting shortly.

7.5 The Gables, Brimfield-state of repair. This has been passed to the Empty Property Team who will look into it.

8 **Brimfield Memorial Garden.** Cllr Monk advised that all utility companies have provided their advice, this will be passed to Herefordshire Council to request a cultivation licence.

9 **Brimfield Village Hall representative.** N Hyde agreed to stay on in this role.

10 **To raise matters for next scheduled virtual meeting.** 21st April, 2021.

Virtual meetings may end on 7th May, consideration will be given to the next meeting being the annual meeting if we are unable to meet at village halls. To be confirmed.

Balfour Beatty to be informed the 2-cut verge regime to stay in place this coming year.

The meeting closed at 21.02pm.

Signed Date Chairman