

**Minutes of the annual parish meeting of Brimfield held on
Wednesday 28th April, 2021 virtually via Zoom at 7.30pm.**

There were 3 electors present. Mr N Monk chaired the meeting.

Apologies – P Clements, D Arbuthnott. W Brick.

Flood group – progress update

Chairman Peter Clements had forwarded a report. Very little activity has taken place over the last year due to Covid19. There has been no major flooding but a couple of near misses with gardens, sheds and garages having had water in them.

The Natural Flood Management (NFM) project is ongoing, albeit slow. Funding of £15m from Defra has been secured allocated to 26 projects in England, Brimfield Brook being one of them and covering 3000 hectares of land from Mortimer Forest through Richards Castle, Orleton and Brimfield.

Currently data collection is underway and monitoring stations are being set up to gauge water flow, one in Orleton. Leaky dams are also being constructed.

Bridge Cottage remains a concern and is being monitored. Some funding has been received, the occupier has applied for more from Herefordshire Council and is having further flood defences installed. Flooding is caused via two means at this location – Wyson Brook overflowing as it reaches the Wyson Lane road bridge and floodwater from the lane adjacent to the northern side of the property.

Brimfield Hall – concerns were raised regarding the installation of a footbridge over the brook, but this has been investigated by the County drainage team and considered safe and would not cause flooding at properties upstream following excessive rainfall.

Highways Maintenance – concerns were raised at the state of the pavements in January/February, the gutters and drains being blocked with fallen leaves. There is no regular sweeping, gully emptying or leaf clearance.

It was reported to this meeting that the Parish Council now have in place with their Lengthsman a regular clearance of the area every year, once this is done any gullies to be jetted are reported and the sweeper requested to clear the debris.

Residents have been given a laminated sheet of advice and contacts by the group.

Little Hereford – two residents would like to join the group and this is welcomed. Concerns have been raised regarding jurisdiction of the groups activities regarding the River Teme. Peter is on the distribution list for the Tenbury Wells Flood Management Scheme and shares this information when received.

It was further reported to the meeting that Little Hereford residents are able to access grant aid from Defra and County but the flood group cannot undertake work in the River Teme. The Parish Council are keen to continue to look at reducing flooding for residents, especially around Temeside, and have been discussing this with County and the EA which now needs to be progressed. The Parish Council will liaise with the group and all concerned.

Thanks were given to the Parish Council for their support.

Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the last annual parish meeting in 2019 were read out, agreed and signed as a true record.

Matter Arising. Facebook was mentioned as an important tool in the village for circulating information quickly. Nextdoor was mentioned as another social media tool for local communities to sign up to and receive just local news and is up and running in the village.

The recently implemented dog bin has been a success, a further bin is planned this year but it has yet to be decided in what parish to place it.

There is another SID being deployed this year along the Tenbury Road.

The recent litter pick was very successful, 12 volunteers came and 11 bags of rubbish collected. Thank you to everyone.

There was a serious fly tipping incident last year at the entrance to the village hall, David Swain came down and cleared it away into the car park as it was a Post Office day, it was subsequently reported and cleared.

It was suggested that it should be a more flexible system, vehicles are charged for tipping commercial waste, as such there is a lot of fly tipping, the whole system needs reviewing.

Any other business.

A49 safety concerns are ongoing, Highways England has appointed Richard Timothy to our area and local ward members have met him and relayed concerns. A request for another sign at the entrance to School Lane to stop large vehicles has been made.

Last year the Parish Council agreed to fully review the Neighbourhood Development Plan due to changing planning laws and are awaiting guidance from County as the Core Strategy review is also ongoing. It was agreed the plan works well and needs to be kept up to date.

Virtual meetings are coming to an end as we come out of lockdown, all meetings held after 7th May must be face to face, care will be taken to ensure we are all kept safe.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Signed Date

Chairman