

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held at Brimfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on 21st July, 2021**

Present: Cllrs M Painter, N Monk, D Edwards, D Pound, B Davies, D Hodges, L Hyde,
In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone.
Mr N Monk chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** R Barber, D Arbuthnott, P Denbeigh, K Morgan, N Hyde, W Brick.

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 recommended stating specific areas for the white lining request. The Clerk advised that repairs to Little Hereford river bridge were still outstanding and have been re-reported. Herefordshire Council now has a 5 year housing land supply in place which gives full material weight to neighbourhood plans that are over two years old – very good news!

3.2 **Local residents views.**

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 16/6/21 were approved.

5 **Finance**

5.1 Clerks salary-July-£408.22. Agreed.

5.2 1st qtr accounts previously circulated for approval. Agreed.

5.3 Leo Pest Control – removal of dog waste 1st June - £24. Paid.

5.4 Notice board refurbishment. Final costs - £165.32. All boards will be completed by the end of the month.

5.5 Brimfield Village Hall hire – Flood Group – 8th June - £8. Agreed.

6 **Highways**

6.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for June-£252. Agreed. Works update – mowing and strimming are the main jobs at present. Two grit bins have been replaced, litter signs have been erected, drains outside Oaklea are being looked at.

An update to be sought on drains in Bedlam, Little Hereford footbridge repairs and a request to trim around the dog bin.

6.2 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign. A request has been sent to Herefordshire Council copying in HE to erect a further sign on the opposite side of the road. Awaiting a reply. Pedestrian sign at Temple Meadow in place.

6.3 Signs for litter/dog fouling-permission to site. Signs have been delivered and placed at the railings near Westbrook and at the top of Woodstock Lane. Permission from the landowner of the field gate in the layby along the Brimfield Cross road will be sought to place another one. A further dog fouling sign to be placed on Little Hereford Bridge due to the amount of dog fouling in the field.

6.4 To consider purchase of another dog bin. An application has been made to site a second bin outside The Roebuck on the footpath sign, cost of bin will be £166 + VAT. Agreed.

6.5 Overhanging hedgerows in Brimfield. Hedges towards School Lane and Parrowfields will be cut back as part of the usual Lengthsman duties as they border council land. A letter has been sent to Brimfield Hall, a further property identified has since cut back their hedge.

Cllr Stone to follow up our request and outstanding enforcement on hedges at Ledwyche Springs.

6.6 White lining re-painting through Brimfield – this will be investigated and a reply advising of action. It was further advised that specific areas should be identified as there is more probability of targeted areas being done.

7 **Planning**

7.1 There were no planning applications.

7.2 Planning determinations received:

203776 Land at Tenbury Rd, Brimfield. Proposed 26 affordable dwellings and associated works. Withdrawn.

211697 The Paddocks, School Bank, Brimfield. Single storey side extension with balcony above, covered link to existing garage, partial garage conversion, insertion of window to rear of garage. Approved.

7.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers.

211625 5 Marcle Orchard, Brimfield. Proposed erection of single storey extension. No objections.

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

In addition to our previous comments, we still do not have any objections to the commercial storage of materials. Again, 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. Although the applicant is taking into account the potential noise levels generated by the air compressor unit and moving this to the western elevation to reduce the impact on neighbours, there would still 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.

7.4 Highways England(HE) – Cllr Parry has confirmed that the landowner and HE have discussed the land issue, it was agreed to contact HE and request and update/meeting to discuss further.

The local police team have been contacted about speeding and noisy motorbikes along the A49.

8 **Brimfield Memorial Garden.** A planting scheme has been drawn up in conjunction with the Gardening Club which will be submitted to Herefordshire Council.

Potentially dangerous concrete in the area to be looked at by the Lengthsman.

9 **Flood Group.** A site meeting took place at Little Hereford bridge on 21st June with EA and BB representatives along with Clerk, J Stone, Cllr Painter, Peter Clements, Lengthsman as some local residents. Little can be done in the river itself to alleviate flooding, EA said nothing appeared to be holding water back that if removed would make a lot of difference. BB looked at the drains around the area, some work was identified to improve surface water flooding. Brimfield Brook silt removal scheme is being looked at as a potential capital scheme, we await further information.

10 **Vacancy for a Brimfield Councillor.** One candidate has applied, Peter Clements. L Hyde proposed, seconded by D Hodges, all agreed. Clerk to contact Peter.

11 **The Queen’s Green Canopy** – Plant a tree for the Platinum Jubilee. As part of the application, the area needs to be identified, it needs to be accessible to the public, have the grid reference number and the landowners permission. A minimum of 15 trees need to be purchased. It was agreed to circulate this information in Grapevine and the newsletter asking residents their views.

12 **Website review - .gov domain name and email addresses.** The Clerk advised as part of revised audit procedures Parish Council’s will need to have a .gov domain website and .gov emails for members. Mark Millmore at Eyelid had been contacted who are working with HALC to supply websites and emails at reduced prices for members. One off cost to develop is £650, technical support package £100pa (10 months free for HALC members), website hosting via HALC £50pa. HALC to be contacted for domain names. Orphans Press to be contacted to check security as this was raised during our conversation and to seek a quote.

13 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** 15th September, 2021 at Little Hereford.
A request for a bus shelter by The Roebuck would be best met by S106 planning monies.
The meeting closed at 20.54pm.

Signed Date Chairman