

**The Minutes of Brimfield & Little Hereford Group Parish Council meeting
held at Little Hereford Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 15th September, 2021**

Present: Cllrs M Painter, N Monk, D Hodges, R Barber, D Arbuthnott, K Morgan, W Brick, P Clements
In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates.

Mr N Monk chaired the meeting. Peter Clements was welcomed to the meeting-a declaration of acceptance of office was signed.

1 **Apologies:** Cllr Stone, P Denbeigh, D Pound, B Davies, D Edwards, L Hyde.

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

3 **Open session:**

3.1 **County Councillors Report.**

Cllr Stone had circulated his report to all members.

3.2 **Local residents views.**

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 21/7/21 were approved.

5 **Finance**

5.1 Clerks salary-August-£408.22, September-£408.22, expenses-£20.60. Agreed.

5.2 Leo Pest Control – removal of dog waste 26th July - £24. Paid.

5.3 SID deployment-June-Brimfield south entrance - £276. Paid.

5.4 Budget/precept for 2022-2023. A first draft had been circulated and briefly discussed, to be carried forward to the next meeting.

6 **Highways**

6.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for July-£252, August-£252. Agreed. Works update – Drainage at Bedlam and outside Oaklea are with Balfour Beatty, the loose planks at Little Hereford bridge are with the bridge team, overgrown hedges at Ledwyche Springs are also outstanding – an update on all to be sought.

6.2 A49/School Lane additional HGV sign. No response has been received from Balfour Beatty by us or Cllr Stone. This was questioned again as it is likely that we may have to purchase a sign. The Temple Meadow sign cost £535, which gives an idea of likely costs. As there is already a smaller sign further into School Lane which seems to get ignored, it was thought that perhaps some SATNAV warning signs would be a better option. Ideas and costs to be sought.

6.3 2nd dog bin for Brimfield. The bin is on order – delivery for 11th October. Due to the close proximity of the bin to the house opposite and the Roebuck, a second site was considered – on the old A49 road sign in the hedge opposite the Roebuck, permission has been agreed from Balfour Beatty – all agreed.

6.4 Overhanging hedges at Brimfield Hall - completed.

6.5 White lining re-painting through Brimfield – various sites in Wyson have been identified and logged – to be monitored.

6.6 Tree stumps on land at Little Hereford bridge. Concerns have been received regarding the large tree stumps placed at this site and requesting their removal. The land is in private ownership. Our Locality Steward has confirmed that they do not pose a highway safety risk nor do they block the public footpath.

7 **Planning**

7.1 There were no planning applications.

7.2 Planning determinations received:

211625 5 Marcle Orchard, Brimfield. Proposed erection of single storey extension. Granted.

210449 Willow Farm, Little Hereford. Redevelopment of existing poultry unit. Granted.

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

7.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

7.4 Highways England(HE) – Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Stone met briefly via zoom to discuss current issues.

Richard Timothy confirmed that he is awaiting a report on the Salwey junction to consider the best way forward. He advised he is aware of the landowner and potential land available for a roundabout, but no discussions have taken place, we await further information.

Speed, noise and overtaking by motorbikes along the A49/A456, concerns have been passed to our local police team. As this is one of our priorities raised in the recent parish contact contract, it is on their radar to monitor and look into, They have also passed this to the roads traffic manager – Ian Connolly.

7.5 S106 monies received from development at The Coppice, Brimfield (143489) - £40,804.52 – to discuss.

These funds can only be spent on the following:

“Transport – any or all of the following facilities: traffic calming and traffic management in the locality of the development; new pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities new and/or enhanced public footpaths and cycle ways connecting to the development; new and enhanced localised bus infrastructure; ‘safer routes to school’ a road safety initiative”.

Recently, we have been asked about providing a bus shelter for children waiting for the school bus, it was also suggested that speed bumps down Wyson Lane would help to slow traffic down, enquiries will be made.

8 **Brimfield Memorial Garden.** No reply has been received, Cllr Stone to be asked to follow up on our behalf. Potentially dangerous concrete in the area to be reported.

9 **Flood Group.** The silt removal scheme has been incorporated into the capital program, care needs to be taken to ensure salmonoid are not disturbed between October and March. The landowners permission is in place. The newly built bridge over the brook at Brimfield Hall has been checked by Balfour Beatty. There are concerns about further building in Orleton and the impact this may have downstream. Next meeting 21st September.

10 **The Queen’s Green Canopy** – Easton Court replied to our request advising they could plant 3 or 4 trees locally, no one else replied. It was agreed that it will be difficult to site a minimum of 15 trees locally with public access without owning land ourselves. It was further agreed to request a donation of two trees, one for each parish, from a local supplier, a wildlife friendly tree such as a Rowan or Hawthorn was suggested, Cllr Hodges to look into this.

11 **Website review - .gov domain name and email addresses.** A further quote from CloudyIT was much more expensive than Eyelid, Orphans also confirmed that they do not supply email addresses attached to websites. It was proposed by R Barber, seconded by D Hodges to instruct Eyelid Productions, with HALC’s support, to set up a .gov website and emails at a cost of £650. Support package £100pa (discounted for HALC members and domain name £50pa. Orphans to be contacted to close down the current website and recoup any part payment of fees already paid.

12 **Parish Council reference group.** The Clerk and Chairman attended this zoom meeting on 16th August set up to improve communications between PC’s and Herefordshire Council. S106 money and agreements, climate change and environmental sustainability are high priorities. Next meetings 5th October and 17th November.

13 **To raise matters for next scheduled meeting.** 20th October, 2021 at Brimfield.

Wildlife verge management – to be placed on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 20.53pm.

Signed Date Chairman