

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

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

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr J Stone, 1 member of the public

Mr N Monk chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** R Barber, D Arbuthnott, N 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. He advised that the dog bin is full again, timescales will need to be reviewed. The Remembrance Day service is taking place in Brimfield on 14th November, a wreath will be laid at the memorial bench.

3.2 **Local residents views.**

Concerns were raised regarding large and speeding vehicles in Wyson Lane from the Salwey to the bridge.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 15/9/21 were approved.

5 **Finance**

5.1 Clerks salary-October-£408.22. Agreed.

5.2 Leo Pest Control – removal of dog waste 1st & 24th September - £48. Agreed.

5.3 2nd qtr accounts and amendment to 1st qtr accounts – approved.

5.4 Budget/precept for 2022-2023. A second draft had been circulated and briefly discussed, dog bins will be monitored and looked at again next year, no further SID's are required. Due to speeding concerns, village gates were discussed, but it was thought that a major impact on reducing speeds would be unlikely against costs incurred. To be carried forward to the next meeting.

5.5 Draft reserves policy. Due to revised audit legislation, we are required to manage any reserves held appropriately. A draft policy had been circulated, it was proposed by P Denbeigh, seconded by M Painter to adopt this policy, all agreed.

5.6 Grant donations for 2022-2023. Grants were proposed: £800 for each Church, £100 for Orleton Pre-school, £30 for Wigmore High School. Agreed in line with budget at 5.4 above.

6 **Highways**

6.1 Lengthsman Scheme. Account for September-£252. Agreed. Works update – Drainage at Bedlam complete, loose planks at Little Hereford bridge, overgrown hedges at Ledwyche Springs, badger damage in School Lane are still outstanding. School Lane pavements have been cleared, potholes at Westbrook and on A456 have been filled. A little pick at School Bank has been done. Grips between Keepers Cottage and Haynall Villa to be done

6.2 SATNAV sign for School Lane. A request is with Balfour Beatty for their advice.

6.3 2nd dog bin for Brimfield. On order, now due this week. Emptying schedules will be reviewed. Due to irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul the pavements a further notice will be placed in Grapevine.

6.4 Wildlife verges in the parish. A review of possible sites to plant wild flowers in the parish was discussed. Many farmers are encouraging schemes through Stewardship Schemes and verges can be potentially dangerous to wildlife with traffic, however with farm schemes, they are not visible to the public. Whilst they may be desirable, they also rely on volunteers to cut at different times to normal verge cutting and rake away the grass, it was decided at this time not to pursue a scheme.

6.5 Speeding concerns throughout the parish – Bleathwood and Brimfield Cross. Many residents in Bleathwood raised concerns of speeding vehicles from the A456 junction up through the parish. A review of current speeds and traffic calming measures was requested. Advice will be requested from Highways. The same concerns were raised at Tenbury Road, Brimfield and will be included.

7 Planning

7.1 There were no planning applications.

7.2 There were no planning determinations received:

7.3 Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None.

7.4 Highways England(HE) – awaiting report on the review of the Salwey junction.

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

The framework for S106 monies and how the schemes are delivered is under review, there is a cabinet meeting in November. Our request has been added to the wish list. Cllr Stone to update us.

8 Brimfield Memorial Garden. We have been advised that this is on a list of projects and will be dealt with as soon as possible. To expediate the project, it may be worth compromising and requesting permission to place planters on the area rather than create a planted area within it, this will be requested.

9 Flood Group. The silt removal scheme has been delayed due to salmonoid issues and will be progressed when funds allow after next March. New residents at risk of flooding are being asked to join the group to add to the cause, there are riparian issues regarding a strip of bank between gardens and the field in Wyson Lane which needs attending to. The Stewardship Scheme which leaves a 6m strip of land around the edge of the field could cause problems with clearing this area. Further information is being sought about the flood gauge fitted in Orleton.

Hall hire costs for meeting on 21st September - £12. Paid. Agreed.

10 The Queen’s Green Canopy – Simon Lloyd has kindly offered two lime trees, one for each parish at a reduced cost. Cllr Hodges offered to purchase one for Little Hereford, Cllr Stone for Brimfield. It was agreed to plant the tree in Little Hereford on the large grassed area, Brimfield’s to be planted at the end of Wyson Avenue. Plaques to be discussed at a later date. The oak tree on the verge at Brimfield needs attending to, possibly moving, as not much growth has appeared, Cllr Edwards agreed to donate some seaweed extract to see if this helps.

11 Website review - .gov domain name and email addresses. HALC confirmed the domain name would cost £125 for two years and is now setting this up with the .GOV national database.

12 To raise matters for next scheduled meeting. 17th November, 2021 at Little Hereford.

The meeting closed at 21.10pm.

Signed Date Chairman