

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

MINUTES OF NORTH BROMYARD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019 in Upper Sapey Village Hall (WR6 6EU)

Attendees: Cllrs: K Harris-KH; A Yarnold-AY; R Wilks-RW; R Coldicott-RC; E Carpenter-EC & Chairman J Wheeler-JW
Ward Councillor N Shaw – NS
Parish Clerks: C Hirst
Members of the public: 2

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs H Richards -HR and A Dennis- AD.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
RW Item 8

Democratic Period/Public Time

A member of the public attended in case there were any questions regarding her planning application which was on the agenda. JW thanked her for attending and said that would be noted.

3. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 27th November 2018 in Saltmarshe and District Hall**
Unanimously approved as a true record (RW/RC)

4 Matters Arising

- 4.1.1 The elections department at HCC confirmed that Councillors may be co-opted until 4 days after 02/05/2019 (this is when the newly elected councillors' are officially declared). **Noted.**
 - 4.1.2 Herefordshire Report on Signs-The top half of the 2 metre square direction sign was loose, had dropped down and was a danger to oncoming traffic; Located opposite Upper Sapey village hall (WR6 6EU) on the B4204- This work has now been completed. **Noted.**
 - 4.1.3 Request for Balfour Beatty to put up 2 triangular tractor warning road signs either side of the staggered junctions of Collington (C1064) and the U65034 off the B4203. We were advised that it may be possible for these signs to be erected onto existing signposts. This would be at the expense of the Parish Council. Action: *The Clerk to obtain a quote from BB for 2 Triangular Tractor Warning Signs plus extension poles from BB and report back to the next meeting.*
 - 4.1.4 Church Lane, Upper Sapey - ongoing issues- Locality Steward had a look at this road on the annual inspection and has been there as a result of an enquiry and subsequently raised some pothole repairs and rearranged the barriers as they had been knocked over. The drainage issue is with the drainage team and resurfacing with Asset Management. No time frame for completion has been given. The Locality Steward will continue to monitor the surface and additionally attend when defects are reported to assess and create work orders for repairs. Councillors Noted this update report. **Noted.**
5. **Highways.**
 - 5.1.1. Email 11/1/19- Grit Bin refilling and re-mapping - BB have received a number of enquiries based on grit bins, more specifically the refilling of them.
BB refilled all grit bins across the county at the beginning of the winter season and placed stickers on those refilled. The approach taken to refilling is to follow the asset list that was provided at the time of contractual change, when Balfour Beatty Living Places was awarded the contract by Herefordshire Council.
BB have planned to remap all grit bins across the county, assessing both grit bins and grit bin locations. The remapping of the grit bins is due to commence this January with all grit bins beings remapped by the end of March 19). **Noted.**
 - 5.1.2 RC reported that BB had replaced the directional sign pointing down to Edvin Loach by Sandy Cross. Unfortunately, it has not been tightened properly and can be moved or turned very easily. RW to check this out to see whether he can rectify this. Action: *If this is not possible then RW report it to the Clerk to get BB back to rectify it.*
 6. **Finance**
 - 6.1.1 To approve payments as previously circulated which includes insurance renewal. JW Proposed and RW Seconded that the payments be approved. All in favour.
 - 6.1.2 A Bank Reconciliation as at 22 Jan 2019 was prepared by the Clerk and the accounts reconciled. Bank Balance less unrepresented cheques: £11,855.63 **Noted.**
 - 6.1.3. Cost of new noticeboard for Tedstone Delamere. Quote has not received. Item to be deferred to March Parish Council meeting for approval.

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7. Planning

7.1 Applications

Planning Consultation - 183071 - Land off B4203, Upper Sapey- Proposed mobile home/log cabin- OS368549, 263130. Councillors unanimously raised no objections to this application and asked the Clerk to respond to the consultation. *Action: Clerk to write a formal response to the planning consultation giving the Parish Council's support for the application.*

Planning Consultation - 184667 - Saltmarshe Castle Caravan Park, Tedstone Wafre- Proposed works to various trees under TPO. There are dead, dangerous and poor trees within this group. Councillors discussed this and felt that any tree cut down should be replaced with a sturdy native English hardwood replacement. *Action: Clerk to respond to the planning consultation with these comments.*

7.2 Pending None

7.3 Decisions

P183169 – Land adjacent to Lockhill, Upper Sapey, Worcester- **REFUSED** (on the grounds that this was development in open countryside).

P183931 – 1 & 2 Rhubarb Patch, Tedstone Wafre, Bromyard. HR74PP- Both properties to become separate private dwelling houses (C3). Certificate of Lawfulness (CLEUD) Noted: No comments are being accepted for this application. **APPROVED.**

8. Lengthsman and P3 Scheme

8.1.1 Agreed jobs for February/March – P3 work as discussed with T Fisher and any other urgent jobs that may arise

9. Ward Councillor's Report

NS reported that the Annual Ofsted Report notes Herefordshire Primary Schools are top in the West Midlands Region.

Herefordshire Annual Settlement receives an additional £1m in Rural Sparsity Grant to be earmarked for rural communities in 2019/20 (the next financial year). Roads and social care are likely to be the beneficiaries.

NS reported Issues of floridisation of Herefordshire where the public water supply is to be investigated by Public Health to help improve children's dental health.

NS reported that currently there are 333 children in care in Herefordshire which is up from 309 reported this time last year.

NS commented that 88% of councils reported an overspend in Children's Services. Herefordshire is likely to be overspent by £2m. Despite this, savings in borrowing costs and other corporate activity mean that Herefordshire are expected to bring the budget in with no deficit.

Footbridge EL6 Edvin Loach- The Footpath's Officer discovered that this footpath has been closed by BBLP because of the condition of the bridge (notice 20.12.18). Concerns were raised that this could drag on and would mean the cancellation, amongst other things, of the Rogation Sunday parish walk. A solution would be for BBLP to supply the materials and Rob Wilks to do the work, thus splitting the cost. However, the bridge Inspector has determined that the structure is unsafe. As it's over 7.5M it has gone into the bridge team's portfolio so it is likely to be a while before it is replaced. Now it has been condemned Balfour will not supply any materials and if the Parish were to replace the treads independently they would be entirely liable were the bridge to collapse with someone on it. **Noted.**

10. Correspondence.

10.1.1 10th Dec- Balfour Beatty Living Places is currently reviewing the usage of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in Herefordshire. They also want to understand any plans by Parish or Town Councils to install further bases or hire or purchase further SIDs during 2019. RW reported that SIDS could only be used on Church Lane or Sapey Common and therefore Councillors decided that SID's are not what the Parish Council are interested in. The Parish Council is more interested in a traffic survey coming down past the Baiting House. The Parish Council decided that they are not interested in purchasing/hiring any SIDS.

10.1.2 HCC – 18th Dec - Hereford Area Plan Site Options Consultation Results. This is for Hereford City. **Noted for information.**

10.1.3 HCC – 18th Dec-An invitation from Councillor Lester, Leader of Herefordshire Council to attend the Parish Council Summit on 24 January 2019. **None of the Parish Councillors are available to attend this.**

10.1.4 WCC Minerals Local Plan 4th Stage Consultation. **Noted.**

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- 10.1.5 Email- 16/1/19 - Hereford Transport Package (HTP) – Walking, Cycling, Bus and Public Space Consultation. This relates to Hereford City and is for information. **Noted.**
- 10.1.6 17 Jan email- Fastershire community meeting - Tedstone Wafre- Saltmarshe Village Hall, Tuesday 29th January, 19:00-20:00. NS explained that this meeting might be of interest if anyone is available to attend. Airband will enable 10 dispersed harder to reach clusters of premises spread across the county and will rollout a fixed wireless or fibre to the premise connection served from a microwave backhaul. Airband's network build in this area has started or is due to start shortly and this event will give residents the opportunity to meet with Airband and Fastershire and find out about the rollout and to ask any questions. **Noted.**
- 10.1.7 Rural & Business Crime Officer Paul Crumpton (Crime Prevention) Herefordshire- Leaflet outlining his work for discussion. Councillors decided that this should be displayed in village halls for them to organise this. RW to pass on the flyers.
- 10.1.8 Email 21/1/19- Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) – Consultation. **Noted**
- 10.1.9 2Email 21/1/19- Herefordshire Community Champion Awards 2019 Nominations now open- For info. **Noted.**
- 11. Cars being parked next to Glamping Pods at Sapey Golf Club-** Reported to BB that cars are being parked next to the glamping pods at Sapey Golf Club. It is understood that this contravenes the existing planning permission. **Response from BB** – This is a planning issue rather than a highway issue. NS reported that this is a Planning Enforcement issue. Councillors asked whether the Glamping Pods were residential or holiday lets. It is the Parish Council's understanding that they may be being used as residential. NS reported that Planning Enforcement were investigating that issue.
- 12. Request for new noticeboard for Tedstone Delamere, Edwin Loach and Upper Sapey. The Council have agreed in principle to this request.** As yet costs not received. Councillors agreed to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting in March.
- 13. HR Complaint that subcontractors for Fastershire have not completed their work safe and satisfactorily-** NS reported that he had passed these comments on to Matt Smith who is the Project Manager. NS has received a response asking for details of specific sites. *Action: HR to provide locations and grid references to NS to enable Matt Smith to investigate and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.*
- 14. Parish Matters and future agenda items**
RW reported that the church at Upper Sapey were asking for a better quality hardwood Parish Council noticeboard. The Parish Council decided that they were happy with the galvanised noticeboards they are providing and that the noticeboard located in Upper Sapey is currently ok.
NS reported the Parish Council's speeding issues at Bringsty with Simon Hobbs (SH), Senior Accident Investigation Engineer for Herefordshire Council. SH has investigated the area around The Baiting House PH and Violet Cottage and gave his thoughts on potential measures for the future if these can be incorporated in an appropriate programme / budget with BBLP. These were outlined to Councillors and will be used by NS to report back to BB to see if any or all of the initiatives outlined can be incorporated into future plans.
- 15. Date for next meeting**
15.1.1 Next meeting is on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at Saltmarsh & District Hall

The meeting closed at 20.30