

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH BROMYARD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday, 23rd July 2019 in Saltmarshe & District Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: R. Wilks (Chairman), A. Yarnold (V/Chairman), K. Harris, S. Tomkins, E. Carpenter and H. Richards. Cllr I. Dennis joined the meeting having been co-opted (item 21). Also present: Ward Councillor N Shaw, Parish Clerk: Michelle Alexander and 5 Members of the public

17. **Apologies:** None.

18. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Richards – Planning matter 192054; Cllr Wilks – Planning matter 192207 and all lengthsman matters.

The meeting was suspended at this point to allow member of the public to address the Parish Council:

i) The Applicant for planning application 192207 attended the meeting and explained the proposal to the Parish Council prior to it being considered as an agenda item.

ii) The Parish Tree Warden, Jim Hughes, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Parish Council.

19. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14th May 2019 at Upper Sapey Village Hall:** The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Carpenter, seconded Cllr Tomkins. All agreed.

20. **Matters Arising:** Item 6: Hillcross Barn – a retrospective planning application is expected but has not yet been received. Ward Cllr Shaw and the Clerk to check with Planning Enforcement.

21. **Councillor Co-option:** An application had been received from Ian Dennis for Upper Sapey Parish. After due consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Yarnold, seconded by Cllr Richards, that Ian Dennis be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. All agreed. The Declaration of Office was duly signed and Cllr Dennis joined the meeting. A further application is also expected in the near future for Tedstone Delamere Parish.

22. **Planning Matters:**

22.1 Planning consultation 192207 - Land to the south of New House Farm, Upper Sapey: Proposed single detached dwelling with assoc. car parking, access and landscaping. It was proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Dennis, and following a vote it was agreed to recommend refusal on the following grounds (Cllrs Wilks, Harris, Richards, Tomkins & Yarnold abstained) –

Concerns regarding the proposal being on exposed land which can be seen from both the footpath and the road. The height of the proposed dwelling will be easily seen.

Concerns that some alterations would be required for access, which are not shown on the plans. The hop kiln style is not in keeping with the local area as there are currently no other buildings of that design within Upper Sapey. The area is arable farming and there are no hop yards in the area.

The Parish Council requests that this application is heard at Committee and that para. 79(e) of the NPPF should be considered.

Previous applications of this nature in open countryside have been refused.

22.2 Planning consultation 192054 – Horners Barn on land adj. to Whitbourne Brook, Lower Thrift Farm, Clifton-on-Teme. Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house class C3 and for assoc. operational development. Creation of a single dwelling house. It was proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and agreed to recommend approval of this application. Cllr Richards left the room during consideration of this proposal. Cllrs Dennis, Wilks & Yarnold abstained.

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22.3 Cllr Harris raised concern regarding development taking place at The Forge, Tedstone Delamere. Ward Cllr Shaw agreed to look in to any planning permission granted for the site.

23. Financial Matters:

23.1 Accounts were proposed for payment by Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Tomkins. All agreed.

PAYMENTS LIST - July 23rd 2019	Amount
J.W. Lane – new notice board	228.00
HMRC PAYE payment	76.20
M. Alexander – Clerks salary	305.12
TOTAL PAYMENTS APPROVED	609.32

23.2 Account balances: Business reserve £3005 / Current account statement awaited.

23.3 Cheque Signatories: The bank mandate to change signatories was signed by Cllrs Carpenter and Harris. Clerk to progress with the bank.

24. **Lengthsman and P3 Scheme:** Grit bins need emptying and straightening. Cork board for Sapey Common notice board is to be installed. R. Wilks to progress both matters.

25. Highways Matters:

- A grit bin is required for Thrift Bank – Clerk to order from Hfds Council.
- The grit bin by Forge Cottage, Tedstone Delamere has been damaged by Council verge cutting – Clerk to report.
- Church Lane, Upper Sapey – water is pouring down the road by Rectory Cottage – Hfds Council drain blocked? Clerk to report.
- Wolferlow, by Worcs/Hfds boundary – gully needs jetting. Clerk to report.
- Pot hole by grit bin near Forge Cottage, Tedstone Delamere. Clerk to report.
- Hedges opposite Forge Cottage, Tedstone Delamere are due to be cut in September although currently overgrown. Warren Lodge hedge needs cutting back from the roadway – Lengthsman to check.
- Cllr Richards raised a motorbike incident at the Wheatsheaf PH / Whitbourne junction and asked if more warning signs were appropriate at the junction? Clerk to email Whitbourne PC and Ward Cllr Shaw to look in to the matter.

26. Ward Councillors Report:

- Hillcross Barn - retrospective application awaited.
- B4203 New access in Upper Sapey – matter with the Enforcement Officer / Legal Team.
- Motocross track in Upper Sapey – matter remains with the Enforcement Officer.
- Junction B4203 / Tedstone Delamere Lane – crash data has been checked but only minor RTAs have been reported in the last 5 years so it is unlikely that funding will be allocated for junction improvements.

27. Correspondence:

27.1 Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations – changes to Wolferlow were noted.

27.2 Herefordshire Council Annual Canvas – noted.

27.3 Worcestershire County Council letter regarding the Minerals Plan – noted.

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28. Parish Matters and future agenda items:

- Tedstone Delamere notice board is with the Lengthsman for installation.
- Ward Cllr Shaw informed the PC that the recent issue with low water pressure is being dealt with locally.

29. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th September 2019 at Upper Sapey Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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