

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

MINUTES OF NORTH BROMYARD GROUP ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Tuesday, 27th May 2014 in Upper Sapey Village Hall

In Attendance

Chairman	Mr J Wheeler
Vice chairman	Mr B Civil
Councillors	Mr E Carpenter, Mr R Coldicott, Mr A Dennis, Mrs Harris, Mr H Richards, Mr R Wilks.
Ward Councillor	Mr G Swinford
Clerk	Mrs A Gardner
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1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Wheeler agreed to be nominated. On the proposal of Cllr Wilks, seconded by Cllr Edwards and there being no other nominations Cllr Wheeler was unanimously elected chairman.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Civil declined nomination citing family commitments.

Cllr Wilks agreed to be nominated. On the proposal of Cllr Coldicott, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and there being no other nominations Cllr Wilks was unanimously elected vice-chairman.

3. Apologies – none

4. Declaration of Interest – none.

5. Minutes of March Parish Council meeting

Cllr Harris requested that 'Tedstone Manor' be amended to 'Tedstone Court' in 5.2.2 as there is no Manor in Tedstone. With this amendment the minutes were approved on the proposal of Cllr Coldicott, seconded by Cllr Dennis and unanimous.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 The pot holes on the road to Yearston Court, off the B4204 - BB Job no 41006985 has not been completed as advised. The clerk was asked to advise to BB accordingly

6.2 Signage at Criften's Farm – Awaiting response from Carl Brace

7. Planning

7.1 For Consideration

7.1.1 P140905/F St Andrews Church, Wolferlow, HR7 4QA

Proposed conversion of church to dwelling with detached double garage.

Planning Permission Mr Andrew Staples

P140906/L St Andrews Church, Wolferlow, HR7 4QA

Proposed conversion of church to dwelling with detached double garage.

Listed building Consent Mr Andrew Staples

PP by Cllr Wheeler & sec by Cllr Dennis that the council does not support these application.

Unanimous. The clerk asked to write to the planning department stating the following reasons:

- It is felt that the proposed glass doors are not in keeping with the ancient building
- The proposed access is on to a very narrow lane and is perceived to be potentially dangerous
- There is no existing drainage or soak away
- There is a dispute to the ownership of the hedge that the applicant wishes to demolish
- There is a history of bats in the old tower
- There is no confidence that the existing public right of way will continue to be available if planning is allowed

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g) There is no confidence that the public access to the ancient monument will remain once planning is allowed

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 P140266/L Tedstone Lodge, Tedstone Delamere, Bromyard. HR7 4PS.
Alterations and two story and single storey extensions. Applicant Mr S Harrison
Listed building consent.

Approved

The clerk was asked to provide approval notice at the next parish council meeting.

8. Highways

8.1 Report from Cllr Wilks following the April meeting with the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward Rachel Dixon.

Basically there is no additional money available for maintenance and savings will have to be made.

The change that will affect our parish the most is the reduction of verge cutting from 3 times to once a year, unless requested.

However BB is really keen to promote lengthsman schemes and there is money available (£2-3000) to support this. It is too late to apply for this year.

The clerk was asked to put the lengthsman scheme is on the agenda for the next meeting with the view to apply for 2015/16.

8.2 Cllr Harris reported that the direction sign is missing on the B4203 opposite the Collington Lane turning. The clerk to advise BB

8.3 Cllr Wilks reported that the clerk request that BB cut the verges at all visibility splays within the Parish as there are visibility issues and cause for concern.

8.4 Cllr Harris has been asked for an additional Grit Bin to be place by the sign for the Tipton Stables on the B4203. Cllr Wheeler will obtain prices. The clerk will advise BB

8.5 Cllr Harris reported that the hedge at Warren Lodge is leaning into the road, the householder has agreed to trim it back once the bird's eggs have hatched.

8.6 Cllr Coldicott reported that the hedge at 1 Delamere Road (former council house) need trimming back, he will approach the householder & report back to the next meeting.

8.7 Cllr Dennis reported that the road between the old Rectory and Rectory cottage in Church Lane, Upper Sapey needs resurfacing due to water washing the surface away.

The clerk to advise BB

8.8 Cllr Harris reported that the householder of the property named Tidbatch in Tedstone Delamere is reported to be rendering the new property in white and not stone as per planning permission. Ward Cllr Swinford will investigate & report back to our next meeting

9. Finance

9.1 Approval of 2013/14 accounts and completion of annual return.

The accounts for 2013/14 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Coldicott and unanimous.

Section 2 of the annual return was completed.

9.2 Herefordshire Council Invoice for paper copies of plans for £36.00

Paid on the proposal of Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Dennis and unanimous

9.3 Clerks salary of £320.66 and expenses of £44.79

Paid on the proposal of Cllr Wilks, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and unanimous

9.4 Bank balances as at April 2013 – Current a/c £2747.47 Reserve a/c: £2332.44

Noted by the parish council

9.5 Address for British Government Stocks to be changed from Mrs L Butler to Mrs A Gardner as proposed by Cllr Wheeler & seconded by Cllr Wilks and unanimous.

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10. Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Swinford announced the sad news that Cllr Peter Watts & Cllr Roger Hunt had passed away recently, resulting in a bi-election which will be held in the near future.

The Herefordshire planning department is very understaffed resulting in delays in both the planning process and pre-application planning process.

Broadband in this area should be improved next year.

Accompanied the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward Rachel Dixon on a tour of the parish, and she appeared to take notice of all existing problems.

The Tesco application has still not gone to the planning committee.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Parish Councillors, declaration of interests letter - Noted

11.2 Parish Council Audit Consultation – Clerk to print complete form and bring to next meeting

11.3 Council Tax Bill Information Booklet - noted

11.4 Parish Council Member Allowances - noted

11.5 Statement of accounts for the Saltmarshe and District Hall and Upper Sapey Village Hall - noted

11.6 Herefordshire Council funding Update - noted

11.7 SIB – Community Ownership & Management of Assets – noted

11.8 Speed Indicator Devices – noted

11.9 Public Path Diversion Order – no objections

11.10 Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy 2011/2031 - noted

12. Parish Matters and future agenda items

12.1 Add our Village Halls to the agenda for our next meeting as proposed by Cllr Civil & seconded by Cllr Coldicott, unanimous

12.2 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting changed to Tuesday 05.08.14 at Saltmarshe & District Hall delay due to Clerk's holiday arrangements.

13. Public Questions

13.1 Mr Amila Y'Mech gave advance notice of his plans for Key Head Valley in Tedstone Delamere. Cllr Wheeler thanked Mr Y'Mech and advised that a decision would be made when the application was presented to the parish council.

13.2 Mr Yarnold spoke of his concern, as he understood that the Parish Council wants to take over the running of the village halls within the parish. Cllr Wheeler advised that this was not the case & that there was never any intention of the parish council taking that role.

13.3 A member of the public was concerned that the Hereford County Council is wasting money, especially when it comes to road repairs.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm