



Lower Bullingham Parish Council Minutes
Held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm at The Forge- Holme Lacy Road

Present: Chairman Cllr Nigel Jones, Vice Chairman Peter Greenow, Cllr N Barrow, Cllr Barbara Frankham, Cllr David Whurr, Cllr Andrew Fisher & Cllr D Bowlzer
In attendance Parish Clerk Kath Greenow, Mark Pearce -Hereford EZ & 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Ward Cllr David Summers

2. To co-opt members to fill current vacancies

No co-option took place

3. To receive declaration of interest on agenda items

Cllr Greenow declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on agenda item 14 finance Halc affiliation fee as the clerk works for Halc.

Cllr Whurr declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 14 Finance - All pay card

4. To approve & sign minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2017

It was **RESOLVED:** to approve & sign minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2017

5. Open Session:

5.1 To receive views of residents on parish matters

No residents present

5.2 To consider a complaint made by a parishioner concerning the removal of trees on land at St Clare's Court

The PC discussed the area of land adjacent to St Clare's Court, and are concerned that the trees that were there have been removed and not cut back

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk obtains a copy of the licence that was issued by Herefordshire Council, The Parish Council had also been informed that a resident had contacted Herefordshire Council and expressed an interest in buying the strip of land.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk contact Herefordshire Council to inform them that the Parish Council had not been notified that a resident of the house had expressed an interest in buying the strip of land and that this area had been identified in Lower Bullingham's NDP as open space and we are at the inspection stage at present.

There is a policy in the NDP – LB6 as follows:

Lower Bullingham Neighbourhood Plan Submission

Draft Regulation 16 August 2016.

Policy LB6 – Improving Open Spaces

Proposals to improve and enhance the open spaces listed below will be supported: The Pastures, Warwick Road children's play area, Goodwin Way Play area, Cycle path at Rotherwas, Green space open space at and behind St Clare's Court

Background/Justification

Proposals to improve and enhance the open spaces listed in Policy LB6 will be supported - such measures could include new planting, play equipment, links to surrounding areas and other open spaces, and other suitable improvements where appropriate. Lower Bullingham has a limited number of open spaces. This makes it even more important that the ones we do have are of good quality.

6.1 To discuss The Hereford Enterprise Zone with Mark Pearce of The Hereford Enterprise Zone

Mark Pearce of Hereford EZ spoke about EZ development and he spoke about the development of The Southern Urban Expansion in the EZ area. Road signage was an ongoing issue in the Rotherwas Industrial estate and the EZ were aware that Lower Bullingham had been trying to get the current signage issues addressed for a number of years, but to date no real headway had been made.

A review of signage had been undertaken by Parsons Brinkerhoff and a report had been compiled and sent to the Parish Councils in the local area.

Discussion took place on the current inadequate signage and it was the view of the PC that there needed to be a comprehensive and coordinated approach to signage in and around Rotherwas and improved awareness and signage on the A49

The Clerk would circulate the signage report to Cllrs and this would be discussed further at the next PC meeting

6.2 To note information from EZ Stake holder group meeting 08/02/2017

Information from the EZ stakeholder group was noted

7. Reports

7.1 Ward Cllrs report

No ward Cllr report

7.2 To receive an update on Meeting with West Mercia Police concerning complaint made on lack of enforcement of 7.5 weight tonne limit on Holme Lacy Road at Rotherwas

The Clerk and Chairman had meet with inspector Carl Paskin concerning lack of enforcement of 7.5 tonne weight limit on Holme Lacy road at Rotherwas. The continued total disregard of the 7.5 weight limit by a local farmer during Sept/ October 2016 had been reported by residents and the Clerk to the local policing team, but despite warnings being issues the tractor drivers continued to go under the railway bridge. The fact that no enforcement by the local policing team took place was unacceptable to the PC and it was requested that the matter of enforcement is carried out in the future if this happens again Carl Paskins recommendation were:

1. The police will issue letters to local goods vehicle operators and agricultural users in readiness for the harvesting period of late summer / autumn.
2. Holme Lacy Road could potentially be used as a police enforcement location, to cover all aspects of vehicle offences.
3. Signage is under review as per the document.

I will update you as soon as I have further information regarding the feasibility of ANPR as discussed.

Points 1 and 2 to be progressed with the Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant Emma Freer

The Clerk was asked to contact the inspector to advise that the PC were not happy with the inspector's recommendation. A letter needs to go to the farmer concerned in the coming weeks to advise of the weight limit restrictions and that enforcement will be undertaken if he doesn't comply with the 7.5 weight limit from now on . A further letter needs to be sent

to the farmer again in September /October to ensure he is fully aware of the consequences of not complying with the weight limit.

8. Lengthsman

8.1 To identify work to be carried out by lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED**: that grips are required at Redbook, Ridge hill. The drain needs attending to at Redbrook bridge

8.2 To identify P3 work to be carried out by lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED**: that footpaths LOB3 & LOB6 are inspected and attend to and the paths are cleared as required

9. Highways Issues

9.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Watery Lane – potholes

T junction adjacent to Hereford Fastenings is in a bad state of repair and needs attending to.

10. Planning

10.1 To note planning permission granted/refused by HFDC since last meeting.

Appeal Decision APP/W1850/X/16/3160127 Wyeside Eign, Outfall Works Road Hereford.

The appeal has been dismissed

Refusal of Planning permission for land adjacent to 5 Withy Brook Close proposed 3 bedroom dwelling

10.2 To consider commenting on planning application:

170352 White House Green Crize Hereford HR2 8AA

Description: Proposed ground floor and first floor extension

It was **RESOLVED**: to SUPPORT the application.

Planning application :170310 Peacock lodge, Twyford Hereford

Description: Erection of an agricultural implement storage building

It was **RESOLVED**: that the application is unsupported

13. Website

13.1 To review Parish Council website

Discussion took place concerning the current website and the issues with it as it didn't comply to the transparency code. The Clerk was not able to access the website to input information

The Clerk advised that there was grant funding available for websites from NALC of up to £500.00.

It was **RESOLVED**: that as the Clerk had no access to the website, and that it didn't comply with the transparency code the Clerk applies for a grant.

It was **RESOLVED**: to delegate to the Clerk to obtain a new website. A budget for the new website was set as £500.00

14. Finance

14.1 To note bank balance £62,480.33

14.2 To note payments made to HMRC in respect of PAYE to date.

It was **RESOLVED**: to note payments made to HMRC May – 2016 February 2017 £149.09

14.3. To receive an update on Allpay card

No further update.

14.4 To consider quote from Balfour Beatty regarding replacement signage at St Vincent's Close.

Deferred to the next meeting

14.4 To consider payments to:

A Blake for website 2017/18 £205.00

It was **RESOLVED**: not to pay the website fee for 2017/18 and to advise the website provided accordingly

It was **RESOLVED** to pay: HALC Annual Affiliation Fee 2017/18- £957.44

15. Correspondence

All correspondence received has been sent to Cllrs in their agenda packs

15.1 To note letter from HMRC -Important information for all employers' letter noted

16. Matters raised for consideration for placing on the next meeting's agenda. (No discussion)

17. Next Meeting – Monday 3rd April 2017 Parish Council Meeting at The Forge Holme Lacy Road at 7.30pm

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