



**Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of Lower Bullingham Parish Council
Monday 9th March 2020**

Held at The Forge Holme Lacy Road at 7.30pm

Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Pete Greenow, Cllr Nick Barrow, Cllr David Davies, Cllr Barbara Frankham & Cllr David Whurr

In Attendance: Kath Greenow – Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr David Summers & 3 parishioners

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from: Chairman Cllr Nigel Jones, Cllr Andrew Fisher, Cllr Darren Smith & Cllr Daniel Powell.

2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items

Cllr Pete Greenow declared a NDPI on agenda item 13b.2 Clerks salary as per contract

3. To approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting Monday 3rd February 2020

It was **RESOLVED** to: approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting Monday 3rd February 2020. The vice chairman signed the minutes of the meeting

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Meeting 25th February 2020

It was **RESOLVED** to: approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Meeting 25th February 2020. The vice chairman signed the minutes of the meeting

5. To approve and sign the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 25th February 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** to: approve and sign the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 25th February 2020. The vice chairman signed the minutes

6. Public forum: Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to bring to the attention of the parish council

(This period will be restricted to 10 minutes. Please note that decisions cannot be made at this meeting on items not on the agenda)

No members of the public present

6.1 Ward Cllrs report

The ward Cllr advised that he had made a request a map of drainage systems in the ward to Balfour Beatty. He also advised that Bloor Homes had attended a Hereford City Council meeting with regard to the outline planning application that they had submitted .Cllr were concerned that as Bloor Homes had not sort to attend a meeting with Lower Bullingham Parish Council given that the proposed development was in the parish of Lower Bullingham .Cllrs asked the clerk to contact Bloor Homes to request a meeting with the PC .

7 Lengthsman

7.1 To consider work lengthsman work required.

It was **RESOLVED**: that no further work is carried out into the start of the financial year 1/04/2020 , and that only routine maintenance which consisted of grass /verge cutting of the previously designated areas are carried out from April on a monthly basis.

7.2 To consider replacement of damage traffic mirror adjacent to Ridgehill junction

It was **RESOLVED**: that the clerk contacts the lengthsman to request the name of the supplier of the mirror, and that the clerk contacts the company concerned

8. Parish Footpaths

8.1 To consider Parish Footpaths maintenance work required.

It was **RESOLVED**: no further work is required on the footpaths at present, but an assessment of the condition of stiles and gates along the footpaths in the parish were needed.

The clerk was asked to obtain footpaths maps that could be enlarged to A3 size and limited.

8.2 To consider correspondence from Herefordshire Access Forum Accessibility working Group concerning improving Rights of Way network

The information was noted.

9. Highways & road issues

9.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

Cllrs advised that there were still several potholes needing to be attended to, which had been reported to Balfour Beatty via Herefordshire Councils website “report a pothole”

9.2 To consider parking matters near the old scrapyard.

Deferred to the next meeting

10. Community Resilience Plan

10.1 To consider compiling a Community Resilience Plan

Discussion took place concerning a Community Resilience plan.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk and Cllr Dave Davies would prepare a draft resilience plan for the next meeting

11. Planning

11.1 To consider Parish Council response on: Planning Consultation 200350 – Service Station, Holme Lacy

Road Rotherwas Hereford

Description: Retrospective ATM installed through a steel security panel to the far-left hand side of The shop entrance (east elevation)

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council had No **Objection** to the application.

11.2 To consider Parish Council response on: Planning Consultation 200351 - Service Station Holme Lacy Road Rotherwas Hereford

Description: Retrospective integral illumination and screen to the ATM fascia, illuminated Free Cash Withdrawals sign above the ATM and Blue ATM LED halo illumination to the surround.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council had No **Objection** to the application.

11.3. To consider Parish Council response on: Planning Consultation - 194402 - Land at Lower

Bullingham (The Southern Urban Expansion), Land to the north of the B4399, Lower Bullingham, Hereford.

Description:: A mixed use urban extension of land at Lower Bullingham (known as the 'Southern Urban Expansion' in the Local Plan) to provide up to 1300 dwellings (including specialist housing), B1, B2 and B8 employment uses, a Neighbourhood Community Hub (A1, A3 & A5), a new primary school, a Park and Choose, a country park, public open space, access, drainage and other associated works and demolition of existing industrial buildings. All matters are reserved for future consideration save for 'access'. Only the means of access into the site is sought as part of this outline application, not the internal site access arrangements (i.e. not formally form part of application) Application Type: Outline

It was **RESOLVED** to: **Object to the application**.as it will have a detrimental & overriding impact upon the Parish of Lower Bullingham for the following reasons:

Flooding:

The Parish already suffers from flooding along Holme Lacy road, Watery Lane ,Lower Bullingham Lane , Rotherwas Industrial estate near the railway bridge, and sections of the relief road During recent months these areas of flooding have increased significantly causing a detrimental environmental impact on Homes , businesses a nursing home and the current road network .

The outline application for 1300 proposed homes along with a school and other community facilities will have a further environmental impact on the parish.

Paragraph 160 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) confirms that new development must be safe over its lifetime taking account of the vulnerability of its users, without increasing flood risk elsewhere, and, where possible, will reduce flood risk overall. It is the Parish Council view that This application doesn't comply with this.

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Transport:

Holme Lacy road (B4399) is already at capacity , and at peak times the road becomes so congested with at a standstill , other roads s that will also suffer from increased traffic are Watery lane , lower Bullingham lane , Green Crize and Ridgehill as these will be used by road users as a rat run .

The A49 will also have a significant increase in traffic and the current road infrastructure South of The Wye is simply inadequate to cope with the significant the increase in traffic that this development will bring to the whole road network

Herefordshire Council have recently declared a Climate Change Emergency. This application will conflict with the Councils Climate change polices to achieve a zero carbon County

It is considered that the application is contrary to the following

National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 160

Herefordshire Core strategy: Policy MT1- Traffic Management, highway safety and promoting active travel. Policy HD6 -Movement, Landscape, infrastructure, surface water management & fluvial flooding

The Lower Bullingham Neighbourhood Plan policy: LB6- Sections D & E, LB8 Reducing the risk of flooding

12. Neighbourhood Development Plan

12.1 To consider updating the Neighbourhood Development Plan updating

It was **RESOLVED**; to update the NDP

12.2 To consider obtaining a quote from Kirkwells planning consultants regarding support with updating of the NDP

It was **RESOLVED** to obtain a quote from Kirkwells planning consultants for support with updating the NDP

13. Finance

13.1 To note finance report & Bank reconciliation

Bank balance and bank reconciliation noted as : £21,384.41

13.2 To consider invoices for payment

13.2a T Griffiths contracts (Lengthsman) Invoices TGC0917 £360.00+ vat, TGC1000 £375.00+ vat, TGC1018 £225.00 +VAT

13.2b Clerk reimbursement – postage £9.80

13.2c A4 Office Products – Stationery £ 41.83 + vat

It was **RESOLVED** to: pay the following invoices

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13.3 To agree payment of Clerks for March as per contract & PAYE due to HMRC

It was **RESOLVED** to pay The Clerks for March as per contract & PAYE due to HMRC

13.4 To consider invoice from HALC regarding Membership fee for 2020/21 £927.01 + vat
Deferred to the next meeting

13.5 To consider additional signatories to be added to the bank mandate.

It was **RESOLVED** to: Add Cllr Dave Davies & Cllr David Whurr as bank signatories and the

14. Correspondence

14.1 To note HALC Information Corner

HALC information corner was noted

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

16. Next Parish Council Meeting– Monday 6th April 2020 7.30pm at The Forge

Vice Chairman

Cllr Peter Greenow

Dated 11/05/2020