



**Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of Lower Bullingham Parish Council  
Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 7.30pm at Dinedor Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Nigel Jones Cllr David Davies, Cllr Andrew Fisher, Cllr Daniel Powell,  
Cllr Darren Smith & Cllr Malcolm Yapp

In Attendance: Kath Greenow Parish Clerk & Ward Cllr David Summers

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Pete Greenow

**2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items and any dispensation requests**  
None declared

**3. To approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

It was **RESOLVED:** to approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**4. To consider co-option of 2 Parish Councillors**

No co – option took place as there were no candidates to fill the casual vacancies

**5. Public forum: Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to bring to the attention of the parish council. (Restricted to 10 minutes)**

5.1 Clerks report

The Clerk reported that Lengthsman had completed the work requested by the Parish Council.

5.2 Ward Cllrs report

The ward Cllr gave a verbal report on the following:

- Flooding issue regarding Holme lacy road under the railway bridge.
- The installation of 4 Benches supplied by Balfour Beatty, the benches would need to be secured via a concrete pad being put down.
- Concerns about the state of road along straight mile and a loose drain cover, which had been reported to BB, but as yet nothing had been done to attend to the matter.

**6. EZ Report & Presentation**

6.1 To consider commenting on the presentation given at the recent EZ stakeholder group meeting by Price & Myers on The Holme Lacy Road – Phase 2.

Discussion took place concerning the proposal for traffic lights at the railway Bridge along Holme Lacy Road. The Parish Council had previously raised concerns regarding the placing of traffic lights at The railway bridge as minuted 5/02/2018 -7.3.

It was **RESOLVED:** the Clerk contacts the EZ, ward Cllr and Cllr John Harrington - Cabinet for highways and infrastructure to raise the following concerns in relation to the proposed traffic

lights. Environmental issues relating to car fumes, the area floods on a regular basis when we have rain, and as previously advised by the PC prior to any traffic lights being put permanently in place there should be temporary traffic lights erected and a traffic monitoring survey carried out whilst the lights are in place, and the results of the survey discussed with the Parish Council.

## 7. Lengthsman

7.1 To consider lengthsman work required.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the lengthsman carries out a monthly maintenance day in the parish starting April Clerk to contact the lengthsman to advise.

7.2 To consider applying for BB drainage grant scheme

It was **RESOLVED:** to applying for BB drainage grant scheme

7.3 To consider identifying drainage works that could be carried out under BB drainage grant

Discussion took place concerning possible areas where drainage works could be carried out under the drainage grant scheme, one being Redbrook area, Cllrs would meet with the lengthsman and locality steward to look and discuss possible areas.

## 8. Parish Footpaths

8.1 To consider footpath issues and footpaths maintenance work required in the parish.

No further footpaths work identified. 2 replacement stiles along LOB2/LOB3e had been received by the landowner from Balfour Beatty and would be attended to by the landowner.

## 9. St Clares Court open space area

9.1. To Receive a report from Cllr Dave Davies regarding parishioner's request concerning St Clares Court open space area.

Cllr Dave Davies reported he had met with the parishioner concerned and gave a verbal report on what the parishioner had requested, which was that some of the trees needed cutting back/ topping out and that the small wooden picket fencing needed repairing, a request was also made for some dog fouling signage.

The parishioner had previously cleaned up the overgrown vegetation and undergrowth. The PC acknowledge the parishioner's efforts to tidy up the area.

It was **RESOLVED:** that as the land was owned by Herefordshire Council the Parish Council would pass on the request to Balfour Beatty as it was their responsibility to maintain open green spaces. The Clerk was asked to copy the ward Cllr into the correspondence sent and to ask him to help in getting the matter attended to .

It was **RESOLVED:** to acquire some dog fouling signs as requested.

## 10. Highways.

10.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty.

Ridgehill area potholes previously repaired need attending to again.

Cllr Andrew Fisher complained about the damage to the verges due to the diversion in place as Balfour Beatty are currently resurfacing the Hoarwithy road (C1261).

It was **RESOLVED:** that the clerk report these via Herefordshire Council's website

10.2 To consider flooding issues under the railway bridge and in other areas of the Parish

The agenda item was being dealt with by the ward Cllr and he advised that the area concerned is being looked at by B/B and that the response from B/B was "The railway bridge over Holme Lacy Road site has pumps fitted underneath which are responsible for pumping water off the Road when it rains heavily and collects under the bridge, however in times of heavy rainfall, there sometimes is a time lapse whilst the pumps catch up with the volume of water that

collects there.

BBLP routinely jets the drains under the railway bridge on a cyclical programme as part of our B roads maintenance programme and we have recently added in the jetting of the pipe leading to the pump onto a routine cyclical programme rather than have it on a reactive basis only. This will support the pumps to better manage the volume of water when it rains very heavily.”

## 11. Verge Cutting

11.1 To consider whether the PC wish to have 1 cut carried out towards the end of the growing season or whether the PC wish for BB to carry out 2 cuts.

It was **RESOLVED**: to request that 2 cuts are made during the year by Balfour Beatty’s contractor

## 12. Finance

12.1 To note the finance report, bank rec & budget report. The bank balance as of 05/02/2022 was noted as £56156.11 The bank rec and budget was also noted and expenditure to date is within the current year’s budget

12.2 To receive an update from the Clerk concerning the closure of the HSBC a/c’s  
The clerk gave an update on the closure of the HSBC bank accounts which was due to happen on 14/02/2022, however due to the ongoing banking review that HSBC are undertaking as a company the account had not been closed, consequently the Clerks salary for February had been paid via D/D. The Clerk advised that the unity trust bank account application had been submitted and she was awaiting documentation regarding the new account.

12.3 To consider invoices for payment.

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

Dinedor Village Hall room hire - Feb £26.00

A4 Office Products ink cartridge £ 11.50 +vat

Eyelid Productions – Annual website support £100.00

HALC Annual Subscription 2022/23 £938.33 +vat

Terry Griffiths Lengthsman invoices TGC £ 1176 £475.00 + vat, TGC 1804 £500.00 + vat

Clerks salary shortfall for Jan 2022 £25.83

12.4 To note d/d payment of Clerks salary as per contract for February 2022 – noted

## 13. Planning

13.1 To consider commenting on planning consultation 220170 Peacock Lodge Ridgehill

Description: Proposed replacement workshop building

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

13.2 To receive correspondence from Nick Rawling of Bloor Homes concerning Planning application P194402/0 mixed Urban Extension of Land at Lower Bullingham

The correspondence was considered, and It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk contacts Highways England & Herefordshire Council Highways to request a copy of the traffic modelling data for the A49 from Ross to and including Holme Lacy Road , and the surrounding local road area

## 14. Correspondence

14.1 To note correspondence since last PC Meeting. All correspondence had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting

## 15. Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting

15.1 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm Dinedor Village Hall 7.30pm

**16. Matters raised for consideration for placing on the next meetings agenda. (No discussion)**

Signed ----- Date-----  
Chairman Lower Bullingham Parish Council