



**Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of Lower Bullingham Parish Council  
Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm at Dinedor Village Hall**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Nigel Jones, Cllr Darren Smith Vice Chairman, Cllr Neil Barrington, Cllr Barbara Frankham, Cllr Andrew Fisher & Cllr Cat Hornsey

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Kath Greenow, Ward Cllr Dave Davies, Nick Rawlings of Bloor Homes with Robin Green of BWB Consulting & one member of the public.

**1. Apologies** None

The Chairman expressed the PC's sympathy at the loss of Cllr Malcolme Yapp who had sadly passed away unexpectedly. Malcolm had been a proactive Cllr for many years on the PC and he would be sadly missed. A sympathy card had been sent to his family from the PC.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. The Chairman signed the minutes.

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

**4.1 Ward Cllrs Report**

The ward Cllr read out his report, which consisted of the following: The Council's winter response which comprises everything from gritting the roads to the activation of the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) to help those sleeping rough in the cold weather. A full Council meeting will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 which will see the Capital Plan re-tabled. It will result in £10 million more being invested in our road network over the next two years. In addition to this the Government has announced Herefordshire will benefit from the cancellation of the Northern leg of HS2 with 1.8 million more funding in this year than last year. The other big item on the agenda for the Council is the revenue budget where significant savings will need to be found to ensure Herefordshire Council delivers a balanced budget.

**4.2 Police report**

No police in attendance.

**5. To receive a presentation from Bloor Homes representatives in relation to its proposal for the first phase of the Hereford 'Southern Urban Expansion' site allocation at Lower Bullingham**

Nick Rawlings of Bloor homes and Robin Green of BWB Consulting gave an update on the Bloor Consultation that was currently on going at present until the 22/12/2023.

They have carried out a leaflet drop in the Lower Bullingham area which also included businesses in Rotherwas etc. He advised that the proposed development was part of the allocated site in the Core Strategy (Southern Urban Expansion area) and that they were looking at how many houses could be bought forward prior to any major infrastructure for the rest of the development. They are also looking at active travel plans proposals which include bus travel via Rotherwas and Lower

Bullingham Lane. The flood plan areas have been looked at and he advised that a crossing needs to be made at Redbrook. Robin Green outlined the modelling that they had done with regard to drainage etc.

A parishioner raised her concerns regarding the closure of Lower Bullingham Lane to residents.

The PC's view was that Lower Bullingham Lane should not be blocked off to traffic as if it was this would leave no exit for residents.

The presentation was noted by Cllrs and the PC would give a formal response when the planning application was submitted, which Nick Rawlings advised would hopefully be Jan / Feb 2024

**6. Co-option to fill current vacancies**

6.1 To consider co -option of Parish Councillor(s)

No Co - options took place due to no candidates.

**7. Lengthsman**

7.1 To consider lengthsman work required.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk contacts the lengthsman to ask him to attend to the grips on Watery Lane and cleans out the drain at Redbrook bridge. The Clerk was also asked to speak to the lengthsman regarding the spoil deposited some time ago at the Ridgehill end of Green Crize and asks that he moves this to the verges along Dinedor Pitch where the verges have been squashed by passing vehicles.

**8. Parish Footpaths**

8.1 To receive footpaths report from parish footpaths officers.

No footpaths report from Footpaths officers

8.2 To consider Parish Footpaths work required in the parish.

No matters raised.

**9. Herefordshire Council Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). Dog Control Powers**

9.1 To consider completing Herefordshire Councils PSPO survey.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Clerk completes the form.

**10. Highways.**

10.1 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty.

No new issues to report.

10.2 To consider parking issues causing an obstruction of the highway along a section of Watery Lane.

The matter was discussed, and the Ward Cllrs advised that he would contact highways to arrange

a meeting with him and a representative of the PC to discuss the problems.

## . 11. Finance

11.1 To note the finance report, bank reconciliation report and budget report as at 30/11/2023.

The finance report was considered and the bank balance as of 30/11/2023 was noted as £59467.57. The budget report was also noted and expenditure to date was within budget.

11.2 To consider invoices for payment:

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay.

Dinedor Village Hall invoice 231003 use of hall for Parish Council Meeting -5months  
November 2023 – March 2024

Clerks' reimbursement for memory stick £9.99

Herefordshire Council recharges for election administration and printing charges £284.83

A4 Office Products – ink cartridges £19.75+vat

TGC Contracts prow (June) invoice TGC2313 £275.00+ vat

TGC Contracts invoice TGC2407 £385.00 + vat

11.3 To note payment of the Clerks salary for November 2023. Noted

11.4 To approve payment of Clerks salary for December 2023

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve payment of Clerks salary for December 2023 when due.  
21/12/2023

11.5 To note agreed pay increase for Clerk & back pay as per the local Government pay award for 2023

It was **RESOLVED**: note agreed pay increase for Clerk & back pay as per the local Government pay award for 2023. The increase and back pay would be incorporated into the Clerks December salary when due

11.6 To consider replacement of PC computer.

The clerk reported that the computer had started to fall apart and would need replacing.

It was **RESOLVED**: to replace the computer and the Clerk was given a budget of £500.00 to purchase a new one.

11.7 To consider draft budget & precept for 2024/25

The draft budget was considered, and it was **RESOLVED**: to set the precept for 2024/25 as £16500.00 The budget for 2024/25 was also approved as £21,087.00. The remainder of the budget of £4587.00 would come from the PC reserves.

## 12. Planning

12.1 Planning consultation-232839- Land on corner of Skylon view and Beech Lane, Rotherwas Hereford HR26FG

Description: Proposed siting of sculpture (Rotherwas Angel) with explanation plaque on plinth

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

12.2 Planning Consultation 233439 -Phantom House 241 Holme Lacy Road Rotherwas Hereford HR2 6BQ

Description: Proposed fascia sign: internally illuminated badge sign.

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

12.3 To note The Planning inspectorates appeal decision regarding Appeal ref:

APP/W1850/W22/3312640 Land adjoining The Nest, Twyford Common Herefordshire HR2 8AD

The appeal was noted.

12.4 To consider further planning applications due for comment. No further planning applications had been received.

**13. Correspondence**

13.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting, which has been sent to Cllrs.  
All correspondence was noted.

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

**15. Date of next Parish Council Meeting as Tuesday 9<sup>TH</sup> January 2024 7.30pm  
at Dinedor Village Hall**

Signed ..... Dated .....