

Lower Bullingham Parish Council



Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of Lower Bullingham Parish Council Held Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7.30pm at Dinedor Village Hall

Present Cllr Nigel Jones (Chairman) Cllr Darren Smith (Vice Chairman), Cllr Barbara Frankham, Cllr Cat Hornsey, Cllr Fiona Barrington, Cllr Gill Bastin.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Kath Greenow, Ward Cllr Dave Davies & 4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr Neil Barrington, Cllr Andrew Fisher, Cllr Adam Smith.

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 held on Tuesday 4th June 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to: approve & sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024

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)

A parishioner raised concerns over the open green space at The Pastures which had had travellers occupying the land in the short term on 2 occasions in the last 6 months. She suggested that planting of trees and bushes along the edge of the green space would help deter travellers from accessing the site. She also advised that she had started a petition and had collected quite a few signatures from parishioners living in the immediate area.

The Ward Cllr advised that he is working with Herefordshire Council, and they are looking to put bird fencing & access points with dropped curbs to enable the mowing of the open green space by Balfour Beatty.

4.1 Ward Cllrs report

It is so pleasing to see the weather has warmed up, and we have had a great deal of sunshine over the last few weeks. Unfortunately the dry weather has caused some dust hazards, as I discovered today when I passed a tractor, who pulled over as we passed each other. He kicked up clouds of dust from the verge, obscuring all views and filling my car with dust. The joys of open top motoring.

There was a recent incident where a motorist pulled into an overgrown verge to allow a large vehicle to pass to find the verge had collapsed into a nearby water course. His car dropped into the void and was stranded until a 4x4 came to his rescue. Please drive carefully and considerately as there are many hazards out there and not all are obvious. If you are aware of similar dangers particularly bad stretch of road verge, then please do let me know and I will ensure it is raised with the Locality Steward and Herefordshire Council.

PROW funding request closed on the 1 July 24, if you have not heard anything after submitting a request it may take a little time for the information to filter down. If you do have any concerns please let me know. If an extension is required then requests should be submitted to Ed Bradford copying me in.

The road resurfacing programme is scheduled to start at the end of July with roads currently being marked up. So if you see the white paint markings you will know what it's for. More details will be released soon on future works.

There is a Parish Council Summit taking place in Plough Lane on Tuesday the 9th July at 1900hrs. There should be some useful information available and an opportunity to network with other Parish Councillors. These events don't happen often enough unfortunately I have a Parish Council meeting at 1930. If you wish to meet up prior to the summit then please let me know!

The local drainage fund has generated a great deal of interest hence the delay in the scheme being published. I have been assured that the information will be released soon.

In the meantime if you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I will do what I can to assist.

5. Lengthsman

- 5.1 To consider any work outside of the routine maintenance schedules required to be carried out by the lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED**: to ask the lengthsman to cut back the over grown vegetation on the little bridge near Redbrook as this was causing visibility problems for vehicles.

6. Parish Footpaths

- 6.1 To consider Parish Footpaths maintenance work required in the parish.

No further work identified. The footpaths work previously allocated for the lengthsman to attend to hadn't been carried out at the time of the meeting, and the Clerk was asked to chase this up with him.

- 6.2 To consider commenting on Definitive map Modification Order- upgrade of footpath DD1 (part) and addition of restricted byways DD21 Dinedor and LOB12 Lower Bullingham.

The information was noted and no response was required.

7.Highways.

- 7.1 To consider new road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty.

Ridgehill several new potholes have appeared and need attending to.

- 7.2 To receive an update regarding flooding & drainage issues along Hoarwithy road at The railway Bridge.

The ward Cllr advised that he was due to have a meeting with Bloor homes regarding the Flooding, but this had been cancelled. The ward Cllr would advise on the issues in due course once he had arranged another meeting.

- 7.3 To consider request from a parishioner for a reduction of speed limit from the national speed limit to 30mph on Lower Bullingham Lane from the junction of Windsor Road through to the junction with Green Crize.

The matter was discussed by the PC and the ward Cllr was asked to take up the request with Herefordshire Highways.

8. Open green Space – The Pastures

To consider requesting a meeting with HFDC members to look at the problem of travellers camping on the open space.

The ward Cllr advised that he would email the Clerk with a date as to when a meeting has been arranged with HFDC, Cllr Nigel Jones said he would attend if he was able.

9. Finance

9.1 To note the finance & bank reconciliation reports – 3/0/2024.

The finance report & bank reconciliation reports were considered and noted.

The bank account balance as at 30/06/2024 was noted as £56020.80

9.2 To consider invoices for payment.

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay Terry Griffiths invoices

Terry Griffiths Contracts TGC 2752 (May) Amenities £325.00 +vat,

9.3 To approve the Clerks salary July & August 2024 (when due for payment)

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve the payment of the Clerks salary July & August 2024 (when due for payment)

9.4 To approve PAYE payment due of PAYE to HMRC

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay PAYE due to HMRC for month of £ 9.31

10. Planning

10.1 To consider commenting on Planning application :241473 2 Quay Close Hereford HR1 2RQ

Description: Proposed small timber extension to the rear of the property. Conversion of garage into an additional space, improved insulation & airtightness to front/ north elevation, improved clarity of dwelling entrance approach encouraging additional privacy.

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

10.2 To consider commenting on Planning application: 241069 13 The Park Hereford.

Description: proposed first floor extension to provide bedroom with ensuite over existing double Garage.

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

11. Correspondence

11.1 To note correspondence since last PC Meeting.

Correspondence since the last meeting had been sent to Cllrs

12. Matters raised for consideration for placing on the next meeting's agenda.

(No discussion) None

13. Next Parish council Meeting -Tuesday 3rd September 7.30pm at Dinedor Village Hall

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman Lower Bullingham Parish Council