

Bishopstone Group Parish Council  
Minutes of meeting  
Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Present: Cllr John Macklin (Chair), Cllr Sue Hubbard (Vice) Cllr Rosemary Morgan, Cllr Catherine Draper, Cllr Serena Crump.

Members of public present: 1.

- 1 Apologies: Cllr Penny Redshaw (A/L), Cllr Muriel Holmes (working) Cllr Trevor Hunt (unwell).
- 2 Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation. **None received. Resolved.**
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were approved and adopted as a true record. All notes from meetings will be destroyed when minutes have been approved. **Resolved.**
- 4 Matters arising from minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014. **No matters arising. Resolved.**
- 5 Open session
  - 5.1.1 Report from West Mercia Police **None received.**
  - 5.1.2 Cllr Adrian Blackshaw, Ward Councillor report:  
The core strategy is soon to be presented.  
Many of our young people leave Herefordshire to work elsewhere. The average weekly wage in Herefordshire is 5% lower than the national average.

Herefordshire has no university although a core group is trying hard to ensure one for the future.

The new market development in Hereford has increased spending in the city during the first two months.

A funding package for Hereford is in the pipeline for both central city and southern city. It is anticipated that the southern package will provide employment for 20,000 people.

A new relief road is required.

43,000 households in Hereford currently have fibre broadband, it is estimated that 83,000 households will have superfast broadband by March 2016.

The budget consultation cuts will affect adult care and child welfare.

The lengthsman scheme, filling in the potholes has been a great success (Balfour Beatty have provided the materials for this purpose).

Balfour Beatty have filled in many of the local potholes. The locality steward, Philip Pankhurst sends weekly progress reports on road repairs.

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The courts have again decided to defer a decision on Hereford United until the middle of October 2014. Many people still wish to see football played in Hereford. Ward Cllr Blackshaw was thanked for his report. **Resolved.**

5.2 A local resident stated that potholes in Kenchester had been filled in.

- 6 Lengthsman Scheme It was decided to defer a decision on this scheme until all the potholes in the area had been filled. The stipend from Herefordshire Council would be a fixed amount for 3 years but would then be reduced. To maintain this scheme the precept would have to increase. Monitoring and reporting would also increase work for the clerk.

A dedicated councillor from each parish would be required to check and report all problems/potholes etc.in their area.

All Councillors decided in principle that BGPC go ahead with the scheme but to delay this until April 2015. **Resolved.**

7 Planning

7.1.1 P141952/A The National Trust, The Weir. Permission granted. **Resolved.**

7.1.2 P142236/F Scutt Mill,alterations to poultry units, erection of additional store rooms, egg store and gate house. Councillors would support this application in principle however the inaccuracies in the planning application should be pointed out to the planning authority. The 16 chimneys – no height above the ridge tiles is shown on the plan. The plan states there is no close water course,- there is a stream close by. The plan states the building cannot be seen from the road this can be seen from two roads, the Mansell Gamage road and also the lane leading to the Portway. There is a concern about extra traffic to the houses close to this proposal. Concern also regarding the heavy traffic involved in egg collection on a bridleway.The clerk will send these concerns to the planning office September 2014. **Resolved**

7.1.3 W1850/A/14/2216133 Lord Nelson Antiques Centre. This appeal was dismissed. **Resolved.**

7.1.4 P133401/F Penrhos Farm broiler houses. Permission granted. **Resolved.**

**7.2** Herefordshire Council E Consultations. Letter received stating that all planning applications would only be sent by email. BGPC already signed up for this. **Resolved.**

8 Core Strategy. No comments. **Resolved.**

9 Finance

9.1.1 Newbridge Community centre room hire (invoice no's 28,29,32,33 – total £52.50, paid)

9.1.2 Invoice for Cilca clerks course £72 (includes £12 VAT) Cost of entry for course

9.1.3 £250.

9.1.4 Clerks salary

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9.1.5 Mileage expenses and petty cash expenses for clerk £42.30 mileage + £49 for hard drive (hard drive purchase approved in July)

9.1.6 Maplins invoice, tube for light at telephone kiosk (Bishopstone) £4.59.

**Councillors agreed to pay all invoices/expenses. Resolved.**

10 Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Hubbard has sent another report. **Approved.**

The settlement boundary was drawn onto the plan. 2 residents from Bishopstone queried the boundary. Cllr Macklin will approach these residents for their comments. 4 members of the public would like to see the boundary extended, 15 members of the public were happy and agreed with the boundary.

Cllr Draper has made some neighbourhood plan notes for the newsletter and Cllr Hubbard will put some information on flyers to be delivered with the newsletter.

Cllr Hubbard and all Cllrs who have helped with the neighbourhood plan were thanked for their work.

11 Internet Banking. It is possible for all payments for newsletter advertising to be paid directly into the Parish Council bank account. It was agreed by all Councillors present that the clerk will liaise with Cllr Redshaw and raise an invoice for each advertiser, thus ensuring the clerk is able to marry invoices and payments for accounting purposes. **Resolved.**

12 Computer. The laptop is not working correctly. All Councillors agreed to the clerk getting an estimate to have this repaired. The clerk will let Cllr Macklin have the estimate, if this is considered reasonable then repairs can be carried out. If not then a price for a new laptop should be obtained. **Resolved.**

13 Mail received. Balfour Beatty evening briefing session, Information Corner, Travellers sites docs. Issues and Options papers, Training (Act Now) Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Budget Beaters, Informal evening with police Blue Light, Herefordshire Council – Funding sources, Herefordshire Council 2<sup>nd</sup> part of precept payment, Weekly planning updates.

14 Precept The Parish Council agreed to offer the Community Centre a contribution towards their broadband costs. The Parish Council uses broadband to show councillors planning applications which enables them to discuss each application and reach their decision.

A decision regarding the amount of the precept to request was delayed until the Budget Beaters meeting to be held 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Items for the next agenda: Lengthsman Scheme. Raise the speed limit at Bishon Lane.

Minutes signed:- .....

Designation:- .....

Date:- .....